

To all retained stations and sections

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Dear Colleague

As you may have heard, a new Association has been formed targetted at those who have retired from the fire service in Hampshire or who did not retire but who served for a minimum of 10 years.

The HFRS Past Members Association is trying to contact as many people as possible to advise them of this new initiative aimed at maintaining contact with past colleagues. The biggest difficulty faced is knowing where past members live. Those who receive a pension are easy to trace whereas those who served at retained duty system stations are more difficult to make contact with. This leads me to my request for assistance from yourself.

My experience tells me that the easiest ways of making contact with ex RDS personnel is via those still serving on the station. It would be very helpful if you could provide me with a list of any names and addresses that come to mind so that they can be contacted and offered membership of the new Association. Members will receive a new magazine aimed at past members, notification of social events, funerals, etc, and opportunities to bring them back into contact with other past members. I appreciate that you may not have a full listing but I imagine that most personnel will have some knowledge of past members.

You may like to take a look at the Association website at www.xhfrs.org.uk. Colin Ive, ex officer in charge of Yateley Fire Station, has joined the Association committee and has taken on the role of RDS liaison. He will be trying to increase the awareness of the new Association and its aims and may well contact you in the future.

Anything you can do to help the PMA get off the ground will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Chief Officer