SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter expresses the South Carolina State Association of Fire Chiefs support for the South Carolina Firefighter Assistance Support Teams' (SC FAST) Post Critical Incident Seminar (PCIS) program. Knowing the importance of having a peer-driven mental resource, the Association supports the PCIS program.

First responders in our state encounter situations during their responses that can affect their mental health. Having a confidential environment where emergency personnel can process critical events is what the PCIS model provides.

The SC FAST PCIS program is a proven resource for our emergency responders. The program includes licensed mental health professionals and public safety chaplains that work with first responder peers, creating a very comprehensive support system.

The South Carolina State Association of Fire Chiefs is committed to promoting interdepartmental cooperation and the professional development of members. Supporting the SC FAST PCIS program enhances the emotional and psychological readiness of personnel. This program is an investment in the workforce and ensures first responders' mental and physical health.

The SC FAST PCIS program is fully endorsed, and its continued expansion and utilization across the state is encouraged. It is a vital asset for maintaining the mental wellness of those who serve the communities.

Sincerely,

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