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Mr. Robert Schrader,  
Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighter's Association  
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**SUBJECT:** Consideration for Director Position

Mr. Schrader.

I am writing to formally express my intent to be considered for the position of Director within your esteemed organization. With over five decades of dedicated service to the fire service community, I bring a wealth of experience, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the betterment of our volunteer firefighting institutions.

I have proudly served as the Vice President of Dutchess County within your organization for the past five years and currently hold the rank of 1st Vice President for the Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association. My journey began 54 years ago with the New Hackensack Fire Company, where I have held every rank of officer and now serve as Commissioner for the Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, NY. I also worked as a career Firefighter for 31 Years at the IBM East Fishkill Facility finishing up my career as the Chief. I also served as interim Fire Coordinator for Dutchess County for 3 years.

My passion for firefighter education led me to co-found Dutchess County Weekend, which has now celebrated 30 years of providing vital training opportunities to our local firefighters. Additionally, I have served as President of the Board of Directors for the Firefighting Museum of Dutchess County for the past 13 years, preserving and honoring the rich history of our service.

Beyond these roles, I remain actively involved with numerous firematic organizations throughout Dutchess County. Through all my years of service, I have held a steadfast belief: that we must always strive to contribute our best for the advancement and integrity of the organizations we serve.

I would be honored to bring this same dedication and leadership to the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association as a Director. Thank you for your consideration, and I welcome the opportunity to continue serving our firefighting community in this capacity.

Respectfully,

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