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## Virginia Firefighters to Participate in Inaugural Parade

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**January 13, 2026, Richmond, VA** - The Virginia Professional Fire Fighters (VPFF) will be one of over 25 organizations participating in the inaugural parade celebrating the installation of the 75th Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Abigail Spanberger.

The parade will occur on Saturday, January 17 immediately following the inaugural ceremony and is an honored tradition to signify the transfer of power of the Commonwealth's highest office. Additional participants in the parade include the Virginia National Guard, the Virginia Military Institute Corps of Cadets and the Colonial Williamsburg Fifes and Drums.

Representatives from fire departments across the Commonwealth, along with a joint honor guard, will participate on behalf of the VPFF.

"We are honored to have been invited to participate in this historic event," said Robert Bragg, President of the VPFF. "I'm proud the men and women of Virginia's fire service will be able to demonstrate their respect for the Commonwealth and celebrate this important day for Virginia's first female Governor, and our friend, Abigail Spanberger."

Based on her Congressional voting record and solid history of supporting important firefighter issues, the VPFF was the first statewide union to formally endorse Spanberger in her campaign for Governor last year.

The Virginia Professional Fire Fighters is a labor organization representing over 10,000 firefighters, emergency medical providers and 911 communications officers across the Commonwealth of Virginia. Established in 1955, the VPFF supports 67 local affiliates of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

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