



LAWRENCE PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS

International Association of Fire Fighters - Local 1596
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Commissioner Gene Dorsey,

It is my distinct pleasure to inform you that the Firefighters and Paramedics of Lawrence Professional Firefighters, together with our associated Political Action Committee, have unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed you for re-election to the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.

Throughout your first term in office, you have demonstrated steadfast leadership and an unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of the residents of Douglas County. Your dedication to ensuring that emergency services are properly funded and resourced has not only strengthened public safety outcomes, but has also directly supported the men and women who serve on the front lines of our community.

Your advocacy, coupled with your collaborative approach to governance, has been instrumental in achieving meaningful progress. Notably, your efforts contributed to the placement of an additional ambulance into service in 2026, the preservation of critical Fire and EMS positions within Douglas County, and continued forward momentum in the essential expansion of Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical. These accomplishments reflect both your understanding of the challenges facing emergency services and your willingness to act decisively in addressing them.

Equally important, your accessibility, professionalism, and responsiveness to the concerns of public safety personnel have fostered a productive and respectful working relationship. Your leadership has demonstrated a clear recognition of the vital role that emergency responders play in maintaining the health, safety, and resilience of our community.

In light of these achievements, and with confidence in your continued leadership, we are proud to offer our full support and endorsement. We strongly encourage all eligible constituents to cast their ballots in your favor in the upcoming election.

Simon Stephenson - *President*
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