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Retired Chief Officer Kenneth Maxwell (Max) Castlehow *AFSM*

Attention All Members:

It is with great sadness that the Union acknowledges and, with the consent of his family, formally advises of the death of Retired Chief Officer Kenneth Maxwell (Max) Castlehow. Max passed away at the age of 87.

The Union particularly expresses its sympathy and condolences to Max's family, his wife Valerie, and his children, Graeme, Vicki, and Dennis. The Union also extends its condolences to Max's extended family and friends.

Chief Officer Castlehow joined the WA Fire Brigade 19th of September 1965 as a Firefighter and was later promoted to Station Officer serving at Perth Fire Station (1965-1979). Max continued as a Station officer with the BA Department at Belmont (1979 to 1981).

Max was promoted to District Officer and served at Fremantle Fire Station (1981-1983), Belmont Training Wing (1983-1987), and the Fire Prevention Department (1987), before attaining the rank of Superintendent and serving at Perth (1987-1989) and Training Wing (1989).

Continuing his rise through the ranks Max was promoted to Assistant Chief Officer for Special Services (1989) and Metropolitan (1989-90) before serving as the WA Fire Brigade's 16th Chief Officer (1990-1994).

The Union's thoughts extend to Max's colleagues, serving and retired.

Prior to Max's service with the WAFB, he worked in letter sorting for the Postmaster General. Seeking a career change he followed in the footsteps of his father-in-law Bill Haynes, who would become the 9th Chief Officer of the WAFB.

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Max served on the Committee of the WAFB Employees Union in the early 1980s and served as representative and trustee for Belmont and the BA Dept. Chief Officer Castlehow became an associate member of the Institute of Fire Engineers and was awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal in the 1993 Australia Day Honours.

Funeral details are as follows:

Date and Time: Saturday 14 May 2022 - 10:30hrs

Location: Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park, West Chapple, Whitford Ave
Padbury

May He Rest in Peace

Strength in Unity



Tim Kucera
Secretary

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