

Auckland NZPFU 2021 AGM – Fleet report – Terry Bird

Fleet continues to be a challenge for FENZ

We have a mostly reactionary role

MAN appliance cracks

Around the country there are still MAN appliances in storage with body structural cracks. All but one of Auckland's MAN appliances are back in commission. Due to the poor state and lack of relief appliances FENZ has had to pay for the repairs because they need the appliances back and could not afford to wait for a warranty dispute to be resolved

The actions of operational firefighters and officers not accepting faulty appliances from the service provider and Safe@work near miss reporting highlighted the poor condition of our relief fleet and added to the pressure to get the MAN appliances back.

All other MAN/Fraser appliances will need to have the structural body crack modification when a solution is decided.

Near miss reporting

Several near miss events have occurred. On occasions when the union rep is notified, pressure can be applied to ensure that the event is taken seriously.

A number of investigations have taken place.

Lack of Relief Appliances

A contingency plan for anytime that there are no relief appliances available was agreed. Area Management will redeploy a type three from a composite station to the career station. If the service provider say that there are no relief appliances do not accept a sub standard appliance.

Regular reporting of appliance faults to union.

We have a network with locals union fleet reps from around the country and are benefitting from our collective knowledge. Sometimes we know more than the local fleet coordinator.

MAN fault reporting

Because we have been included in the reporting and therefore know when faults occur we have been able to see the consistent faults that need addressing. The MAN pump disengaging continued to occur for a while. We have cooperated with fleet on a single primer solution which we hope will eliminate the fault.

Please continue to report faults.

Type three working group representation.

We have had good representation and influence on the assessment of the appliances that have been selected. We continue to have Auckland representation as the spec for the prototypes are developed. The work has taken a long time but has been very thorough,

A prototype from each supplier will be trialled at Auckland City Station.

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Aerial emergency procurement

Auckland reps attended a meeting with reps from all the metropolitan brigade locals to submit a recommendation to Russell Wood regarding the procurement.

Procurement working group

Thanks to Adam Wright for his hard work and commitment as the Auckland union rep on the emergency procurement team. He has been closely involved in deciding the specs for each of the appliances needed.

In these type of forums you don't get everything you want but you can have considerable influence toward the end product.