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To whom It may concern:

The Membership of The South Carolina Firefighter's Association wholeheartedly supports the Post Critical Incident Seminar (PCIS) program as an extension of the South Carolina Firefighter Assistance Support Teams' mission (SC FAST). The health, well-being and safety of First Responders cannot be understated, and peer-driven mental health resources are a critical component. All 911 personnel including, but not limited to Fire, EMS, and 911 dispatch, definitely benefit from the PCIS program.

First Responders are not only exposed to daily emergencies, and on occasion large multiagency events, but also social and sociological situations that surely affects their mental health. Peer support and confidentiality create an environment for therapeutic processing of critical events augmented by clinical therapy.

This comprehensive support system composed of licensed mental health professionals as well as first-responder peers and public safety chaplains creates a safe space where those involved are exposed to coping and resilience building strategies. In addition, the SC FAST PCIS program teaches about traumatic impacts on the body and mind that result from some of these experiences.

The SC FAST PCIS program is an investment in the mental and physical health of the emergency responders and Association endorses this program as a vital asset for maintaining mental health and wellness and should be expanded and utilized across South Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason D.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Dennis, President
South Carolina State Firefighters' Association