



Detroit City Council
Councilmember Renata Miller

MEMORANDUM

TO: Charles Simms, Fire Commissioner
Detroit Fire Department

THROUGH: James Tate, Council President
Detroit City Council

FROM: Renata Miller, Councilmember
Detroit City Council

DATE: March 16, 2026, 10:00 am

RE: 2026-2027 Budget Hearing, Detroit Fire Department

1. How will the FY2027 budget support fire and EMS response capacity in District 5, including staffing, apparatus, and response times?
2. Are any fire facility improvements, vehicle upgrades, or capital projects planned in FY2027 to directly benefit District 5 stations or neighborhoods?
3. With 63 vacancies reported earlier this year, what is the department's plan to recruit and retain firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics in FY2027?
4. What is the status of the \$10.2 million in planned FY2027 capital projects, and how will delays or unfunded projects affect department operations?
5. What measurable outcomes is the department using to evaluate response times, EMS performance, youth initiatives, and fire prevention efforts in FY2027?