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To: Members of the NEC
All Branch Secretaries

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Dear All

DEATH OF NEC MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT - BRIAN BURDUS

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of the passing of Brian Burdus who died yesterday afternoon following a period of illness.

Brian joined the Nottingham City Police in 1966 as a Cadet and undertook uniform duties for almost forty years. Like many, he served in a Force which had four different names but without ever moving.

He was an elected Federation representative for more than twenty years, first representing Sergeants and after promotion, Inspectors becoming Chairman of the Nottingham Branch. In 1993, Brian was also elected to the national Central Committee representing Inspector ranks, a post he held until he retired in 2005.

On retirement, Brian joined his local Nottinghamshire branch of NARPO and became chairman the following year. The Branch awarded him Life Membership by in 2016.

He was elected to the National Executive Committee in 2010 serving as Vice-President from 2013 until he was appointed President from 2017 until 2021. After standing down as President he remained an active member of the NEC until the time of his death. One highlight of his NARPO career was hosting the Princess Royal to dinner during our Centenary celebrations at the Tower of London.

Throughout his life, Brian's overriding concern and interests were the welfare of both serving and retired officers and charity work in general. For more than twenty years he was a Trustee of the Force Benevolent Fund. After retirement he was an elected Trustee of the Nottinghamshire branch of Age Concern. Brian was also an active working member of the Public Service Pensioners Council and of Later Life Ambitions. He will be sadly missed.

Funeral details will be circulated when confirmed. Meanwhile, a Book of Condolences has been opened by Brian's NARPO branch and tributes can be left at: nottinghamshireNARPO@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,

Richard Critchley
President