

Hi my name is Steve Devine and I have been a Fireman for almost 8 years. I'm currently a Senior Firefighter, on Brown watch, at Avondale Station and I live locally in the Mt Albert/Sandringham area.

As a member of the Auckland Local I have been involved recently with the dispute between Sulu and Waldo and the National Committee. During the last year I have developed a good relationship with Joe Stanley the current Vice president of the National Committee. I have called people out publicly for their actions or lack off. I will always support local members who have been mistreated.

Previously a professional sportsperson, my passion is working in and for great teams. This the reason I joined the fire service and to be honest I'm a little disappointed on how things have been running lately. To move forward as a team, we need to be on the same page, not working against each other. We need to deal with the past, put it all to bed then move forward together. This is the only way a team can become strong. I'm not here for one person's private agenda, no one person is bigger than the team.

What I stand for;

Team. We have some big obstacles on the horizon. Unless we can all start working together than we are never going to win. Once Sulu and Waldo are happy with their resolution, I'll be happy, and I will work hard on making the Auckland Local united so we can be stronger than ever before. We will not win anything with the current dysfunction of the Auckland Local.

Communication, sick of the lack of information, I set up the Auckland Local Firefighters Facebook page as a way of bringing communication out of the dark ages. There is no reason why things should be done behind closed doors, after all the Auckland Local works for its members.

Honesty, open and honest is the only way! No more back room deals or confidential clauses.

Support, I believe the Auckland Local Committee is there to support its members and be a voice for them. I don't have hidden agendas and will fight for anybody from our team that needs help.

The rules are the rules and I will follow them. A few of them were written back when we had dinosaurs and we need to make some huge changes in the area, particularly around voting.

I'm the first to admit I don't always get it right. I can admit my mistakes, take it on the chin and move forward for the team and not my own agenda. I can see both sides off an argument and understand that sometimes my side may not be the side that is best for the team.

Actions speak louder than words and I'm committed to making us a stronger team.