

Date: Wednesday, 09 July 2008

ALL MEMBERS

FiReControl Project

Dear Brother/Sister,

Please find attached a copy of correspondence from the Union to Cllr Newman, Chair to Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority which I trust is self explanatory.

Members will be kept informed of any and all developments.

Yours in unity

L Skarratts
Brigade Secretary

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Dear Cllr Newman,

I am writing in relation to the implementation phase within the North West Region of the Governments major FRS Project, FiReControl.

This project was first proposed over 4 years ago and since that time Firefighters (Control) working in local Emergency Fire Control Rooms have had their futures clouded in uncertainty, even more so with the release of the full business case from CLG. This project has been subject to constant delays and rescheduling which has severely restricted the ability of our members within Control Rooms to make informed decisions regarding their future.

At this time there is a great deal of uncertainty over the future of both individuals and collective groups of staff in Emergency Fire Control Rooms. As we move towards the cut over date for M&FRS the frustrations and uncertainty increases for our members and their families.

Whilst it is true to say that the Fire Brigades Union, both locally and nationally, remain opposed to this proposal the Fire Brigades Union believes that it is time for responsible employers to acknowledge their duty of care and obligations towards Emergency Fire Control staff. As such the FBU requests guarantee's from you and your colleagues on the Authority that no member currently employed within the Merseyside Emergency Fire Control Room (MACC) will be the subject of a compulsory redundancy as a consequence of the move from local to regional control rooms.

This is a crucial issue for our members. As such I look forward to a prompt reply that will give the reassurances that our members deserve.

Further, the FBU requests that the Authority ensures through agreement with the FBU that any uniformed member of staff currently working within MACC who does not wish to be transferred to the future Regional Control Room, or to take voluntary redundancy will remain

within the employment of MF&RA with no detriment to our members pay, conditions of service or pension arrangements. The mechanics for such a redeployment strategy can be the subject of further discussion with the Union.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

L Skarratts
Brigade Secretary

cc Elected Members
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