

Date: Friday, 28 August 2009

ALL MEMBERS

CFO EMAIL

Dear Brother/Sister,

Members may now have seen the latest email from CFO McGuirk referring to the current trade dispute between the FBU and the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority. Regrettably Mr McGuirk reveals his misunderstanding of industrial relations matters as he stated that the FBU are intent on balloting for continuous strike action, in fact he compounds his error by saying it is important to note that this ballot is for continuous strike action. Simply put Mr McGuirk is wrong.

The ballot is for discontinuous action which could be from an hour in a manner we have undertaken in the past, up to a period decided by you the members.

We note Mr McGuirk's assertions about the number of members we have balloted. It seems strange that management who continuously state that they are unaware who are members of the FBU, as it is irrelevant to them, now state something completely different and that they say they have evidence on that matter.

Needless to say, we do not believe Mr McGuirk is correct and believe our figures are accurate.

Mr McGuirk urges FBU members to vote in a manner that respects all of our rights to a fair hearing, we couldn't agree more. Vote yes in the ballot ensure fair hearings are protected for all.

Yours in unity

L Skarratts
Brigade Secretary