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Board of Finance
Board of Representatives Fiscal Committee
4th Floor, Stamford Government Center
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06901

Respected Members of the City Boards:

I am writing to you with a request to eliminate funding of \$154,000 for the Turn of River Volunteer Fire Department (reference # 01435108845) on page 252 of the Proposed Operating and Special Funds Budget Fiscal Year 2014/2015. This appears to be the flat rate amount that the City of Stamford funds each fire station for the volunteer fire departments. Turn of River Fire Station 2 on Roxbury Road, which is the closest fire station to my house, has been inactive for more than two years. Although the station is continually funded and not occupied, the City has been providing fire protection for the area out of a temporary set up at the Stamford EMS headquarters building on Long Ridge Road. I do not believe that the City should be forwarding taxpayer dollars to an organization for a service that is not being delivered.

Thank You

Paul R. Newman