



Palmyra Public Safety Department
Police/Fire/Rescue
126 N. First Street
Palmyra, WI 53156

Director's Update – March 2026 Budget Status & Operations Report

2026 Budget Status (as of 3/26/2026)

- **Full-time Fire/EMS Wages:**
\$361,786 budgeted; \$77,024.82 actual (21.29% utilized)
- **Part-time Fire/EMS Wages:**
\$24,842.19 budgeted; \$5,108.00 actual (20.55% utilized)
- **Full-time Police Wages:**
\$249,667.26 budgeted; \$16,962.37 actual (10.02% utilized)*
- **Part-time Police Wages:**
\$27,516.47 budgeted; \$16,350.00 actual (59.37% utilized)*

Notes:

- Part-time police wages are higher than typical due to being down one full-time officer, requiring increased part-time coverage.
 - Full-time police wages are trending significantly under budget (~10%), which is helping offset the increased part-time usage.
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Operations Update

Year-To-Date (YTD) 2026 Calls for Service

- **Police:** 265 (203 YTD in 2025) — approximately a **30% increase in calls** for service (includes traffic stops).
 - **Fire/EMS:** 61
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March 2026 Calls for Service

- **Police: 65**
 - **Fire/EMS: 23**
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March Critical Call Activity

Police Report

- 1 traffic accident reported.
- 1 sexual assault case currently under investigation.
- Multiple arrests related to stolen trailers; property recovered in both the Village and Town.
- Ongoing drug-related investigation.

Fire/EMS Report

- 2 traffic accidents
 - 1 grass/wildland fire
 - 1 stroke
 - 1 amputation
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March Response Times

- **Police Average Response Time: 3 minutes, 4 seconds**
- **Fire/EMS Average Response Time: 3 minutes, 36 seconds**



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🕒 Rapid response times remain critical to life safety:

- Brain injury can begin within 4 minutes in cardiac or respiratory arrest.
- Fires can double in size every 60 seconds.
- Law enforcement response times are critical during high-risk incidents.

The Village of Palmyra is home to multiple schools and Standard Process, the community's largest employer. Maintaining a local police presence with an average response time of approximately 3 minutes provides significantly greater protection than reliance on mutual aid alone.

March Training & Certifications

Fire & EMS

- 1 member currently enrolled in EMT class
- Wildland firefighting training and 4 controlled burns
- First-in response training
- UTV operations training
- Radio tabletop training

Personnel also completed monthly EMS continuing education training.

Police

- Field Training Officer (FTO) training
 - Animal abuse investigation training
 - Police Administration & Organization class
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Public Relations & Community Engagement

- Lions Club meeting
 - Village and Town Board meetings
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Upcoming Events

- **July 18, 2026:** Palmyra Lions Club Firefighter Festival – Village Park