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**Lawrence Engine 9 Re-opens
Mayor and Chief Find Ways to do More with Less**

November 30, 2015, Lawrence, MA- We are happy to announce that as of 8AM this morning, Lawrence Engine 9 of Bailey Street will be re-opened after five years of being closed. The station will be operated by a minimum of three firefighters, one apparatus and one rescue boat twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

“This is the best case scenario of doing more with less,” said Mayor Daniel Rivera. “Since day one, Chief Moriarty has been tasked with evaluating our fire department. With his leadership and help of the union, we were able to re-open this asset in one of our more dense neighborhoods. We thank the union and the firefighters for their patience and cooperation through this process.” The opening of Engine 9 is a budget neutral move. It is a re-deployment of staffing using resources we currently have.

With the help of the Department of Public Works and the leadership of DPW Director John Isensee, Engine 9 underwent \$50k worth of improvements in two months. “This increases the safety and response times throughout the city,” said Fire Chief Brian Moriarty. “I was thrilled to find a way to get it opened.”

“Firefighters tell me that a critical facet to successful fighting is rapid response time. Reopening Bailey Street station is important and as a district councilor, this is something that I have been advocating for a long time,” said City Councilor Marc Laplante. “I am glad that the Rivera administrations, working with the new chief, were able to get this done.”

This opening comes on the heels of the city investing \$850,000 to fix roofs, floors, heating systems and otherwise make the Fire houses across the City more livable for our firefighters.

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