

My Name is Ivan Millan and I am a Senior Firefighter based in Area 4 on Auckland City Brown Watch.

I am seeking your support to be elected to the position of Auckland Local Committee Member.

I have been a professional firefighter for 16 years working at St Heliers, Remuera, Parnell and Mt Wellington before moving to City approximately 4 years ago.

In my career to date I have seen our job transition through many different phases. I believe we are now approaching another important phase in the evolution of the modern firefighter and that for our collective interests to be best served we need to be represented by a Local and National Union that respects and values all of its members.

I believe for this to happen we need full, open and honest communication from the National Union to the Locals and to the members. I will not accept any more back room deals, secrets and hidden agendas.

I will push our Local and the National Union for the implementation of improved working conditions to address the recruitment and retention problems currently facing Auckland and other large metropolitan brigades.

I honestly believe with the arrival of the new NZPFU Secretary and Vice-President the relationship between Auckland and the National Committee can be repaired and we can establish a functional working relationship moving forward. For this to happen we first need change locally. Fresh blood, fresh ideas and fresh energy are just what the Auckland Local needs.

Those of you who know me, know I have been an advocate for change for a long time. I have always been vocal at Union meetings and on social media. I have rattled the cage for long enough, now it's time to roll up my sleeves and join the fight.

I find it really encouraging to see a group of strong young firefighters with their careers still in front of them standing up and demanding change. These elections are an exciting time to have your say and make it clear that you too are ready for change.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cheers

Ivan.