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Statement from IAFF General President Edward Kelly following the killing of Minnesota paramedic

“Incidents across the United States this week should remind us all that there are no routine calls for fire fighters and emergency medical workers. IAFF fire fighters and paramedics are the answer to a cry for help. No matter who needs help or why, we are coming. Whether it’s this week’s truck explosion in Los Angeles that nearly killed a dozen fire fighters, the shooting at the Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl parade, a massive house explosion in Virginia killing one brave fire fighter and trapping others, or today’s tragic act of violence in Minnesota killing one paramedic and two police officers, IAFF members heroically show up.

My thoughts and prayers are with those who died, those recovering, and the brave men and women who are responding to a cry for help right now – whatever that call may be.”

- Edward A. Kelly, General President, International Association of Fire Fighters

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About the International Association of Firefighters

The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) is the driving force behind every advance in the fire and emergency services in the 21st century. With headquarters in Washington, D.C., and Ottawa, Ontario, the IAFF represents more than 344,000 professional fire fighters, emergency medical workers, and rescue workers. Our members protect more than 85 percent of the population throughout the United States and Canada.