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I am excited to seek re-election to the VCOS Board of Directors. I continue to serve as an active member of the board since being first elected in 2018. During my time on the VCOS board, I served as lead on the publications, “*You’re the Fire Chief, Now What?*” and *Developing a Successful Fire Service Chaplain Service in your Fire Department.* I currently serve as facilitator for the VCOS strategic direction process, part of the policy and procedures committee, and continue serving on the *Symposium in the Sun* Planning Committee since before being elected to the board. I am honored to be selected by the VCOS Board in February 2024 to serve as the vice-chairman for the board of directors.

Leadership in combination departments is challenging these days. Many departments are struggling with staffing as volunteering has sharply declined in the United States. As leaders, we must lead our organizations through these challenges and continue to deliver effective fire protection and EMS to our community. I have over 35 years of service in volunteer and combination departments, with more than 25 in a leadership role. I have served the past twenty-one years as fire chief of a combination department. I would appreciate your support so that I may continue to work as part of the VCOS board to education, develop and prepare the leaders of today’s volunteer and combination fire service.

As a board, we need to better engage our section members in committees and activities, and continue to build on partnerships. We must remain focused on our core mission to provide leadership guidance, legislative advocacy, as well as education and resources to help you, the leader. I hope you will give me the opportunity to continue to work for the national volunteer and combination fire service.