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## **ALL MEMBERS**

### **Merseyside FBU Members residing in S1 Station Area**

Dear Brother/Sister,

FBU members will be aware that despite a live dispute and a collective agreement and clear definition on LLAR stations, MF&RS have moved to an LLAR 96 hour system of fire cover at S1 Mather Avenue fire station. All our members will be aware that this system delays emergency fire response by a minimum of two minutes from that station between the hours of 10pm and 10am, the time of day when government statistics state most fire deaths occur.

A number of key stakeholders within that area, along with local action groups and business premise owners did not know and were not consulted about these changes to their night time fire cover and are also asking questions of the wider implications on their council tax payments as a result of this downgrading of immediate emergency response. Many FBU members and their families reside within this station area and know only too well what a delay of two minutes can do to a person or building in a fire situation.

There is, among many members of the public within the station area, a determination to not let this decision go unchallenged and to raise questions with MF&RS as to why they are now no longer receiving an immediate emergency response after 10pm from their nearest local fire station. To co-ordinate this campaign properly, could all FBU members who reside or who have family or friends who reside in the S1 Mather Avenue Fire Station area and are willing to help in this campaign please contact their watch/branch/departmental or divisional FBU reps or contact the Merseyside FBU office.

Yours in Unity

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