



# **The Fire Brigades Union**

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## **1000 YEARS OF (FIRE) SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY RECOGNISED!**

Thursday 26 May 2005

Over 30 Fire Service Officers from across Northern Ireland are due to attend **an afternoon function on Friday 27 May 2005, at Central Fire Station, Bankmore Street, Belfast**, in recognition of their collective service to the Northern Ireland public, amounting to nearly **1000 years!**

Officers will be presented with Fire Brigades Union long-service gold commemorative badges, in acknowledgement of membership exceeding 25 years.

**Jim Barbour, Fire Brigades Union spokesperson said:**

"I am very proud to attend this afternoon's event. I am sure that whilst many of those present will reflect on the hardships and privations of the past, they will equally fondly remember the unique camaraderie and comradeship that is to be found even to this day in the Fire Service."

**Jim Barbour added:**

"The commitment of these brave officers to the service, their communities and indeed to the Fire Brigades Union bears witness to their fortitude, through the good times and the bad."

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