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### **IAFF Looks Forward to Working With Charleston Mayor Riley and New CFD Leadership**

Washington, DC – *International Association of Fire Fighters General President Harold Schaitberger issued this statement today following the retirement announcement of Charleston Fire Chief Rusty Thomas.*

“This International union and our Local 61 in Charleston are single-minded in our work for real change in the training, policy, command and operating procedures of the Charleston Fire Department so that what happened last June 18 never happens again.

“We are entirely focused on the 240 men and women who serve the city under the most dangerous of circumstances, and who deserve to be provided the training, tools, staffing and resources needed to do their job safely and effectively.

“We look forward to working with Mayor Riley and the new leadership team at CFD that will carry forward the massive changes that have begun in the Department and that will lead it safely into the future.”

*The IAFF is the world's largest fire fighters union, representing 288,000 fire fighters and emergency medical professionals across the United States and Canada.*

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