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Mr Smith,
Chief Fire Officer,
North Wales Fire and Rescue Service,
Fire Brigade Head quarters,
RHYL,, --

25th November 2004

Dear Chief Fire Officer

Re: CHANGE OF ROTA DAY WORKING HOURS

In the last few days some if not all of the Fire Authority members will have received a letter from the F B U indicating that in their opinion due to the successful changes to the false alarms turn out procedure that there is no longer any useful purpose in changing their duty shift patterns. In fact they claim that statistics prove that it would make more sense to retain the present system.

In light of this I would respectfully surrgest that it would be prudent on our behalf to put the intended changes on hold in order that we can discus and evaluate this new information. It would be very silly of us to ignore the situation and force through the changes to find that we have got it wrong all for the sake of few weeks delay.

I am not suggesting for one minuet that we stop the ninety day notice or any other part of the process simply to put them on hold so that we can ensure that the changes are for the benefit of efficiency and not change for change is sake.

I request that an item be placed on the agenda of the Fire Authority agenda for the meeting on the 20th December and that a report be prepared between now and then in which the Unions claims are evaluated so as to ensure we make the best decision for the Service and the rate payers.

Yours sincerely

W.J.Chorlton

Copies To Mr Trefor Roberts, Chairman North Wales Fire and Rescue
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