

Date: 14th August 2006

ALL MEMBERS

Trade Dispute Update

Dear Brother/Sister,

FBU members across Merseyside will be aware that the result of our ballot for lawful, democratically arrived at industrial action will be announced in **seven days time**. Any members who have not yet received their ballot papers should immediately contact the Merseyside FBU Membership Secretary, Brother Kenny Gore W2 Red, 07834656090, their Branch Officials or Brigade Officials.

It has been brought to the Brigade Officials attention that rumours and misrepresentation of our members at S9 Belle Vale has been circulated with one phone call to that station stating "you are going to scab the strike". This is categorically untrue and the FBU membership at S9, as all Merseyside FBU members have indicated will adhere to the result of the ballot.

Our experience in industrial matters in Merseyside enables us to see through certain management tactics and rumours that emanate from certain managers and locations in MF&RS. All our members need to be mindful not get embroiled in giving credit to or engaging in mischief at this time.

The best way to get the latest, accurate information on the Trade Dispute is to speak to your Watch/Branch/Divisional and Brigade Officials and to access Merseyside FBU's website which will give daily updates and circulars at www.merseysidefbu.co.uk or follow the National FBU website at www.fbu.org.uk .

Yours in Unity

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Brigade Chair