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Dear Colleague

I am writing to advise you of a new Association that is being created for past members of the fire and rescue service in Hampshire. Having received comments from many retired colleagues indicating that they felt disconnected from the Service and isolated from social events and gatherings, I took it upon myself to suggest the creation of the "Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Past Members Association".

Some initial funding has been secured and a 'launch' committee has been formed to take the idea forward to reality. The new Association (PMA) will have its own dedicated magazine and website and in due course a range of social events will be on offer. Membership will be open to anyone who has served with the Hampshire Fire Service, Hampshire Fire Brigade and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service. It is planned that the Association will have its own Standard to be carried by a Standard Bearer at ceremonial events and designs are being considered for items such as ties, lapel pins, etc. Membership is offered to everyone at an annual fee of £10 to cover costs and an invitation to join is enclosed.

One of the identified tasks is to produce a contact database of Association members and with your permission we can create a database to use for notifications and, if you so choose, to have those details in a membership directory to assist colleagues keep in contact with one another.

The creation of this organisation does not, of course, alter anything with regard to the ongoing activities of any other organisation such as NARF or the SFB Comrades Association.

I very much hope you will wish to become a member of the PMA and with this letter you will find an application form and details of the first event for Association members. The new PMA website can be found at [www.xhfrs.org.uk](http://www.xhfrs.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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