

I am a Firefighter with NOFD. I am going to be honest with you about this. I am looking for employment elsewhere. I do not believe the City values my contribution. I do not think this Commission, the Mayor, or the CAO are the least bit interested in protecting me as an employee who risks my life every time I show up to work. So. Here we are. The City has been losing money since March. From March through October, the City did little to nothing to prepare for the inevitable. Now, we are staring down Christmas. My kids have been in school at home, which is more expensive. Christmas is coming and I am supposed to keep risking my life every day for 10% less pay. To add insult to injury, the Mayor is coming before this Commission to ask for 20 more than the 12 unpaid leave days the City us allowed. That translates to all of 2021. Fewer Firefighters means slower responses to fires and medical. Slower responses to fires and medical means that people die.

I love my job here. I have the chance to genuinely improve the lives of the people I serve. But, little by little, it has been more and more clear that I am a worthless commodity in New Orleans. So, I am out of here at the first opportunity, unless this Commission is going to decide they have the guts tot well the Mayor no. No, you cannot do that to our police officers.