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YouGov Poll: Fire Fighter Unions America's Favorite Labor Group

WASHINGTON – A new poll by [YouGov](#) found that 71 percent of Americans have a favorable view of fire fighters and their unions. The International Association of Fire Fighters is North America's largest union representing fire fighters.

“Americans know and trust fire fighters,” said IAFF General President Edward Kelly. “Communities nationwide know we have their backs – whether we are responding to an emergency, at the bargaining table in city hall, or testifying on Capitol Hill. The safety and well-being of those we serve comes first.”

The survey, conducted in August, asked 1,130 U.S. adults how they felt about organized labor in the United States and how they viewed some 20 different labor unions representing all different trades, from nurses and electricians to restaurant workers, teamsters, and fire fighters.

Nearly three-quarters (71 percent) of those surveyed had a very or somewhat favorable view of firefighters’ unions—the highest favorability rating of any trade union. Firefighter unions also had the lowest unfavorable rating of any labor union, at just 13 percent.

The survey showed that fire fighters’ popularity is consistent across the board, even when adjusting for other factors like respondents' gender, age, region, socioeconomic status, and political ideology—with a majority of both Republicans and Democrats supporting unions representing the fire service. You can view YouGov’s new poll [here](#). To learn more about the IAFF's advocacy work for fire fighters and the communities they serve, click [here](#).

ABOUT THE IAFF

The International Association of Fire Fighters is the driving force behind every advance in fire and emergency services in the 21st century. With headquarters in Washington, D.C., and Ottawa, Ontario, the IAFF represents more than 350,000 professional fire fighters and EMS professionals. Its members protect more than 85 percent of the population throughout the U.S. and Canada.

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