



Work in the Scottish Ambulance Service

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GMB@SAS

Working hard for our Members 24/7.

GMB@SAS Presidents Xmas Message

Dear all

I would like to thank all active Gmb@SAS members for hard work and personal sacrifice during the last year and hopefully we can build on our efforts heading into 2014

This year has been very challenging and unlike no other the staff in all grades of the Scottish Ambulance Service workforce have not only faced salary cuts but constant attempts by management to erode or eradicate our hard fought for terms and conditions of employment

Sometimes the membership is unaware of the battles fought at the highest levels due to confidentiality clauses during discussion but I can assure everyone that I am confident your voice and frustrations are being relayed to the senior management and indeed to the Scottish Government when necessary

The Scottish Ambulance service Branch of the Gmb has continued to grow in numbers and this only makes us stronger as we encounter more and more challenges within our chosen place of employment

Moral in my opinion has never been as low and despite continuous complaints regarding issues such as meal breaks, vehicle checks, late finishing times, on call working, travel expenses, pensions, fleet problems, death in service benefits, annual leave and others management seem unwilling or unable to offer any ideas for improvements that would certainly help to try and re-build moral within the service, I have never heard so many people stating their discontentment with the service at this time

The ambulance service like so many others in the public sector have very tight financial restraints but this cannot be allowed to form an argument against basic decent working conditions for all staff and we will continue with our desire to defend your terms and conditions at all times and fight for improvements in all areas

Xmas Message Continued

On a more positive note we have a situation where the demand on our services has never been so great and although this has increased pressure of work enormously over the last few years it gives us job security at a time when many of our fellow workers and trade union members are faced with un-certainty within their place of employment, it also strengthens our demand for more staff to assist with volume increases across the service

We have recently completed a re-evaluation document for Technician's and fleet workshop support staff and although we realise this process is difficult we are absolutely determined to present their case fully and the work done by some Gmb members in collating information has been invaluable in assisting me to produce documentation that in my opinion deserves full consideration by Management, Make no mistake this will be a difficult process but we are certain their claim is justified and we at the Gmb will attempt to convince management accordingly

We face many challenges in 2014 and I assure all members we are determined to meet these challenges full on and continue to defend your terms and conditions of employment at all times

All the best to you and your families
and a happy new year in 2014

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We would like to wish you a very Merry Xmas and a very Happy New Year to you, from all at GMB@SAS.

Golspie Paramedic Running London Marathon

On 13th April 2014 Golspie based Paramedic Stuart Richardson is running the London Marathon. Having moved to the Highlands in 2005 from his home city of Chester, Stuart joined the Ambulance Service in May 2010. Completing the technician course at Barony Castle he took up a role as relief technician at Golspie Station and followed this up by qualifying as a paramedic this summer. Stuart (37) is aiming to raise at least £1500 in aid of WellChild, a charity which provides practical and emotional support for seriously ill young people and their carers. Although having completed the Great North Run (half marathon), 1999 in aid of a children's hospice on Merseyside and again in 2009 in aid of Leukaemia Research, Stuart is not a runner and is having to train from scratch to enable him to complete the Marathon. He started his training on the 1st September with a run of 2 miles in 28 mins he has steadily increased his distance and on the 10th Nov managed to run 7 miles in 1hr 2mins. He is aiming to continue to increase the time and distance ran over the next 5 months until the event on 13th April 2014. Having been inspired by watching this year's London Marathon, Stuart decided to apply as running a Marathon is on his 'bucket list' and feels there is no point completing such an event and putting himself through so much pain and suffering without doing it for a good cause. In order to meet his target of £1500 Stuart is also going to hold other events such as quiz night, race night and a golf completion. Any sponsorship will be greatly received, with people being able to donate by visiting www.justgiving.com/sturich.



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