

**Nebraska Professional Fire Fighters Association
9205 S. 172nd St, Omaha, NE 68136**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 24, 2017

CONTACT: Darren Garrean, President NPFFA: (402)-312-6657



Nebraska Professional Fire Fighters Association Overwhelmingly Supports Keystone XL Pipeline

The Nebraska Professional Fire Fighters Association (NPFFA) endorsed the Keystone XL pipeline project and is urging the Nebraska Public Service Commission (NPSC) to approve the pipeline permit.

Darren Garrean, president of the state firefighters' association, said that he and his firefighters believe that this will be a state-of-the-art pipeline that will be safely transport crude oil across Nebraska. Garrean also said firefighters know from working with TransCanada on previous projects here in Nebraska and throughout the U.S. and Canada, that the company works very closely with emergency response professionals.

"First responders understand that Nebraska and our nation needs energy. We know that to get the fuel that drives our economy we need safe pipeline infrastructure. These crudes are being delivered every day via rail through the heart of Nebraska's towns – big and small, which is less safe," according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

"Public trust is not easily earned, so we want the public to understand that our endorsement of Keystone XL was based upon science, best engineering practices; and, our members' thousands of years of experience responding in the field," Garrean added.

The Nebraska Professional Fire Fighters Association represents 16 affiliated local fire fighter associations and more than 1,300 affiliated members of the International Association of Fire Fighters.