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PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS & PARAMEDICS ASSOCIATION**



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**Prince George's County Professional Firefighters and Paramedics Association
Endorses Karen Toles for Prince George's County Council District 7**

Major Endorsement Acknowledges Toles' Commitment to Public Safety

Upper Marlboro, MD—The Prince George's County Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics Association today announced its endorsement of Karen Toles for Prince George's County Council in District 7. With more than 1,400 members, Local 1619 of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) is the largest organization in the county representing frontline firefighters and paramedics.

"Karen Toles is the best County Council Candidate in District 7 to represent the needs of public safety. She is committed to making our communities safer and will advocate to ensure that our fire department is properly staffed and that fire stations are not closed," said Andrew Pantelis, President of the association. "We look forward to working with Karen to ensure that all of our citizens have the fire and EMS protection that they deserve."

"This endorsement is a call to action for me, and I am truly honored and I humbly accept this endorsement," said Karen Toles. "Prince George's emergency response workers are diligent, courageous public servants on the frontlines every day protecting our communities. As District 7's county council representative, I will fight for the resources and training they need to do their job safely and effectively. We need county leadership that understands that our county's continued growth and success is tied to the viability of our emergency response force and the protection they provide."

Local 1619 members respond to more than 100,000 emergency calls each year—a significant volume comes from District 7 communities. The county's firefighters and EMS need a county council member in that District who is committed to public safety and understands the challenges faced there.

Toles works for the American Federation of State and County Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 67, organizing new members and focusing on legislative issues that affect working class families. She also serves as a Trustee to the Prince George's County Historical and Cultural Trust as well as other boards and community associations throughout Prince George's County. Visit www.votekarentoles.com to learn more about the *Toles for District 7* campaign.

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