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## **ALL MEMBERS**

### **Merseyside FBU Members Update**

Dear Brother/Sister,

FBU officials are aware of the ongoing situations at certain stations across Merseyside with regards to staffing, postings and the subsequent welfare and health and safety considerations for our members. The imposition of these policies is as direct result of Fire Authority meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September with Cllr Tony Newman's Labour Group voting with the Tories agreeing to axe more than 80 frontline firefighter posts MF&RS.

Your elected officials in Merseyside are working in conjunction with the Brigade Committee, Regional Committee and National FBU officials on these and other ongoing staffing and industrial relations problems within Merseyside Fire Service.

Our members are reminded that local politicians and MP's have a part to play in the staffing of their local fire stations and how Merseyside's council tax payers' money is being spent. The local and regional press are also very interested in the ongoing staffing and industrial relations issues within Merseyside at present.

FBU members and their families as tax payers and voters need to make sure that their voice is heard and their concerns are aired and all our members and supporters are encouraged to channel their anger and frustration in a constructive manner by contacting their local councillors and MP's.

Any and all responses from press and politicians will be discussed with our members at our next Brigade Committee.

Yours in Unity

Mark Dunne  
Brigade Chair