

# Protest of fire department cuts continues at New Bedford City Hall on March 15

Organizations continue their protest against New Bedford Fire Department cuts on Sunday, March 15 starting at 11 am. Organizers announced they will stay until the end of the New Bedford Half Marathon.

Organizers rallied last Saturday at the New Bedford Fire Department headquarters where Pleasant and Purchase streets merge downtown:

New Bedford Fire Chief Paul Coderre, Jr. announced the end of the Fire Department's 'rolling blackout' last month along with the decommissioning of Engine #11.

"Beginning in March 2020, the New Bedford Fire Department (NBFD) will end so-called fire company 'rolling blackouts,' the practice of taking one of the City's ten fire companies out of service on a rotating daily basis."

Full statement **here**.