

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> August 2009

## **ALL MEMBERS**

### **South Yorks Mass Meeting/Control Lobby of Parliament**

Dear Brother/Sister,

Over the coming months there are two important FBU rallies taking place that Merseyside FBU members need to be aware of and also do their best to attend and support. FBU members from across the UK have always supported us financially and with moral and physical support and will inevitably continue to do so. These two events are outstanding opportunities for Merseyside FBU to reciprocate that strength and unity.

On **September 28th 2009** there is a rally and mass meeting in South Yorkshire on behalf of the **744 FBU members** who are being threatened and intimidated by their employers and are fighting against the imposition of a new 12 hour shift system. All our members in South Yorks need our support and every FBU member in Merseyside that can attend is encouraged to do so.

Over 35 FBU members from Merseyside travelled down to London for the Firefighter Fatalities lobby of Parliament last year and we are hopeful that even more can make the effort to attend the Defend our Fire Service Rally and Lobby on the **21<sup>st</sup> of October 2009**.

This will give all our members who attend an opportunity to meet with their own local MP's in Parliament and spend time explaining our concerns on **Regionalisation** and the cuts package within the Fire Service disguised as **modernisation**. The Early Day Motion with regards to Fire Control, signed by 111 MP's already can also be a topic for debate.

Details on transportation to these events will be given nearer to the time but it is vitally important that Merseyside FBU members support both these national events and that definite numbers are conveyed to the Brigade Officials as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Yours in Unity

Mark Dunne  
Brigade Chair