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As previously stated, I am not a proponent of brown outs or station closings because every piece of apparatus currently in service has the potential to play a key role during emergency situations. But understanding the current fiscal conditions of our City, the Fire Department will resume brown outs as a cost savings measure during these difficult financial times.

A mitigating factor to the brown outs being reinstituted is the fact that our four fire stations are strategically located to provide the best possible service to our residents throughout the City at all times. As always, all of our fire stations will remain open and staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to ensure a timely response is available to our residence in their time of need.

I can assure you the Holyoke Fire Department will continue to strive to maintain the professional level of service our citizens deserve and have come to expect.

Attached is an FAQ document I've prepared to provide additional details and background on the brown outs.

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