



# THE UNITED PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS UNION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## CIRCULAR

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### Retired District Officer Alan Cope

#### Attention All Members:

It is with great sadness, and with permission of the family, that the Union formally advises of the death of Retired District Officer (DO) Alan Charles "Copey" Cope who passed away on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 at the age of 86. The Union extends its condolences to the Cope and Barker families. In particular, the Union expresses its condolences to Alan's wife Joan, siblings & in-laws; Audrey, Enid, retired Station Officer Edward (Tim) Barker, Retired Station Officer Paul Barker, and retired Senior Firefighter Bernard Cope, Alan's children; Station Officer Gary Cope, Tony, and Ian, as well as Alan's 3 grandchildren. The Cope & Barker Families have significant service ties to the WAFB/FRS from 1951 to the present day.

Following in the footsteps of his brother-in-law Tim, Alan joined the WA Fire Brigades (WAFB) in 1964 undertaking his training at Belmont Training Wing. On completion of his training, he was deployed to Perth (1964-67), Cannington (1967) and Midland (1967-70) Fire Stations as a Fireman. Alan continued his service as a Station Officer at Midland (1970-79), Perth (1979-82), Belmont (1982-84), and Perth (1984). In 1984 Alan was further promoted to District Officer serving at the Country Fire Department (1984), Perth (1984-85), Belmont Training Wing (1985-1987), Staff Deployment (1987-88), and Perth A Platoon (commencing 1988). In total Alan served 31 years and 1 month with the WAFB/FRS. The Union's thoughts extend to Alan's colleagues, serving and retired.

Prior to entering the WAFB, Alan completed his apprenticeship as a Fitter with the WA Government Railways. He is remembered as a champion sportsman having played for Swan Districts FC in the 1957-58 Seasons. Alan's golfing achievement included the 1983 Australasian Fire Brigade Golf Scratch Championship & Life Membership of the WAFB Golf club which he was awarded for his services as a Club committee member.

A Brigade Funeral is to be held. Past & present members are welcome to attend.

**Date and Time: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2023, 10:00hrs**

**Location: Karrakatta Cemetery, Norfolk Chapel.**

**May He Rest in Peace**

Strength in Unity

Clem Chan  
President

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