

Rally in Roanoke!

**with Abigail Spanberger
and IAFF GP Ed Kelly**

Join firefighters from across the Commonwealth as we show our support for Abigail Spanberger for Governor. Come listen to Abigail discuss her plans for the Commonwealth and hear IAFF General President Ed Kelly talk about why firefighters support her campaign!



DATE:

Tuesday, September 23

TIME:

10:00 AM

LOCATION:

**Fire Station One Boutique Hotel
13 Church Ave SE
Roanoke, VA 24011**



**VIRGINIA PROFESSIONAL
FIRE FIGHTERS**

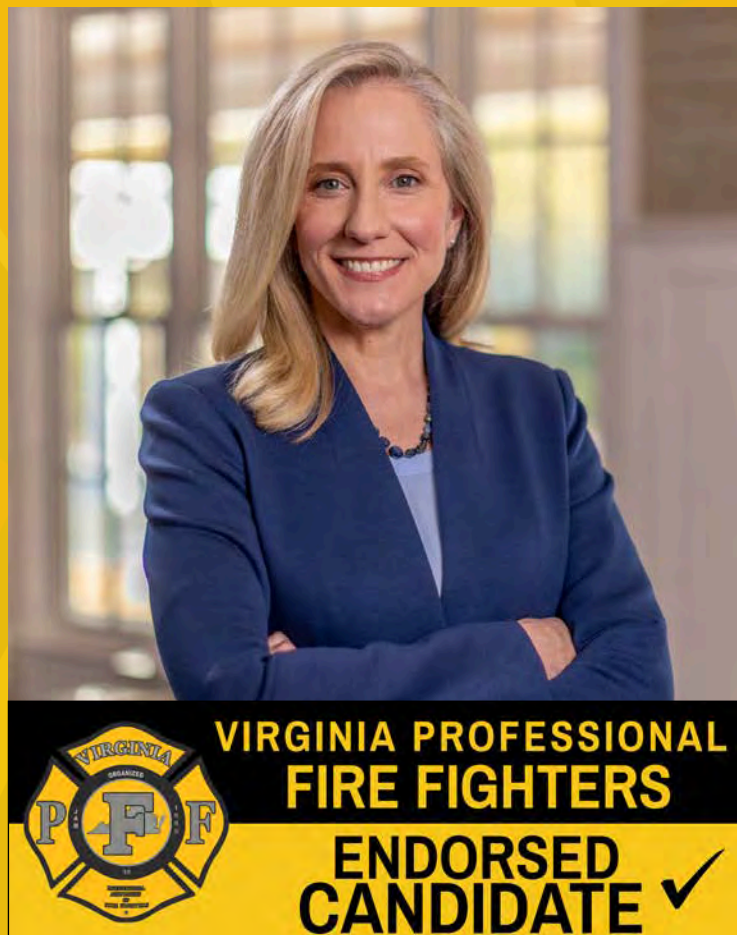
**ENDORSED
CANDIDATE ✓**



Why Abigail Spanberger?

Elected leaders representing local VPFF affiliates all across the Commonwealth of Virginia, at the recommendation of the appointed legislative committee (with representatives from all six districts), unanimously endorsed Abigail Spanberger for Governor.

This endorsement is reflective of her past legislative support, her answers to our political candidate questionnaire and willingness to work with our organization on issues which affect our roles as firefighters, emergency medical providers and communications officers.



“We are pleased to endorse Abigail Spanberger given her service as a federal law enforcement officer and record of support for fire fighters and their families. Simply put, Abigail was one of, if not the leading, champion for fire fighters during her time in the United States Congress. We value candidates who are willing to work with their colleagues to ensure our fire fighters and their families receive the benefits and protections they have valiantly earned and this endorsement comes as a result of Abigail’s commitment to ensuring our fire fighters have the tools and resources necessary to protect and serve the citizens of the Commonwealth.”

Robert L. Bragg III, President, VPFF

Why the VPFF Endorsed Abigail Spanberger for Governor of Virginia:

Examples of legislative support:

- She led the repeal of the WEP/GPO program which put thousands of dollars back into the hands of retired firefighters across the country
- She was the chief co-patron of the Michael Lecik Military Firefighters Protection Act (HR.4306) which provides veteran firefighters with fair compensation, healthcare and retirement benefits they’ve earned
- She was a co-sponsor and voted in favor of numerous bills, including:
 - 911 SAVES Act: reclassifying dispatchers as first responders
 - Honoring Our Fallen Heroes Act: to expand PSOB benefits to firefighters who die from cancer
 - Firefighter Cancer Registry Reauthorization Act
 - Consumer Safety Standards for Lithium Ion Batteries Act
 - Federal Firefighter Pay Equity Act
 - Firefighters and EMS Employee Employer Cooperation Act
 - PFAS Airports Act
 - Federal Firefighters Fairness Act
- She supported the reauthorization of the SAFER and AFG grant programs
- She supported legislation safeguarding federal firefighter pay during government shutdowns

VPFF Candidate Questionnaire:

- She answered favorably to ***all*** of the questions posed on the candidate questionnaire. The questionnaire included the following topics:
 - Collective bargaining
 - Cancer screening for firefighters
 - Workers’ compensation
 - LODA time period for filing
 - Dedicated fire service funding
 - Fire service grant funding
 - Enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers

The ***Virginia Professional Fire Fighters*** was the first public safety organization to endorse Abigail Spanberger. Since then, the ***Virginia Police Benevolent Association***, the largest police organization in Virginia, has also endorsed her campaign demonstrating confidence in her ability to support the efforts of all public safety workers across the Commonwealth.