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To: All Members

Dear Brother/Sister

Covid-19: Tripartite agreement between FBU, fire service national employers and NFCC: Further additional activities agreed (Tri/5/20)

FBU members will be aware of the tripartite agreement in relation to additional activities by Fire and Rescue Services during the Covid-19 crisis. This agreement initially set out three areas of agreed additional activity. It provided for any party to bring further proposals for consideration. Arising from this process a further three activities have now been agreed and these are included in the attached document (Tri/5/20).

Brigade Officials will be applying this agreement with local FRS management and will be able to assist with questions that you may have. Members are asked to channel your questions through your branch representatives.

The key issue for members is to be mindful that though the areas of activity have been agreed, there needs to be local discussion to ensure sufficient agreed measures (risk assessment, PPE, training etc.) can be put in place before the activities are rolled out.

It may be that there is no request, as yet, made to your FRS from other public services to carry out one or more of these activities. In turn it may be that your FRS is not able to meet the request in full because of demands on the service resulting from call-demand and/or shortage of availability of staff.

Members should raise any specific concerns regarding local implementation with Brigade Officials.

Best wishes.

Yours fraternally

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