

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS No 35 – 24 SEPTEMBER 2009

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS – FIRE SERVICE REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE

As a consequence of the Fire Service cancelling the bargaining meeting of 23 September, and their refusal to negotiate, the Union has sought an urgent hearing in the Employment Relations Authority seeking a Compliance Order requiring the Fire Service to meet with the Union for the purposes of bargaining.

Members will be updated as developments occur.

STRIKE ACTION

Further Notice of Strike Action has been lodged to commence 0800 hours on 8 October 2009 – 0800 hours on 15 October 2009.

The strike action to be taken is as outlined in Newsletter No. 31 – 17 September 2009. That Newsletter detailed additions to the Strike Notice to take effect from 0800 hours on 1 October 2009 for Black Watch workers.

In addition, the Strike Notice to take effect from 0800 hours on 8 October includes two additions for Communications Centre Workers.

- a. A ban on completing all Urban and Rural statistics reporting.
- b. A ban on participating in all onsite training delivered by the Fire Service, other than that required for progression.

The Notices of Strike Action are attached for members' information

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NOTICE OF STRIKE ACTION

To: The New Zealand Fire Service Commission

And to: The Chief Executive of the New Zealand Fire Service

And to: The Chief Executive, Department of Labour,
Unisys House, 56 The Terrace, Wellington

You are hereby given notice of a strike.

The period of notice is 15 days.

The nature of the strike is:

1. A ban on the use of any computer keyboard or computer mouse by any Union member other than:
 - a) Union members employed in the Northern, Central or Southern Communications Centres;
 - b) Union members who are trainee firefighters on Training Course NTC 0309;
 - c) Union members engaged in training the trainee firefighters on Training Course NTC 0309;and
2. A ban on all work by Union members on Red, Brown, Blue, Green or Yellow Watch, other than responding to emergency incidents and restoring appliances to operational readiness. This ban will not apply to Union members employed in the Northern, Central or Southern Communications Centres.
3. A ban on acting up into Executive Officer positions by any Union member.
4. A ban by Union members on Black Watch on performing the following work:
 - Building Risk Assessments – 408/409
 - Fire Reports
 - False Alarm administrative advice
 - F.A.I.P. Visits and Presentations
 - Advice to Local and National Government
 - P.P.M. Projects
 - CAPEX Projects
 - Attendance at Fire Service Conferences and Seminars
 - Attendance at non fire Service Conferences and Seminars
 - Training Forums

The strike will commence at 0800 hours on 8 October 2009 and will conclude at 0800 hours on 15 October 2009.

The strike will be continuous.

The strike will occur at all Fire Stations, Regional Offices and Training Centres in New Zealand (but excluding the Northern, Central and Southern Communications Centres).

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Derek Best, National Secretary
New Zealand Professional Firefighters Union Incorporated
Date 23 September 2009

Signed on behalf of all members of the New Zealand Professional Firefighters Union who are covered by the bargaining initiated by the New Zealand Professional Firefighters Union by notice dated 19 November 2008.

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1. A ban on the processing of the closing off of incidents by Union members; and
2. A ban on the auditing of any greater alarm incidents by Union members.
3. A ban on completing all Urban and Rural statistics reporting
4. A ban on participating in all onsite training delivered by the Fire Service, other than that required for progression by Union members.

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