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## Delegate Destiny LeVere Bolling Awarded Legislator of The Year

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**January 23, 2026, Richmond, VA** - The Virginia Professional Fire Fighters (VPFF) today named Delegate Destiny LeVere Bolling (D-80th) the Legislator of the Year for 2025. The annual award is presented at the VPFF legislative conference held in Richmond and is a recognition of her efforts in the last General Assembly session.

“Since taking office in 2023, Del. LeVere Bolling has consistently become one of the strongest champions for firefighters in the Commonwealth,” said Robert Bragg, President of the VPFF. “Last session, she was the chief patron of House Bill 1933 which clarified the definition of throat cancer in the existing workers’ compensation code covering firefighters. The change in this legislation, which was signed into law by Gov. Glenn Youngkin, will help many Virginia firefighters and families receive important medical and financial benefits if they develop occupational cancer. She was also a co-patron of HB1284 our collective bargaining legislation, a co-patron of HB2060 our PTSD bill and a co-patron of HB2204 our Line of Duty Act bill. Since being elected, she has achieved a 100 percent voting record on our legislative agenda.”

Representing Henrico County, Del. LeVere Bolling is a graduate of the University of Richmond and George Washington University. She is the communications director for the AFL-CIO of Virginia, serving over 330,000 union members and their families across the Commonwealth. She also currently serves as the House Majority Caucus Whip.

“I am deeply honored to receive this recognition from the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters,” stated Del. LeVere Bolling. “Our firefighters put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities, and they deserve leaders who will fight just as hard for their health, safety and families. This award reflects the important work we’ve done together to protect Virginia’s firefighters, whether that’s strengthening workers’ compensation laws, expanding access to benefits, or recognizing the long-term health risks of the job. I’m grateful to the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters for their partnership and their unwavering commitment to keeping our communities safe. I’m proud to stand with them, to continue fighting for policies that protect their health, their families, and their futures, and will continue working to ensure they have the protections, resources and respect they’ve earned.”

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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