

# TFS has help on tap for stressed fire staff

THE Tasmania Fire Service has said that members suffering from work-related stress do have access to professional help.

*The Examiner* reported on Thursday that Ian Bounds lost his position as the Northern regional chief of the TFS after he was fined for his third drink-driving offence, citing work-related stress.

A TFS spokesman said the service would not comment publicly on matters related to an individual's employment, but the organisation did not condone drink-driving or any form of criminal action.

"We have and will continue to address these matters in accordance with the State Service Act," the spokesman said.

"The TFS has programs that enable its members suffering from stress-related complaints to access professional assistance to help them cope with issues related to their employment or personal life."

A spokesman for the Tasmanian branch of the United Firefighters Union said it was inappropriate to comment.