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**Prince George's County Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics
Endorse Jolene Ivey for County Council in District 5**

Endorsement recognizes advocacy on behalf of public safety professionals

BOWIE, MD. November 9, 2017. Today, the Prince George's County Professional Firefighters and Paramedics Association, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 1619 announced its support for Jolene Ivey in the race for Prince George's County Council in District 5.

"Throughout her eight years in the Maryland House of Delegates, and as a leader in the community, Jolene has been a strong and consistent advocate for workers who put their lives on the line to protect the public," said IAFF Local 1619 President Andrew K. Pantelis. "Jolene earned the endorsement of Local 1619 because of her excellent record of support for public safety professionals throughout Maryland," said Pantelis.

In 2012, Ivey co-sponsored legislation which provides for fire fighters and paramedics who contract job-related illnesses to receive enhanced workers' compensation protections. Ivey also sponsored the state constitutional amendment that removes public officials from office as soon as they are found guilty of certain crimes. For her last two years in the General Assembly, Ivey served as the Chair of the Prince George's County Delegation.

"I am honored and grateful to receive the endorsement of IAFF Local 1619," said Jolene Ivey, "Improving public safety will be a top priority for me as Prince George's County's next councilmember in District 5."

IAFF Local 1619 represents over 1,600 professional fire fighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics of the Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department. The members of Local 1619 respond to over 140,000 emergency calls per year, protect roughly 500 square miles of property, and proudly serve more than 925,000 citizens of Prince George's County.

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