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SC State Association of Fire Chiefs To Meet at Florence Civic Center

Florence, SC. February 17 – More than 200 fire chiefs from across the state will meet at the Florence Civic Center, October 20-23 for the 60th Annual South Carolina State Association of Fire Chiefs Conference. Attendees will come from career fire departments, combination departments - both career and volunteer - and all volunteer departments. The City of Florence has five members in the Association; three battalion Fire Chiefs, one Deputy Chief and one Chief and the County of Florence has five plus members in the Association.

The conference will feature expert speakers related to the fire-fighting profession, dozens of fire-fighting related vendors, breakfasts, luncheons and dinners as well as extra activities such as a golf tournament at Traces Golf Club and programs and entertainment for accompanying spouses.

During the event, fire equipment displays from the various Florence County Fire Departments will be on display at the front of the Civic Center.

David N. Williams, Florence City Manager, is looking forward to the event. "Obviously, we are delighted that the South Carolina State Association of Fire Chiefs will be holding their conference here in Florence. This will be a "win-win" situation for us since we have an opportunity to showcase our fine city and our Fire Department, as well as bring another special event to the City-County Civic Center which can positively impact the local economy. Although Florence is often perceived as a community one passes through on the way to another location, being able to host such events as this conference indicates that Florence is also a destination, and with good reason."

The location for the annual conference rotates every year and is held in the city which is home to the current 1st Vice President of the Association. Florence Fire Chief, Joseph H. Robertson, now holds that office and will become president at the installation of new officers during the conference.

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