

## David Phillips for Northern Branch President

A staunch Union Member and Senior Firefighter, I'm at Ellerslie Brown watch in Auckland and recently, Taupo Fire where I was also Local Secretary. I have spent time on the Auckland Local Committee, and assisted in developing our NZPFU Charter. Heavily involved in Union matters for the last 5 years, I will bring strong connections across both the Northern Branch, and other locals around the country. I am currently not a local official, so I can spend 100% of my focus on the issues affecting the whole branch. My employment background is wide and varied and includes Farming, Construction, ACC, and Sales and Negotiation roles prior to joining the NZ Fire Service almost 10 years ago, and I would bring valuable skills from each to this role.



I have demonstrated competence in contractual issues, have a good mind for the confusing world of legislation, and am always championing a fair and even opportunity for our union members over issues both internal and external. As part of the executive team, I would lead the branch to function more efficiently and more effectively.

How? Transparency and accountability are important, as are critical thinking and good communication, and I intend to spend the next 3 years working hard to improve these areas across the Northern Branch. Our Branch has Large Metro, Mid Metro and Provincial brigades, and each require attention and support for their unique set of issues and circumstances. I will prioritise building a strong network, so these issues get raised and addressed by your Branch/National Officials.

Things I will push for include:

- favourable employment conditions for NZPFU members
- transparency, active and regular direct engagement with local officials/members
- efficient use of union fees - streamlining of costs
- investment of funds to prepare for our future
- development of secure communication and interaction forums for the membership
- video conferencing in place of unnecessary travel
- increasing use of member's money for the direct benefit and upskilling of members

Feel free to contact me on 0211786099 – [davidmtphillips@gmail.com](mailto:davidmtphillips@gmail.com) to discuss these or any other issues/areas of concern.

I strongly believe the best way to see change happen or problems fixed, is to front up and get involved. So here I am, I will work toward those goals with your support, and I need your vote to do so.

Thanks

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