

Date: 6th September 2006

ALL MEMBERS **Dispute Update 2**

Dear Brother/Sister,

During times of strike action, members and officials can keep in contact by mobile phones and through the FBU website www.merseysidefbu.co.uk which will have all the latest information and circulars as soon as we can put them out.

FBU members across all of Merseyside will be aware of what took place during the two hour return to work between the two four day periods of solid strike action. Our members acted with **dignity and restraint** and every member needs to again adopt that same approach when we return to work at the end of this four day strike period.

However, should one FBU member be subjected to any bullying, harassment, intimidation or provocation by MF&RS managers then they should immediately contact their Branch or Brigade Officials who will deal with it appropriately.

Members should also be aware of a number of press articles and claims that have been made by MF&RS and certain managers. FBU members in Merseyside are **far too experienced and knowledgeable** to fall for management propaganda, lies and spin which can usually be discounted with one phone call.

No FBU members should feel isolated or intimidated at a time when we have **1000 members** showing their **collective strength and determination** and a unity that simply cannot be dented. FBU members should be looking after themselves and each other and we ask for all watch and branch officials to take time to ensure that takes place.

We are the only Brigade in the country to have had our FBU subscriptions cancelled at source by their employers because they are taking lawful democratic strike action. A fact not lost on our members. The Hardship fund is available to any and all of our members experiencing genuine financial difficulties please apply through your Branch Officials.

Yours in Unity

Mark Dunne
Brigade Chair