



Holmen Area Fire Department

FIRE COMMISSION

AGENDA

710 South Main Street
Holmen, WI 54636
www.holmenfire.com

Date/Time: Monday June 30, 2025 @ 6:30 pm
Location: Town of Holland Town Hall, Holmen, WI, 54636

The Holmen Area Fire Commission will hold a regular meeting on June 30, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Town of Holland Town Hall.

All items on the agenda indicate items for discussion and possible action.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3.) Roll Call
- 4.) Consideration of Agenda Order
- 5.) Approval of April 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- 6.) Resident or Employee Concerns/Comments
The Commission may receive information from the public and department employees, but reserves the right to limit the time that the public/employee may comment, as well as the right to limit the degree to which members of the public and employees may participate in the meeting.
- 7.) Fire Administration Report (Chief Ostreng)
 - a. General Fire Department Stats
 - b. Staffing/Personnel Updates
 - i. Swearing-in and badge pinning of Probationary Firefighter Emmaline Zabel
- 8.) Commission Chair Report
- 9.) Unfinished Business
- 10.) Consideration of Next Meeting Date
- 11.) Adjourn

Note: Meeting agenda and meeting packets are available at www.holmenfire.com. Printed meeting agenda and packets will be available by request only. Call the Holmen Area Fire Department at 608-526-9363 prior to noon the day of the Fire Commission meeting to request your printed copies.



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Date Notice Emailed: 06/26/2025

Notices Posted: 06/26/2025

Notices Emailed To:

Holmen Area Fire Commission	Board/Town/Village	Media	Posted
Patrick Brockman - Holland	HAFD Members/IAFF L127	Holmen Courier	Holmen Area FD
James Bushman - Holmen	Marilyn Pedretti	La Crosse Tribune	Town of Holland
Neal Forde - Holmen	Scott Heinig	La Crosse Radio Group	Village of Holmen
John Miller - Holland	Angela Hornberg	WXOW	Holmen USPS
Barry Ploessl - Holmen	Rhonda Hesselberg	WKBT	Holmen Library
	Joe Kovacevich	WIZM	www.holmenfire.com
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	HAFD Admin		
	HAFD Fire Board		

DRAFT MINUTES

Subject To Change Before Approval By The Holmen Area Fire Commission

Holmen Area Fire Commission Meeting Minutes: April 14, 2025

Meeting Location: Town of Holland Town Hall - Holmen, WI 54636

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was promptly called to order by Chairman Barry Ploessl at 6:28pm.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Neal Forde, Village of Holmen; John Miller, Town of Holland; Barry Ploessl, Village of Holmen, Marc Ertz, Town of Holland.

Also Present: Ryan Ostreng, Fire Chief.

Absent: Patrick Brockman, Town of Holland

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Miller, with 2nd by Commissioner Ertz to pull ahead item 7b on the agenda for Badge pinning ceremony. Unanimously approved. See below for specifics.

Remainder of agenda approved as listed. Motion by Commissioner Miller, with 2nd by Commissioner Ertz. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 24, 2025 meeting were reviewed by the commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertz with second by Commissioner Miller to approve the minutes. This motion was unanimously approved.

HAFD Staffing and Personnel:

A pinning ceremony for the exchange of badges was held in honor of Nick Meinertz, to commemorate his completion of the probationary period. His new badge was delicately placed by daughter Brynley. Family, friends, and fellow HAFD members were on hand to help celebrate this achievement.

The conditional offer to the new candidate was issued and accepted. She is currently working thru CVTC for remaining certifications. Other necessary screenings will occur shortly. Potential start date might be mid-May.

RESIDENT OR EMPLOYEE CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

Patrick Barlow, Holmen Village President, attended our meeting as an observer. He gave us his brief introduction and welcomed any questions and/or concerns that the Commission may have. He fielded a few quick questions from the Commission. We appreciate your positive support for the Holmen Area Emergency Support Services. Thank you, Patrick, for attending and taking an interest in our meeting.

FIRE ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Chief Ostreng reported the response level for March was 103, bringing the YTD total to 300. This YTD total is running slightly ahead of last year.

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COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT:

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None to report.

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO COMMISSION RULES:

A request was made by Chief Ostreng for a minor re-wording of Section 100, sub-section 2.

Another request was made by Chief Ostreng for re-working of several items in Section 103, Terms of Office. These dealt with 1-Commissioner 5 Term expiration, 2-subsequent length of terms after the initial term of office, and 3-the alternating terms of office of Commissioners from the municipalities as terms expire.

A brief discussion ensued regarding these proposed changes.

Motion by Commissioner Ertz, with 2nd by Commissioner Forde to approve the requested changes as written. Unanimous approval.

CONSIDERATION OF TRAINING CAPTAIN JOB DESCRIPTION:

A brief discussion ensued. Resulting in recommendation by Chief Ostreng to postpone this topic until the next meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Ertz, with 2nd by Commissioner Miller to postpone. Unanimously approved.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Several topics are in flux; therefore, we were not able to set a firm date.
To Be Determined.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertz, with a second from Commissioner Forde to adjourn. This motion passed with unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully recorded and published by John Miller, Commission Secretary.
April 17, 2025

CALLS BY MONTH

	2017	-/+	2018	-/+	2019	-/+	2020	-/+	2021	-/+	2022	-/+	2023	-/+	2024	-/+	2025	-/+
JANUARY	74	23	74	0	103	29	83	-20	83	0	113	30	92	-21	99	7	101	2
FEBRUARY	82	23	71	-11	80	9	71	-9	80	9	92	12	97	5	90	-7	96	6
MARCH	81	8	65	-16	107	42	64	-43	111	26	112	1	103	-9	84	-19	103	19
APRIL	90	23	87	-3	97	10	85	-12	104	19	122	18	130	8	83	-47	85	2
MAY	85	22	92	7	82	-10	70	-12	101	31	131	30	114	-17	83	-31	113	30
JUNE	76	-4	90	14	98	8	83	-15	88	5	91	3	94	3	97	3		
JULY	79	0	98	19	80	-18	92	12	109	17	104	-5	101	-3	98	-3		
AUGUST	82	-14	87	5	84	-3	97	13	125	28	104	-21	113	9	110	-3		
SEPTEMBER	64	5	84	20	77	-7	90	13	113	23	128	15	97	-31	89	-8		
OCTOBER	80	22	82	2	87	5	109	22	132	23	100	-32	120	20	104	-16		
NOVEMBER	89	21	94	5	77	-17	106	29	94	-12	109	15	107	-2	103	-4		
DECEMBER	64	-8	77	13	85	8	102	17	109	7	109	0	118	9	91	-27		
TOTAL	946	121	1001	55	1057	56	1052	-5	1249	176	1315	66	1286	-29	1131	-155	498	59

CALL TYPES RESPONDED TO FOR MAY

<u>INCIDENT TYPE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1 - Fire	4
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat-No Fire	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	84
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	3
5 - Service Call	4
6 - Good Intent Call	13
7 - False Alarm & False Call	5
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
9 - Special Incident Type	0
	113

As of 5pm 06/29/2025 June incidents at 106

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OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE

State of Wisconsin

County of La Crosse

I, **Emmaline Zabel**, who has been appointed to the office of

Firefighter

affirm that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, and will faithfully discharge the duties of the said office to the best of

my ability

So help me God.

Firefighter

Subscribed and sworn to me this **30th** day of **June**, year **2025**

Holmen Area Fire Commission Chair

