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TO: ALL MEMBERS

Dear Brother/Sister

**MEMORIAL SERVICE - BRO. PAUL FLETCHER**

Members may be aware that in the early hours of Monday 24 August Brother Paul Fletcher, of the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service, collapsed and died whilst attending an incident.

Paul was recently elected as Chair of the Southern Region of the Fire Brigades Union, following on from the role of Region 12 ULR coordinator. He had started this position two years into the project, but he quickly progressed the Southern Region to the fore.

He was instrumental in assisting the Isle of Wight to become the first F&RS in the UK to achieve the Go Fire Award. In the process he won the Local Government Go Award ULR of the Year. He was also due to collect an award at the Learndirect ceremony in October.

Tragically Paul leaves a wife, daughter aged seven and son aged four. He will be deeply missed by all who came into contact with him and our heartfelt condolences go to his family and friends.

Details of Paul's memorial service have now been confirmed as taking place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm at Minister Church of Stain Thomas, St. Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight.

As a mark of respect and following a request from Paul's family, the County Hall flag will fly at half mast on this day.

For information the cortege will run from Newport Fire Station to the church and those wishing to take part are asked to be at Newport Fire Station from 12.15 pm to 12.45 pm.

Other details regarding travel and accommodation for Paul's memorial service can be found on [www.paulfletchermemorialfund.org.uk](http://www.paulfletchermemorialfund.org.uk) where there is also an online book of condolence for Paul.

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Anyone seeking any further information is asked to contact the Region 12 Regional Office on 01296 482297 or [12@fbu.org.uk](mailto:12@fbu.org.uk).

For anyone wishing to make a donation in memory of Paul, the details of his memorial fund can be found below:

Name of Fund:	Paul Fletcher Memorial Fund
Name of Bank:	Unity Trust Bank PLC
Account Number:	33018807
Sort Code:	08-60-01

Best wishes.

Yours fraternally

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Wrack', written in a cursive style.

MATT WRACK  
GENERAL SECRETARY