



NATIONAL UNION COUNCIL - PRESIDENT

My name is Peter Nicolle and I am a Senior Firefighter at Wanganui Station, where I have been since transferring from Wellington in 1980. I have a total of 33 years in the Fire Service. I have been involved with my Local Committee since the mid eighties, and a member of the National Committee since 2000. I enjoy the camaraderie and protection our Union provides, and whether elected or not, intend to strive to ensure this remains.

My involvement with the National Committee over this long period has grounded me in the awareness of all issues that affect Union Members, both from within the Fire Service and also from external agencies.

I have proven experience at all levels of Union management, including being part of many Working Parties and Projects, protecting the interests of our members. I am also currently the Central Branch Representative on the Union Council.

Some of the more recent projects include development and introduction SMS, and I continue to monitor this by sitting as the Union's representative on the Management Committee of SMS.

I have been involved in the establishment of the detail of recent work the Union has undertaken in regard to strategies for increasing the Base Rate for Firefighters.

I am a long time member of the National Safety & Wellbeing Committee and have continued to improve my knowledge in this area by updating my skills. During the past few months, I have been involved in representing the Union in the development and upgrading of the new OSH Reporting Kiosk.

The new National Training Centre in Rotorua is another project in which I have been involved especially in regard to the safety of our members. The Union's input into this Centre has been well received and has proven invaluable in ensuring that training is not only well presented and robust, but also safe.

My leadership style is encompassing. I believe in working as part of team and discussions when dealing with our employer, but have proven on more than one occasion that I have the ability to be assertive and fight for our rights when it is needed.

If elected, I will continue to work with and lead the National Committee to ensure that N.Z. firefighters are well trained and properly reimbursed for the job they perform both now and in the future.

I would ask that you vote for me in this election for National President. I can commit to you that I will serve you as the leader of your Union.