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BUNDABERG RALLY A SUCCESS

I wish to thank all members who participated in the rally at Bundaberg on the 1 November 2012. There was great media coverage and both the firefighters and ambulance officers stood strong side by side. We need to continue to show Minister Dempsey that police are not his only portfolio and he needs to start listening to our concerns.

CAMPAIGN HELPERS

The Union is continuing letterbox drops all over Queensland. Any help that members could provide would greatly benefit in educating the community. It may be as easy as when you go for a walk, you cover a block in your area. We are also asking members to volunteer to hand out pamphlets at your local shopping centres. We still have placards available for you to place in your front yard if you live on a prominent street. If you would like to help, please email your details through to <u>ufu@ufuq.com.au</u>

Thank you once again to members who have volunteered their time to help with this campaign.

MEDIA

All regions continue to play a major role with media. We have had news stories in Bundaberg, Mackay, Maryborough, Cairns, Rockhampton, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Townsville and Brisbane just to name a few. To allow all members to view media in relation to this campaign and other issues affecting firefighters, articles and news footage is being placed on our website. If you would like to see these articles, please go to <u>www.ufuq.com.au</u> and click on media articles and releases tab under the 'Newsletters and Alerts' section of the website. Also, please note that new photos have been added to the photo gallery under the 'Members Area' section.

MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS

The Union is introducing text bombing. This method can be used to notify members of an urgent matter such as bans and industrial action and can be sent directly to your mobile phone. For this to be successful, we will require all members to provide the union with their mobile phone number. To advise the Union of your mobile number please see below three options available:

- Members can visit our website <u>www.ufuq.com.au</u> and go to the contact tab and on the left hand side of the screen is an update your details tab.
- Email mobile numbers to <u>ufu@ufuq.com.au</u>
- Contact the union office directly on 07 3844 0366.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

We have had numerous complaints that members are not receiving their emails through their DCS email accounts. If you have a personal email address and wish to have emails sent to this rather than the DCS email, please follow the same option above for mobile numbers.

John Oliver State Secretary