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Firefighters' union welcomes ALP commitment to increase frontline officer numbers

United Firefighters' Union of Queensland (UFUQ) General Secretary Mr John Oliver welcomes today's announcement by the ALP committing to an increase of 100 professional frontline firefighters and 12 additional full-time fire communication officers.

Mr Oliver said *'All too often, roster shortages mean firefighters respond to emergency incidents with empty seats in their trucks, putting at risk their safety and the safety of communities they are rushing to protect.'*

'There is no doubt Queensland needs more firefighters. I welcome the ALP commitment that acknowledges the growth in demand for essential frontline services, protecting our communities, and filling seats in the big red trucks right across the state.'

'To put it simply', Mr Oliver said, 'more firefighters equals a more effective emergency response and that means Queenslanders, their families and communities will be better protected.'

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