



# The Fire Brigades Union

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Mr Derek Best  
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Dear Derek

I write on behalf of the Fire Brigades Union, to pass on our sincere condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Derek Lovell, following his tragic death on Saturday.

Deaths of colleagues affect everyone within the Fire Service very deeply, and those killed in the line of duty tragically highlight the very dangerous work which Firefighters do on behalf of their community every day.

Our thoughts are also of course, very much with Derek's colleagues Merv Neil, Dennis Wells, Adrian Brown, Dave Beanland, Alven Walker, Brian Halford and Cameron Grylls, who remain in hospital following the incident.

If there is anything that the Fire Brigades Union can do to assist at this very difficult time, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours in unity

MATT WRACK  
GENERAL SECRETARY