

# **FIRE BRIGADES UNION**

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## **Firefighters vote to accept changes in shift system**

South Yorkshire firefighters have voted to accept a newly-negotiated compromise designed to end the long-running dispute between the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) and South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority (SYFRA).

The package would mean that the shift system changes from the present 15 hour night shifts and 9 hour day shifts to a new system of 13 hour night shifts and 11 hour day shifts. The SYFRA originally wanted 12 hour day and 12 hour night shifts. There is also a newly negotiated package of benefits to FBU members.

SYFRA recognised that there was overwhelming opposition to their proposed 12 hour shift system and now South Yorkshire FBU members have accepted in a ballot that that this compromise position reached is the best opportunity to resolve this long running dispute.

The deal follows 14 hours of discussions on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 facilitated by the National Joint Council Joint Secretaries, and an emergency meeting of the South Yorkshire FBU Brigade Committee. This meeting decided that the terms would be put to South Yorkshire FBU members to decide if they were acceptable.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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