Fire Station Open House

DISCUSSION ON FUTURE FIRE STATION FUNDING

JUNE 9TH 2026

Agenda & Overview

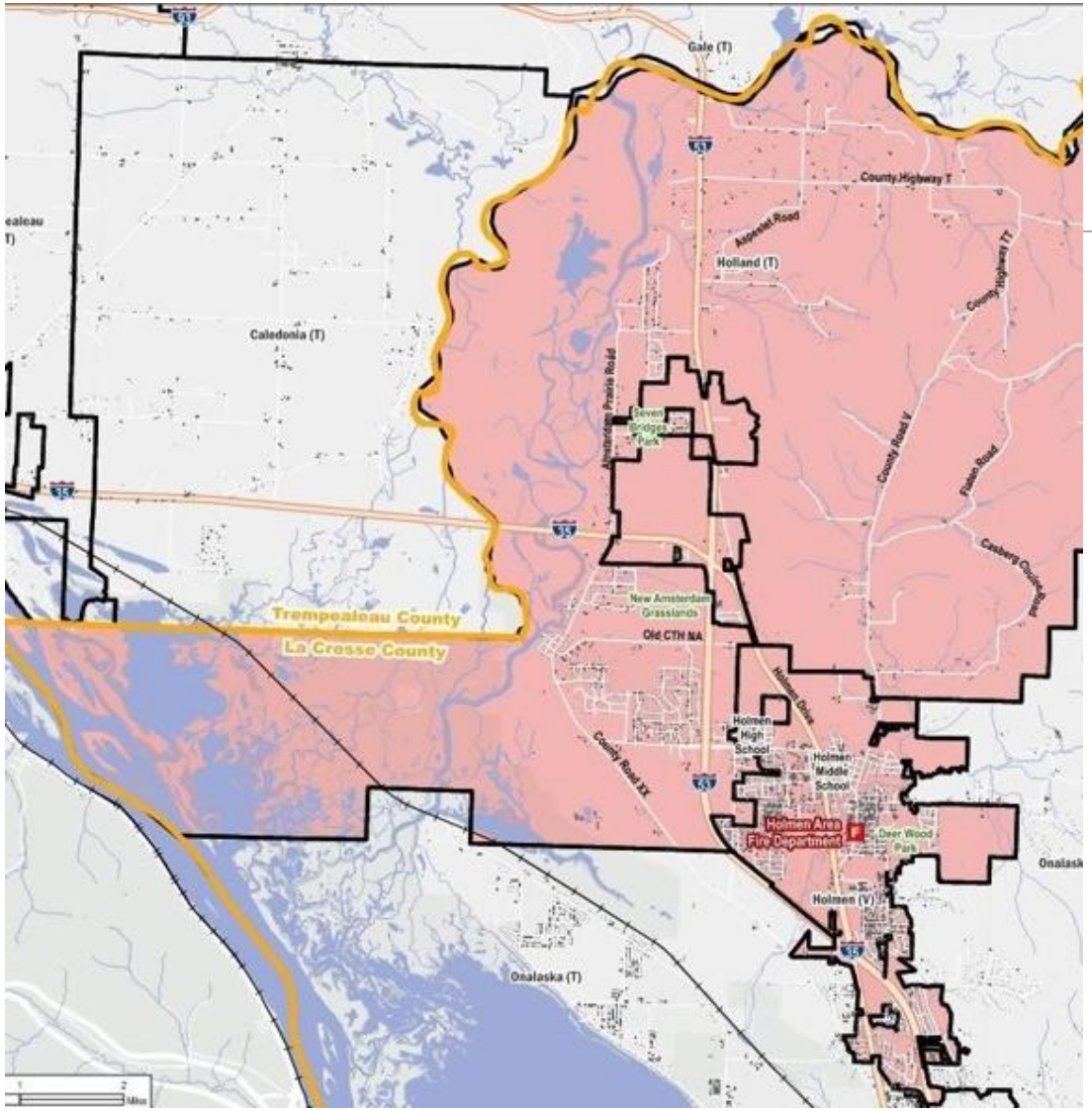
Why the fire station project matters

Replacement station rationale

Funding options/ Roadmap

Resident feedback/concerns

No final funding decision has been made. We are here to **listen**.



Services and Background

Serves the Village of Holmen and Town of Holland

Governed by a Fire Board with equal community representation

Provides fire suppression, EMS, and rescue response

Incident Calls

2025	Town of Holland	Village of Holmen	Other Muni	Total Calls
Fire	7	16	17	
Rescue	109	874	17	
Other	34	254	42	
	150	1144	76	1370
Percentage	11%	84%	6%	

2024	Town of Holland	Village of Holmen	Other Muni	
Fire	15	10	10	
Rescue	118	701	4	
Other	28	225	8	
	161	936	34	1131
Percentage	14%	83%	3%	

Town of Holland receives 11-14% of all calls

Call volume is increasing

Current Fire Station

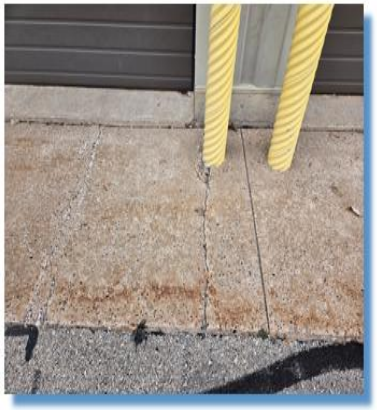
Built approximately 47 years ago

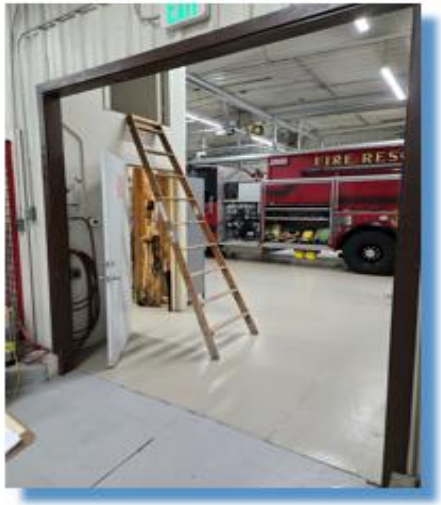
Amenities were designed for a volunteer department

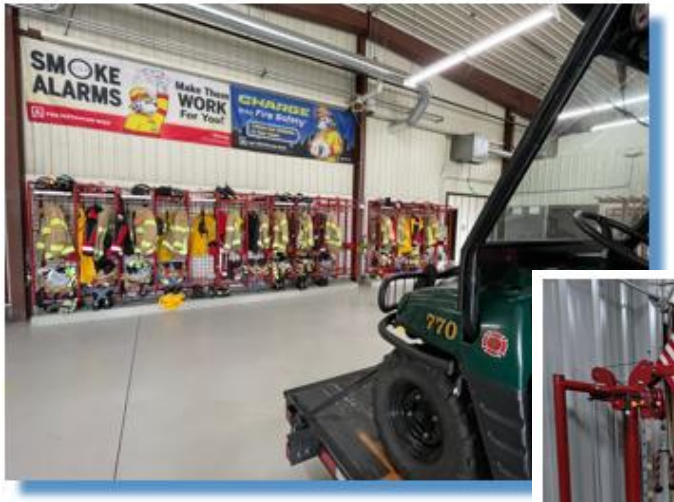
Outdated when compared to standard modern fire departments

Better station means higher quality of services and retention of firefighters

HOLMEN AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT
EXISTING FIRE STATION CONDITIONS



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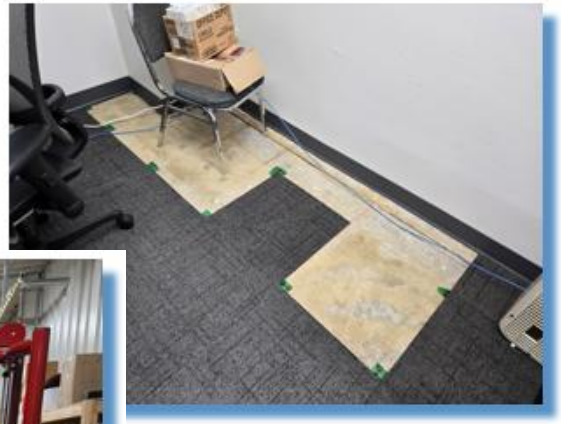

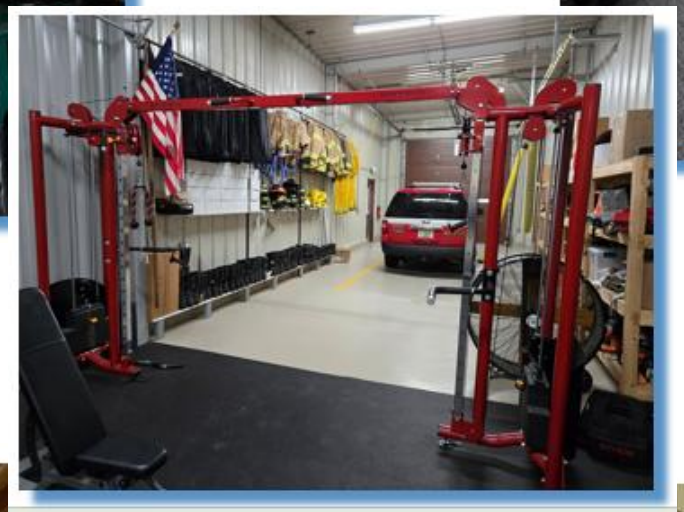

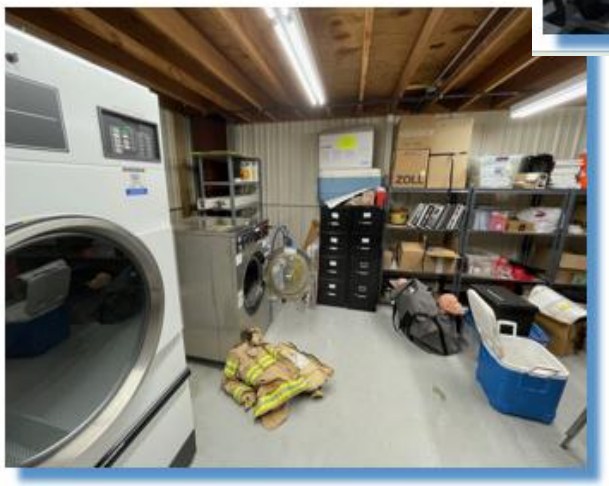
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Recent Changes Within Fire Department

Volunteer staffing → 24/7 career staffing

Limited EMS demand → High EMS demand

Smaller population → Significant growth

Basic apparatus → Modern equipment

These changes put significant strain on current station amenities and staff

Facility Challenges

Health & Safety: sleeping accommodations, mixed-gender staffing, mold concerns

Operations: limited training, storage, and administrative space

Infrastructure: roof issues, water intrusion, failing pavement, code deficiencies

Fire Station Study and Findings

Over the last year, a study has been done on facilities, staffing, and response of the current department

2–3 stations would best meet response standards

Single replacement headquarters station is the first step

Multiple Station Challenges

While providing various advantages such as faster response times, and improved coverage, multiple challenges prohibit the building of multiple stations

A multiple station project would result in significantly higher capital and staffing costs, while increasing taxpayer burden

To maximize taxpayer dollars without jeopardizing town safety, a one headquarters station with future expansion capability offers a stable source of services without overextending town finances

Proposed New Station Advantages

Adequate living and working space for 24/7 fire and EMS response

Up-to-date training and administration

Modern Decontamination facilities to protect firefighters

Space for modern equipment

Opportunity for expansion

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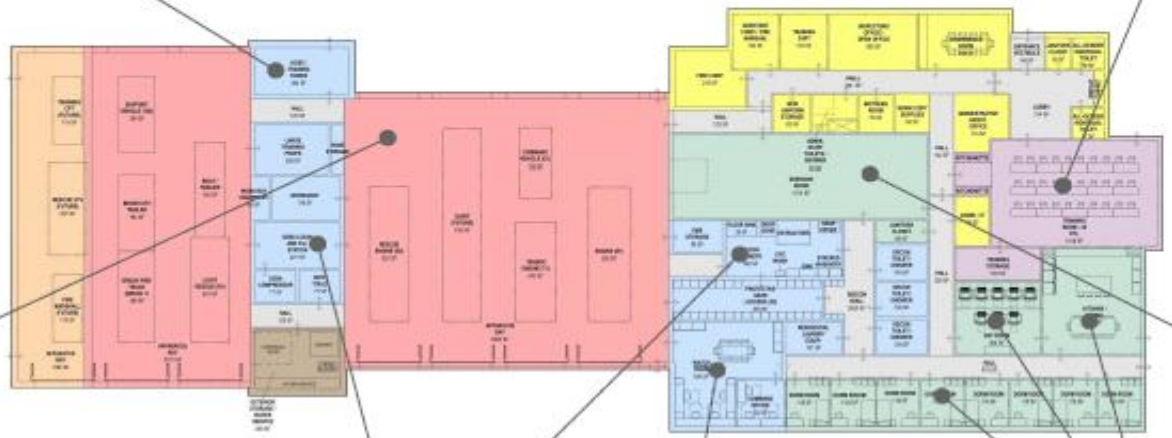
EXAMPLES OF APPARATUS BAYS:



EXAMPLES OF APPARATUS SUPPORT SPACES AND PERSONAL DECON AREAS:

EXAMPLES OF WATCH ROOMS:

EXAMPLES OF LIVING QUARTERS:

EXAMPLES OF TRAINING ROOMS:

EXAMPLES OF EXERCISE ROOMS:

HOLMEN AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT
CONCEPT PLAN

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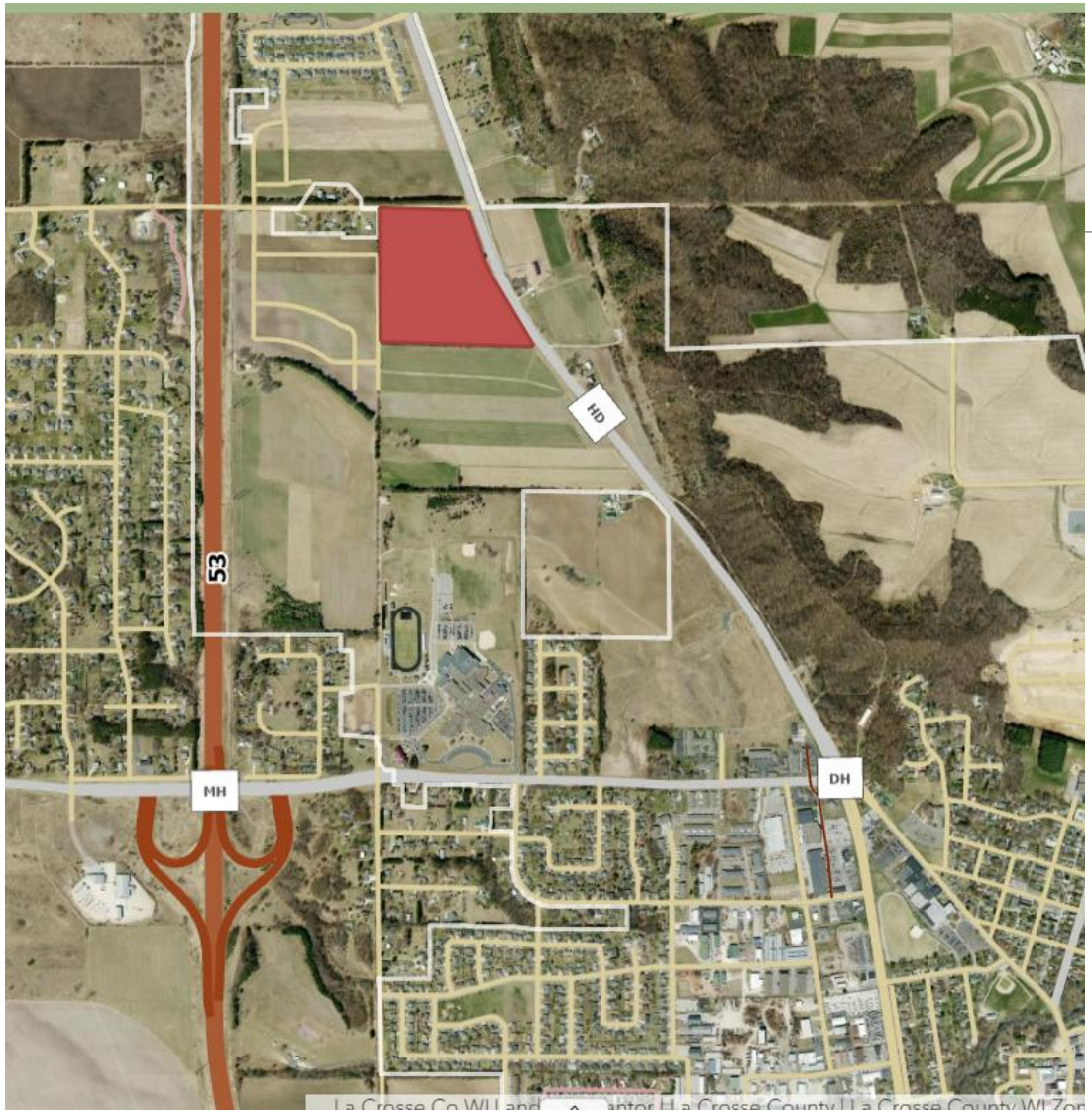


Proposed Station Location

Located at the corner of HD and Old NA

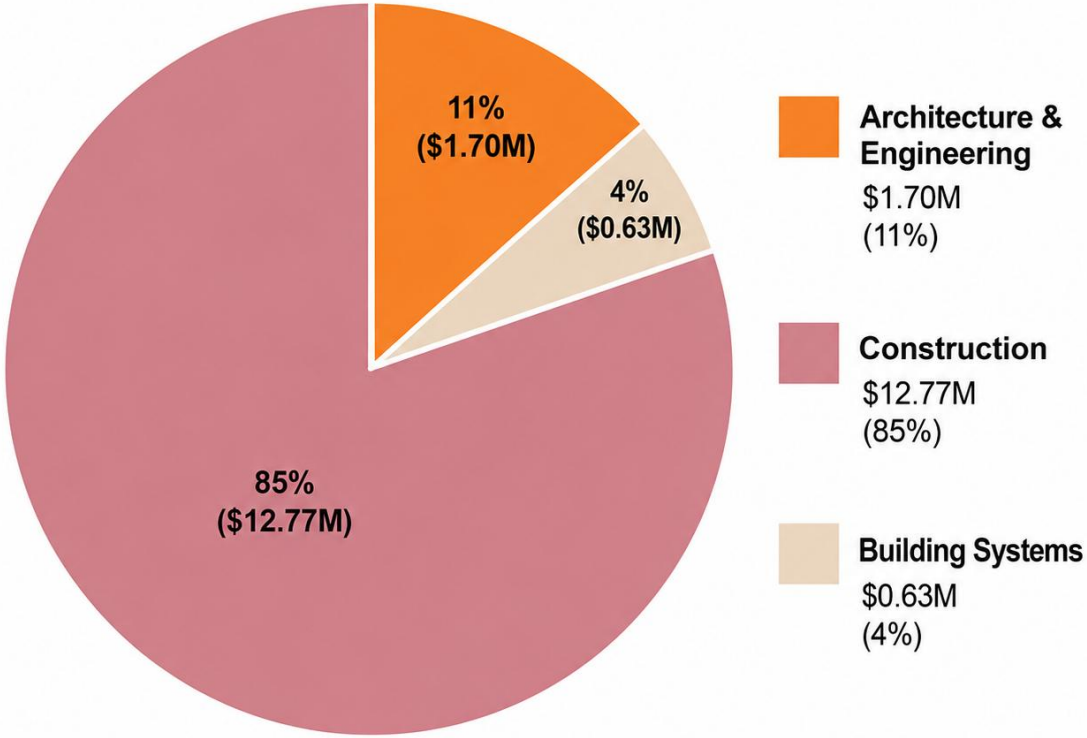
Why this site was selected

Growth considerations

Response coverage considerations

Project Cost Breakdown

Total: $15.10M



Land Donation Value: $800,000

Town of Holland responsible for $7.5M (50%)

Why Is Holland Responsible for Half of the Building Cost?

Fire district serves both communities

Shared governance and shared services

Existing funding structure:

Capital expenditures shared 50/50 between Town of Holland and Village of Holmen

Town of Holland operational expenses share: 31.51% (based on equalized value)

Funding Options

Loan Amount:	$7,500,000
Option A: Equal payments over 20 years	$557,000/yr
Total Payment:	$11,100,000
Interest:	$3,600,000
Option B: Increasing payments over 20 years	
Year 1:	$432,382/yr
Year 10:	$564,160/yr
Year 20:	$758,184/yr
Total Payment:	$11,618,264
Interest:	$4,118,264

Tax Impacts

2025 Tax Rate per $100,000 of value: $220

Taxes with loan added (estimate only)	
Option A Tax Rate per $100,000 of value	Difference from 2025
Year 1 $326	$106 +
Year 10 $267	$ 47 +
Year 20 $219	$ 1 -
Option B Tax Rate per $100,000 of value	
Year 1 $302	$ 82 +
Year 10 $268	$ 48 +
Year 20 $245	$ 25 +

Grant Opportunities

- ✓ Shovel-ready plans create a mechanism to assist in applying for grants
- ✓ Once a commitment is made, improved opportunity to compete for grants and/or Federal appropriations
- ✓ Help reduce the tax burden on the property owner

Result of no Facility Upgrade

- Continued facility deterioration
- Increasing maintenance costs
- Health and safety concerns remain
- Limited capacity for future growth
- Lose firefighters to better departments

DO YOU AGREE A REPLACEMENT STATION IS NEEDED?

WHAT CONCERNS DO YOU HAVE?

WHICH FUNDING APPROACHES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED?

WHAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WOULD BE HELPFUL?

Next Steps Roadmap

- Gather valuable public input
- Refine funding options to maximize effectiveness while minimizing taxpayer burden
- Continue planning and revisions
- Final decisions by governing bodies

Questions & Discussion

Your feedback matters, ***thank you*** for participating