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Exemption from State Elections

The Union is in the process of organising the recall of elections for the Branch Committee of Management position of Firefighter Delegate South West Region and Firefighter Delegate North Coast Region. To save the Union holding two elections for the same positions, the United Firefighters Union of Australia, Union of Employees, Queensland (UFU) will be making an application for exemption from an election.

The UFU is making this application as the same persons who fill positions in the Federal Counterpart Body (United Firefighters Union of Australia, Queensland Branch) will fill those positions in the State organisation. The members of the UFU will not be detrimentally affected as members will have already voted, or been given the opportunity to vote, in the election of the Federal Counterpart Body.

This application for an exemption will apply to these positions until the expiry of the term

This exemption was also passed in the 2009 elections and the recent 2012 triennial elections.

Winter/Spring Journal Articles

Due to circumstances beyond our control we were not able to produce the Autumn Journal. However, we are now calling for articles for the Winter/Spring edition of the QLD Firefighter Journal.

All articles are to be sent to the below email address by the 15th August 2012.

Photographs accompanying the articles are also appreciated.

Articles of interest:

- Articles highlighting the importance of your work.
- Histories of firefighting developments in your region.
- Retelling of events or firefighting incidents.
- Experiences of recruit firefighters.
- Reflections of a senior or experienced firefighter.

Please email in your contributions to <u>ufu@ufuq.com.au</u> or contact the Union Office on 3844 0366 to assist with your enquiries.

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