

Southern Branch

Vice President

Jeff Taylor - Bio



They say the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again expecting a different result. How many times do we enter negotiations with the employer only to be knocked back or more recently snubbed.

I am Jeff Taylor, a Christchurch based Senior Firefighter of 27ish years with a long history of not sitting quietly and towing the corporate line.

I would like your vote to stand up and represent members of the NZPFU as Southern Vice President.

Although I enjoy supporting firefighters on a local basis as a NZPFU representative, I wish to offer my experiences in a larger degree to help hammer home our expectations of employment conditions, remuneration and support.

Throughout my career I have been stationed in Christchurch and Auckland. I have real life experiences of living costs in both regions. I am married with children and grandchildren, (way too young to be a grandad!). I have suffered serious injuries in a fire and have experienced and fought the battle with PTSD. I have owned a company and employed staff, I have reasonable knowledge in employment law and health and safety but more importantly I believe I have the ability to communicate and be heard.

Encourage me to add to our strong voice of NZPFU representatives and push our concerns. I consider the career staff to be the forefront of firefighting in this country and our equipment, fleet, training and support services needs to be priority in the eyes of management. We are purely permanent firefighters protecting life and property at a risk to our own lives and deserve the respect that entails.

Cheers.