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To: **All Members**

Dear Brother / Sister

**Death of Member – Bro. Paul Balch – East Sussex**

It is with great regret and sadness that I have to inform you of the death of our member, Brother Paul Balch, who sadly passed away on 23rd January 2021, following a battle with brain cancer.

Paul leaves behind his wife Sharon and three children, Max, Imogen, and Grace.

Paul was a much loved and well-respected member of East Sussex FRS, joining the service in October 1999. Paul began his career serving on Red Watch, at The Ridge Fire Station in Hastings and then transferred to neighbouring Bohemia Road Fire Station serving on Green Watch.

FBU officials at local and national level are liaising to ensure all necessary steps are taken to provide support to family and colleagues.

The union has set up a memorial fund in Bro. Balch's memory and it will remain open for donations until 16 May 2021. If you wish to support the fund you can donate via the details below.

Supporters can donate online via the FBU *Fundraising for firefighters and their families* page here: <https://www.fbu.org.uk/fundraising-firefighters-and-their-families> or directly via the fund page here: <http://easydonate.org/BROPB>

Supporters can also donate by text:

To donate £1, text BROPB to 70201  
To donate £3, text BROPB to 70331  
To donate £5, text BROPB to 70970  
To donate £10, text BROPB to 70191

Many thanks for your support.

Yours in Unity.

**MATT WRACK**  
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