

FIRE BRIGADES UNION

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Brother/Sister

Please find enclosed the first edition of the "Wiltshire Firefighter" written by your Wiltshire FBU Brigade Committee. The FBU is committed to keeping all our Members fully informed of the work that we are undertaking and the issues that we are all faced with.

I know that all Members are deeply concerned with the cuts that have been proposed by the management team in Wiltshire and these are outlined in this edition. I can also inform you that since this edition was written, I have received a letter from ACO Hartrick where he reiterates the Services position that although formal "consultations" have yet to begin it is the intention of WFRS to formally table proposals which include reduced crewing levels at Swindon and Salisbury.

The Wiltshire FBU Brigade Committee have made it clear that we will not accept cuts that effect the safety of our members or the public and we will be consulting closely with Members in regard to our response. If any Member wishes to contact us with information or views for "Wiltshire Firefighter" then you can do so at wiltshirefirefighter@hotmail.co.uk.

Your Brigade Committee remains committed to fighting for all Members regardless of role or duty system and I would urge you to attend the Branch meetings that are being arranged to enable you to have YOUR say as we fight for the Fire and Rescue Service.

This is going to be a very difficult time for all of us but if we remain united and strong then we can protect our jobs, our appliances and our communities.

Yours in Unity

Paul Lawler
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