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TO: ALL MEMBERS

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Dear Brother/Sister

FBU Launches Firefighters 100 Lottery

We are proud to announce the launch of the “*Firefighters 100 Lottery*” on 1st October 2016 – the 98th anniversary of the founding of the FBU - as part of our plans to celebrate and commemorate the FBU’s centenary in 2018. The aspirations behind the lottery are to commemorate the bravery and sacrifice of those firefighters killed and injured in the line of duty and to establish a fund for the future benefit of firefighters, their bereaved families and the firefighting profession.



Tickets cost only £1 per week and go on sale from 1 October 2016 (on-line at www.firefighters100lottery.co.uk).

The first draw will be on Bonfire Night, Saturday 5 November 2016 and then every week thereafter.

Prizes

There will be **three** guaranteed winners of cash prizes every week. The cash sum of each prize will vary according to the numbers of tickets sold, as will the chances of winning.

1st prize: 20% of all lottery proceeds brought in each week, up to a maximum of **£25,000**.

2nd prize: 6% of all lottery proceeds brought in each week.

3rd prize: 3% of all lottery proceeds brought in each week.

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As a launch-bonus to the main lottery, all Firefighters 100 Lottery tickets bought for the draw on 5 November 2016 will automatically be entered into a free prize draw with the chance to win an iPhone package worth £1,076.00 consisting of the following:

- iPhone 7 Plus 128GB with leather case; iPhone Lightning Dock; Airpod wireless headphones.

Tickets

Firefighters 100 Lottery tickets will be on sale from 1 October and can be bought on-line by payment card or direct debit at www.firefighters100lottery.co.uk.

The Firefighters 100 Lottery is open to all. Tickets can be bought by any FBU member, their families, friends, work colleagues, other trade unionists or members of the public aged 16 or over.

You can buy more than one ticket for each weekly draw and you can choose your own favourite 6 digit numbers or do a lucky dip.

Five Good Causes

At least 50p from every lottery ticket bought will go to the good causes. That's almost double the 28p in every pound the National Lottery passes on to good causes and more than double the 20.2p passed on by the Health Lottery.

The Firefighters 100 Lottery good causes are:

1. **Family support and welfare:** to provide longer-term support to the families of firefighters killed or seriously injured in the line of duty, including financial support such as individual bursaries to help towards the costs of further education, or grants towards the provision of specialist medical equipment, or support for inquests or similar processes.
2. **Memorials and remembrance:** to support, establish and maintain memorials and/or memorial events in remembrance of firefighters killed in the line of duty.
3. **Protect, prevent and promote:** to promote the lessons learnt from the deaths and serious injuries of firefighters so as to better protect firefighters, the communities they serve and prevent deaths and injuries in the future.
4. **Research:** to support research into the physical and mental health and wellbeing of firefighters; the "all hazards" nature of the modern fire and rescue service role; and the prevention, protection and intervention work firefighters undertake to save lives in our communities.
5. **Humanitarian assistance:** to support humanitarian initiatives and appeals, including internationally, which are aimed at assisting those affected by fire or disaster and where there is a particular need for the support of skilled fire and rescue service intervention.

The Firefighters 100 Lottery good causes above are different, complementary and in addition to the kind of charitable support that can be found elsewhere.

FBU members should also note the "family support and welfare" available from the Firefighters 100 Lottery Fund would be wholly different and in addition to the benefits provided by the FBU's own Accident and Injury Fund (AIF). The AIF is exclusive to those FBU members who subscribe to it. The AIF pays out a lump sum at the time of an AIF member's death, the lump sum being equal to 100% of a Firefighter's (competent) annual salary plus 20% per dependent child.

Gambling Commission: Keeping gambling fair and safe for all

Like all such lotteries, the Firefighters 100 Lottery will be run as licenced by the government's own Gambling Commission in a fair and open way - including measures to protect children and vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

The sale of our Firefighters 100 Lottery tickets, the weekly draws and the paying out of prizes will all be undertaken independently of the FBU by an external lottery management company, also licenced by the Gambling Commission. We have been accepted as a member of the Lotteries Council and through them contribute to the Responsible Gambling Trust (RGT), the leading charity in the UK committed to minimising gambling-related harm. I trust this illustrates our commitment to run the Firefighters 100 Lottery in a responsible, fair and open way.

The Firefighters 100 Lottery is a Fire Brigades Union initiative but it is open to the wider fire and rescue community and the public to play. The Firefighters 100 Lottery Fund shall be administered appropriately by the Fire Brigades Union for the future benefit of all firefighters and their bereaved families, irrespective of the trade union membership of the firefighters killed or injured.

However, the vast majority of firefighters are members of the Fire Brigades Union and the likelihood is that it will be you who most vibrantly promote the Firefighters 100 Lottery to your families and friends. In recognition of this, FBU members who buy Firefighters 100 Lottery tickets will be eligible for automatic entry into a wholly separate, quarterly free prize draw. To be entered into the separate quarterly draw, FBU members will need to have bought a live Firefighters 100 Lottery ticket for the week in which the quarterly free prize draw takes place. Non-FBU members buying tickets for the main Firefighters 100 Lottery will not be eligible for the FBU members-only free prize draw but they can be assured the prizes for it will be sponsored entirely separately from the main Firefighters 100 Lottery.

I trust members will be interested in this new initiative and will want to make it a success. To find out more and to buy tickets from 1 October 2016, please go to www.firefighters100lottery.co.uk.

Best of luck!

Yours fraternally

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Wrack', written in a cursive style.

Matt Wrack
General Secretary

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