

# **Councilor Gomes raises concerns for lack of reserve fire trucks downtown**

New Bedford City Councilor Brian Gomes is filing a motion to get answers regarding the lack of reserve fire trucks and preventive maintenance in the downtown New Bedford fire station. The following motion is scheduled to be discussed on Thursday, 28 Sept, 2017:

10. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that Mayor Mitchell and Fire Chief Gomes take immediate action to address and explain why the Downtown New Bedford Firehouse – Station One has no reserve ladder truck in place; and once more explain why preventative maintenance is not being taken with fire apparatus across the City, black outs are leaving the Downtown area and neighborhoods without a functioning ladder truck especially the high-rise buildings in the Downtown area; and further, that immediate action be taken to borrow a ladder truck from another company in the surrounding area while this matter is being addressed; furthermore, that the Committee of Public Safety and Neighborhoods once more meet with the Administration, the Fire Chief and the Department of Facilities and Fleet Management to discuss the problems, to make sure that the Fire Department has the best working fire apparatus to protect and serve the City in New Bedford.