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FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

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JBB Circular 88/2008

To: All Members of all Branch Boards

Dear Sir/Madam

**POLICE FEDERATION VOLUNTARY FUND
INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTIONS: 1ST JANUARY 2009**

At the Joint Central Committee's Statutory Meeting held on 6th November 2008 agreement was reached to increase subscriptions to the Voluntary Fund with effect from 1st January 2009.

The weekly subscription to the Voluntary Fund will be increased from £3.93p to £4.05p per week for members of the Federated Ranks from Constable to Chief Inspector. The monthly deduction will be £16.20p per lunar month, and £17.55p per calendar month.

The Joint Central Committee has also agreed that the current weekly subscription for Police Cadets of £0.42p will not be increased. The monthly deductions will be £1.68 per lunar month and £1.82 per calendar month.

The increased rate of subscriptions should be brought to the attention of members as soon as practicable. You are reminded that JBB Circular 39/1995 advised members that subscriptions to the Voluntary Fund are tax deductible, and the revised subscription levels should be drawn to the attention of your local tax office.

Joint Branch Board Secretaries should seek the co-operation of their Chief Officer and Police Authority to make early arrangements to obtain their members' authorisation to deduct the revised rate of subscription from the Federated Ranks from 1 January 2009

by requesting the issue of a Force Order, stating the subscriptions will be increased to the level notified, and that it will not be possible to continue subscribing at the current rate.

More detailed information in respect of the above decision will be given at forthcoming JBB Secretaries', Treasurers' and Chairmen's meetings.

Branch Board Secretaries and Treasurers should keep a special note of the names and numbers of:-

- (a) non-contributors to the Voluntary Fund
- (b) non-contributors to the Voluntary Fund by virtue of receiving no pay; being on unpaid maternity leave; or serving officers on career breaks (JBB Circular No: 53/1996 refers).

This will assist in completing the annual return of membership, and will ensure that those members in category (a) above are not provided with benefits available under the Fund Rules.

Branch Board Treasurers should continue to pass the appropriate percentage of the subscription income to the Treasurers of the appropriate Rank Central Committee, either two months, or monthly in arrears, as agreed. Those Branch Boards, which make payment via Standing Order, should make the necessary arrangements to revise the amount of payment. It would be particularly helpful if all Branch Board Treasurers could notify each of the Central Committee Treasurers, to whom subscriptions are sent, of the amended amount of subscriptions payable either by Bank Standing Order, Direct Debit or cheque.

A letter is also being sent to all Chief Officers of Police, seeking their co-operation and assistance with regard to the implementation of the increase in the rate of subscription.

Yours faithfully

FOR THE POLICE FEDERATION OF ENGLAND AND WALES



David Moore
Treasurer