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Retired Station Officer (SO) Ken Holyoake Snr

Attention All Members:

It is with great sadness, and with the consent of the family, the Union formally advises of the death of Retired Station Officer Kenneth Vincent Holyoake Snr who passed away on the 2nd of June 2023. The Union expresses its sympathy to the whole Holyoake Family. In particular, the Union extends its condolences to Ken's wife Pat, Sons Chris & Ken Jnr and Grandsons Luke & Joshua.

Ken joined the WA Fire Brigades in 1964 after being selected as a Probationary Fireman, completing his training at Belmont Training Wing. On completion of his training, he was posted to Murray St Perth Fire Station on the 4th of September 1964 where he served 4 Years as a Firefighter, he would also begin his career as a Station Officer there (1968-1970). Ken went onto serve as a Station Officer at Vic Park (1970-1973), Perth (1976-1980, Murray St & Hay St) & Welshpool (1991-1995) Fire Stations.

Over a third of SO Holyoake's career was spent as a Station Officer at Cannington Station where he served for 14 years and 4 Months (1973-1976 & 1980-1991). SO Holyoake retired on the 11th of March 1995, having served 30 years and 6 months with the FRS. The Union's thoughts extend to Ken's colleagues, serving and retired.

Before entering the WAFB, Ken was a qualified Carpenter and Joiner. Ken was a trail blazer for the Holyoake family when he joined the WAFB in 1964. Two of Ken and wife Pat's five children joined the WA Fire Brigades, Chris (1986) and Ken Jnr (1988). Grandchildren, Luke (2008) and Joshua (2015) also joined the FRS following in their fathers and grandfather's footsteps. The name Holyoake has continued within the FRS for nearly 60 years, that legacy continues into the future.

Details for the funeral service are below:

Date and Time: Thursday 15th of June 2023, 11:30hrs

Location: William Barrett and Sons, 105 Bussell Hwy, Busselton

May He Rest in Peace

Strength in Unity

Tom Nolan
Assistant Secretary

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