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Subject: rolling closure of fire station

Hello Councillor - I just want to express my displeasure with the rolling closure of fire stations in New Bedford, particularly Station 9 (station 9 is centrally located in the north end and available for a wide area of back-up). I am sure that the insurance underwriters are aware of our situation and it would not surprise me to see the downgrade in coverage result in higher homeowner premiums. The residents of New Bedford should not have to be faced with minimal public safety . Maybe someone should remind the Mayor that a former Mayor (Fred Kaliz ) was fired over police station closings and fire station brownouts. I realize that budgets are are tight (when are they not) and we must prioritize, but my neighbors and myself feel that public safety is a priority. Thank you for letting me express my concern and I hope you will try to rectify this situation. Milt Rocha