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## New Awendaw McClellanville Fire Chief



Charleston County has selected Shaun R. Gadsden as the new Awendaw McClellanville Fire Chief. As a native of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Chief Gadsden began his career in fire service 24 years ago as a volunteer with the Sullivan's Island Fire Department. Chief Gadsden has served as a Captain, Battalion Chief on the operational level, and Division Chief of Training during his career. He has worked for several emergency service agencies, including the City of North Charleston Fire Department and Dorchester County Fire-Rescue.

"We are thrilled to welcome Chief Gadsden as a leader within our organization," says Deputy County Administrator of Public Safety Eric Watson. "He holds strong beliefs in the power of an organization's mission, vision, and values. His experience and vast knowledge of technical skills will greatly benefit the residents of Charleston County."

Chief Gadsden has a Bachelor of Arts in Disaster and Emergency Management from Columbia College University and is a graduate of the South Carolina Firefighters Association's Leadership Institute. He has earned the distinguished Chief Fire Officer

Designation by the Center for Public Safety Excellence and a Fire Officer IV certification from the Maryland Fire-Rescue Institute. Chief Gadsden also serves on several public safety advisory committees.

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