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WELCOME

Welcome to 'Day One' of Fire and Emergency New Zealand.

This is a momentous occasion and on behalf of the Board I'd like to thank all of you for your support in getting us here.

In establishing Fire and Emergency New Zealand, we're building on a proud legacy of firefighting that goes back more than 150 years.

As we prepare for the future, we have the backing of updated legislation and new funding that will reflect all the work firefighters do in their communities.

Bringing more than 14,000 people together is just the first step. With the amalgamation of 40 different organisations on 1 July, we now enter the Integration phase of Fire and Emergency New Zealand.

Over the next three years, we will carefully work through any changes that might be required and will test them properly before introducing them gradually to ensure New Zealand communities continue to receive the excellent service they currently enjoy. We are committed to doing this right.

We'll need your knowledge, skills and expertise to make it work – so engagement with our people, unions, associations and partner organisations will continue to be a vital part of this next phase.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for us all to build a world-leading, integrated fire and emergency organisation to better meet the needs of our people and the communities they serve, and we look forward to working with you to achieve this.

Regards

Paul Swain
Board Chair,
Fire and Emergency New Zealand