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The VPFF Applauds Selection of Thomas Breyer as Executive Director of the Virginia Department of Fire Programs

October 20, 2026, Richmond, VA -The Virginia Professional Fire Fighters (VPFF) today applauds the selection of Thomas Breyer as the next Executive Director of the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

Mr. Breyer has more than 27 years of fire service experience spanning frontline operational and national administrative roles, including executive-level positions with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF). He will begin on November 10 and succeeds past Executive Director Brad Creasy and Acting Executive Director Jamey Brads.

The Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) is one of ten agencies organized under the Virginia Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security. The agency supports Virginia's career and volunteer fire departments with training, governance, community risk reduction, administrative support and grant programs. The VDFP also operates the Virginia Fire Marshal Academy and the State Fire Marshal's Office. The VDFP has an annual budget of over \$61 million and a full-time staff of over 90 professionals.

"The VPFF believes Thomas Breyer is an excellent choice to lead Virginia's Fire Service," stated Kurt Detrick, President of the VPFF. "We appreciate the past support and leadership of Brad Creasy and Jamey Brads, and look forward to developing a great relationship with Executive Director Breyer. The 11,000 professional firefighters, EMS providers and communications officers of the VPFF are facing significant challenges providing critical services in an ever-changing environment. We look forward to working with the VDFP to make Virginia the safest state possible for our members and the citizens we serve."

The Virginia Professional Fire Fighters is a labor organization of over 11,000 firefighters, emergency medical providers and 911 communications officers across the Commonwealth of Virginia. Established in 1955, the VPFF represents 70 local affiliates of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

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