

**London Ambulance Service Unison Branch  
Committee Meeting**

**8<sup>th</sup> July 2008 1030hrs Conference Room HQ**

**Present:** Eric Roberts –Branch Secretary  
Eddie Brand – Chair  
Sarah Hardy – Vice Chair  
George Achilles – Treasurer  
Dave Smith - Equalities Officer  
Mark Belkin – Education Officer  
John Gough – Labour Link officer  
Peter Hannell – Membership/Pensions Officer  
Mark Lione – East Central Sector  
John A Whiting – North East Sector  
David Lamey – South West Sector  
Nadine Poonawala – North West Sector  
Richard Chow – EOC  
Rob Mathews – North West Sector  
Phil Thompson – Regional Officer  
Julie Shirt – North East Sector  
Fred Phillips – Membership Assistant  
Claudette McNaughton – EOC  
Gary Edwards – West Sector  
Rob Sydney – Communications Officer  
Tim Stephens – Central Sector  
Michael Apps – Retired Members

**Apologies:** Andrea Gibbs  
Paul O'Neill  
Ian Lee  
Karen Walling

**Introductions and Welcome:**

**This meeting was called to discuss Active Area Cover and the Staff  
Council Constitution only.**

**Previous Minutes:**

- Minutes from 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008, Dave Smith was in attendance at the Health and Safety meeting regarding the Airwave radio project.
- Matter of accuracy, John Gough gave his apologies, and Dave Smith was in attendance.

**Matters arising:**

- None

**Branch Secretary's Report (ER)**

- Retirement grant for Phil Cribb from K4 was agreed by the branch (GA)
- Staff council and consultative arrangements 2008 draft was shown and discussed with the branch, the next meeting is this afternoon with staff council members (ER to report back at later date)

- (PH) expressed concerns regarding station elections when the final constitution agreement is made.
- Agreement from branch to take staff council document forward to the meeting this afternoon. After a lengthy and full debate the Constitution was agreed by Branch Committee.
- Active Area Cover arrangements draft.
- The request to the service about a dispute was not to stop the Active Area Cover, but to change the version that the service wanted to bring in, eg times of cover and length of time crew were on standby, and the night time arrangements.
- Main changes are cover times, the service wanted 0800 to 2400, now after some discussion times will 0800 to 2200, and the maximum time on standby is 60 minutes, then crews will be able to return to station for a minimum of 30 minutes. A maximum 'cycle' of 3 times on continuous area cover was also part of the concessions gained.
- Night time arrangements will be "temporary area cover" between 2200 and 0800 which will include hospitals if needed. Review will take place in six months time.
- After a lengthy and full debate the Branch agreed to withdraw the dispute with the service.
- The branch agreed to take the Active Area Cover draft to the partnership forum. Active Area Cover proposal agreed by Branch Committee. The Branch Secretary and Chair were thanked for their hard work throughout this issue.

#### **Regional Organiser (PT)**

- Emails from GMB were discussed with the branch. More information at next branch committee.

Date of next meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> August 2008 1030 Conference room, HQ