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STATEMENT FROM GENERAL PRESIDENT EDWARD A. KELLY ON LA COUNTY FIRE STATION SHOOTING

“Our hearts are broken today and our thoughts are with our Los Angeles County Local 1014 brothers and sisters following a tragic shooting at the Los Angeles County Fire Department’s Station 81 that killed one fire fighter and injured another. This tragedy is compounded by the news that the shooting was committed by an off-duty fire fighter who took his own life at home shortly after the shooting.

“Fire fighters leave their homes and loved ones every day knowing the risks involved in our profession. The challenges of being a fire fighter or paramedic include seeing and experiencing some of life’s most horrifying circumstances. Nothing, however, can adequately prepare anyone for today’s tragedy.

“Our immediate duty is to our Local 1014 brothers and sisters, their families and the Los Angeles County Fire Department. They need the care and support of their fellow fire fighters, their community and their union during this difficult time.

“The IAFF stands ready to deploy any and all services needed by our sisters and brothers in Los Angeles County. We are here for them and will be throughout this terrible time. In partnership with the California Professional Firefighters, the IAFF will be providing all needed resources to our brothers and sisters, including peer support, the commitment of behavioral health resources and any additional needs during this tragic period.

“Our prayers are with the victims and their families.”

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