



## **Professional Firefighters of Eastern Missouri IAFF Local 2665**

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## **Firefighters Engagement in Frontenac Election**

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The Professional Fire Fighters of Eastern Missouri - IAFF Local 2665 and the Professional Fire Fighters of Frontenac wish to clarify misleading statements made regarding our participation in the upcoming Frontenac mayoral election. Our involvement is driven solely by our commitment to ensuring the best possible leadership for the safety and well-being of Frontenac's residents and first responders.

Our members chose to engage in this election because of ongoing difficulties in working with the current mayor. They personally vetted the candidates and determined that Alderman Pat Kilker would best serve the interests of the community and its first responders. At their request, we provided support in developing campaign materials through one of our legally operated PACs – “Professional Firefighters of Tri-County PAC.” This ensures that all financial reporting is conducted transparently and in compliance with Missouri Ethics Commission regulations.

Contrary to recent claims, our PAC is not an outside influence but a structured part of our organization, designed to facilitate accurate campaign finance reporting for our members. Any suggestion that our involvement is improper or transactional is categorically false. Our members take great pride in their service and their community, and they exercise their rights as private citizens to support candidates they believe will best serve their communities.

Additionally, we want to make clear that our firefighters do not and will not engage in political activities while in uniform. They are professionals who have taken an oath to protect and serve with the highest level of integrity. Their advocacy in this election, like in any other, is conducted solely while off-duty, in accordance with their rights as engaged community members.

The residents of Frontenac deserve honest and transparent leadership. Our firefighters will continue to stand up for what they believe is best for their community, and we encourage voters to seek the facts as they make their decision in the upcoming election.

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### **About Professional Firefighters of Eastern Missouri, IAFF Local 2665:**

Professional Firefighters of Eastern Missouri, IAFF Local 2665 is an organized labor nonprofit in the St. Louis area that represents over 2700 firefighters, paramedics, and dispatchers. We exist to ensure the safety and well-being of our members, to advocate for their benefit, and to protect their collective bargaining and due process rights.

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