

Date: 23rd August 2006

ALL MEMBERS

Merseyside FBU Ballot Result

Dear Brother/Sister,

The result of the ballot for discontinuous industrial action by Merseyside FBU members is as follows:

Number of ballot papers returned **890**
Number of ballot papers found to be invalid **1**
Number of ballot papers counted **889**
Number voting yes **642**
Number voting no **247**

The result in percentage terms is a **71.4% yes** vote on an **81%** turnout of FBU members.

The Brigade Officials would like to **thank each and every FBU member** in Merseyside for this overwhelming result. It is extremely unfortunate that FBU members should have to even consider taking industrial action to defend our jobs, our conditions of service, our fire appliances and ours and the public's health and safety.

Despite the deliberate management onslaught through every available outlet, FBU members have seen through their tactics and made it very clear that they are not willing to idly standby whilst the public receive a reduced fire service with less firefighters, less appliances and longer turnout times.

Every FBU member needs to be aware of the continuing propaganda and misinformation that will emanate from all levels of management and all parts of MF&RS up to and during any periods of industrial action. FBU members have already shown what they think of these attacks and the mangers who instigate them.

Yours in Unity

Mark Dunne
Brigade Chair