

My name is Mike Swanson (Swanie), I am putting my name forward to represent you as:

Northern Branch Secretary

“Let me help you with the heavy lifting”

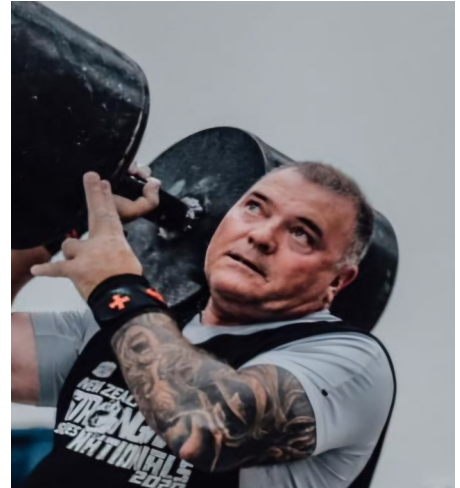
I am currently a SFF at Greerton Station in Tauranga. I have been a Professional Fire Fighter now for 30 years. I have served 12 years of that at Various stations in Auckland's east, Ellerslie, Mt Wellington, Howick, Remuera, Onehunga etc.

I have worked across many types of districts, single stations, provincial metros and large metros.

I am currently the Tauranga Local Secretary and have served in that role now for going on 6 years.

I enjoy the advocacy role and think I have developed good skills in developing and maintaining relationships both within our organisation and in the wider FENZ framework .

Saying that, I also don't take myself too seriously.



I wish to continue to develop effective communication and information sharing across all Locals within Northern Branch, this will ensure nobody feels isolated and prevents FENZ Management from picking off isolated Locals with differing working conditions. I want to ensure all voices are equally heard and supported.

Although I am somewhat moderate in my day to day dealings and pragmatic in my decision making, I have no hesitation in calling a spade a spade and holding to account bad management practices and personalities. I see no reason to fight without good cause, but will not shy away from confronting injustice.

My aim in life is to try to make things better both for those that dedicate themselves to this noble career, and for the public we protect.

I hope to serve you with sincerity and integrity.

Swanie

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