



Holmen Area Fire Department

FIRE COMMISSION

AGENDA

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

Date/Time: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 @ 6:30 pm
Location: Town of Holland Town Hall, Holmen, WI, 54636

The Holmen Area Fire Commission will hold a regular meeting on January 6, 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.) Approval of the Agenda
- 5.) Approval of June 30, 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
- 8.) Commission Chair Report
- 9.) Unfinished Business
- 10.) Closed Session
 - a. Convene in Closed Session
 - i. The Board shall consider a motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. To Wit:
 - a. Discussion regarding the Fire Captain – Training Officer interview process.
- 11.) Reconvene in Open Session
- 12.) Reservation of right for action and/or recommendation on Closed Session items(s)
- 13.) Consideration of Next Meeting Date
- 14.) Adjourn



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Date Notice Emailed: 01/05/2026

Notices Posted: 01/05/2026

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
	Kristie Tweed	FOX2548	
	HAFD Admin		
	HAFD Fire Board		

DRAFT MINUTES**Subject To Change Before Approval By The Holmen Area Fire Commission****Holmen Area Fire Commission Meeting Minutes: June 30, 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 6:30pm.

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, James Bushman, Village of Holmen, Patrick Brockman, Town of Holland.

Also Present: Ryan Ostreng, Fire Chief.

A warm welcome to Commissioner James Bushman, attending his first official meeting!

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Remainder of agenda approved as listed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 14, 2025 meeting were reviewed by the commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Bushman with second by Commissioner Forde to approve the minutes. This motion was unanimously approved.

HAFD Staffing and Personnel:

A pinning ceremony for the awarding of Probationary badge was held in honor of Emmaline Zabel, to commemorate her recent addition to the HAFD. Her badge was delicately placed by her grandfather. Family, friends, and fellow HAFD members were on hand to help celebrate this achievement.

RESIDENT OR EMPLOYEE CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

None were presented.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

As this was the first Commission meeting held after May 1, it was time for election of officers.

Nominated as Chairman, Commissioner Ploessl. 1st by Comm. Forde, 2nd by Comm. Miller.

Nominated as Vice Chair, Commissioner Brockman. 1st by Comm. Ploessl, 2nd by Comm. Bushman.

Nominated as Secretary, Commissioner Miller. 1st by Comm. Bushman, 2nd by Comm. Brockman.

All officers nominated enthusiastically agreed to these positions and will duly perform these tasks for the next term.

FIRE ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Chief Ostreng reported the response level for May was 113, June was 106, bringing the YTD total to 604. This YTD total is running almost 70 ahead of last year.

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COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT:

Nothing major to report. Special mention that the summer was off to a rousing start!!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chief Ostreng mention that this category may be replaced in the future. Instead, this may become a place for items requiring specific action or attention.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

We have no specific need for scheduling the next meeting at this time, therefore, we were not able to set a firm date.

To Be Determined.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, with a second from Commissioners Brockman and Bushman 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.
July 2, 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	111	14
JULY	79	0	98	19	80	-18	92	12	109	17	104	-5	101	-3	98	-3	136	38
AUGUST	82	-14	87	5	84	-3	97	13	125	28	104	-21	113	9	110	-3	126	16
SEPTEMBER	64	5	84	20	77	-7	90	13	113	23	128	15	97	-31	89	-8	118	29
OCTOBER	80	22	82	2	87	5	109	22	132	23	100	-32	120	20	104	-16	139	35
NOVEMBER	89	21	94	5	77	-17	106	29	94	-12	109	15	107	-2	103	-4	121	18
DECEMBER	64	-8	77	13	85	8	102	17	109	7	109	0	118	9	91	-27	121	30
TOTAL	946	121	1001	55	1057	56	1052	-5	1249	176	1315	66	1286	-29	1131	-155	1370	239

CALL TYPES RESPONDED TO FOR DECEMBER

INCIDENT TYPE	TOTAL
1 - Fire	2
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat-No Fire	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	92
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	3
5 - Service Call	8
6 - Good Intent Call	10
7 - False Alarm & False Call	6
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
9 - Special Incident Type	0
	121