

FIRE BRIGADES UNION

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SOUTH YORKSHIRE FIRE DISPUTE –FIRE AUTHORITY BACKS UNION CALL TO HELP RESOLVE DISPUTE BY NATIONAL FIRE SERVICE ARBITRATION

South Yorkshire FBU has welcomed the fire authority's decision to accept national arbitration to help resolve their dispute over shift changes. The issues have now been referred to fire service national union and employers representatives.

Ian Murray FBU regional secretary said: "We're pleased the fire authority accepted our proposals to involve the national employers and union representatives. They have helped resolve numerous disputes in the last few years.

"All the union wants is for the agreement reached in November to be followed through. We could not agree the terms of reference at ACAS because the fire authority wanted to split the issues between ACAS and national fire service arbitration.

"South Yorkshire fire crews want the issues sorted out as a whole so that the dispute does not drag on unnecessarily for months.

"It is important this agreement is followed with a commitment by both sides to seek resolution. South Yorkshire fire crews hope this is a major step forward in resolving all the issues which are in dispute."

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