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RE-ISSUE Ban On 20-Year-Old Fire Appliances

Attention All Members:

The following advice is being re-issued at the request of members, as there are a number of appliances currently in operational use that are subject to this ban:

At the May 2012 Branch Committee meeting the BCOM unanimously resolved to ban all Fire Appliances that are 20 years old or more from being used as front-line fire appliances.

Members at the time raised serious occupational health and safety concerns with the Scania Series 1 Heavy Pump being used as stand by front line appliances. In the subsequent years since the ban was issued, other vehicles in operational service continue to be in breach of the ban.

DFES has a legislated responsibility to all employees to ensure Health and Safety is not compromised. Having firefighters operate appliances that are high mileage and over 20 years old is not acceptable.

Any fire appliance that is 20 years old or more must not be driven under emergency conditions, that is any fire appliance over 20 years old can only be driven under normal road procedures.

We continue to await DFES' response on this issue and trust that they will put the safety of firefighters and our communities first.

Strength in Unity

Katherine O'Hara
Secretary

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