



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

## **Director's Update – May 2026 Budget Status & Operations Report**

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### **2026 Budget Status (as of 4/23/2026)**

- **Full-time Fire/EMS Wages:**  
\$361,786 budgeted; \$105,993.39 actual (29.30% utilized)
- **Part-time Fire/EMS Wages:**  
\$120,890 budgeted; \$37,374 actual (30.92% utilized)
- **Full-time Police Wages:**  
\$169,329 budgeted; \$21,666.50 actual (12.8% utilized)\*
- **Part-time Police Wages:**  
\$46,350.00 budgeted; \$35,202.85 actual (75.95% 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 (~12%), which is helping offset the increased part-time usage.
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## **Operations Update**

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

- **Police:** 515 (225 YTD in 2025) — approximately a **129% increase in calls** for service (includes traffic stops).
- **Fire/EMS:** 122

 **The Police Division has** experienced a **129% increase** in call volume compared to this time last year, responding to **515 calls** with the same number of officers. Despite Sgt. Lepak absorbing both Sergeant and administrative assistant duties due to extended medical leave, officers



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have increased proactive policing efforts, including traffic stops, business checks, and community engagement. Coverage has expanded from **5 days/10 hours per day** to **6 days/11 hours per day**. 🚓 🚒 Our PSOs have been essential in backfilling major fire incidents and supporting fire/EMS operations when staffing is strained. The team is delivering significantly more service with the same staffing levels, demonstrating exceptional commitment, adaptability, and operational efficiency.

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## **May 2026 Calls for Service**

- **Police: 120**
  - **Fire/EMS: 33**
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## **May Critical Call Activity**

### **Police Report**

- 1 Traffic Accident reported.
- 1 Sexual Assault case currently under investigation.
- 1 Disorderly Conduct.
- Ongoing drug-related investigation.
- 1 Reckless Driving. Motorcycle traveling over 100mph.

### **Fire/EMS Report**

- 3 traffic accidents
  - 2 Structure Fires
  - 1 stroke
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## May Response Times

- **Police Average Response Time:** 3 minutes, 1 second/s
- **Fire/EMS Average Response Time:** 3 minutes, 42 seconds

🕒 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.

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## May Training & Certifications

### Fire & EMS

1. 1 member became Certified Firefighter 2, Emergency Instructor 1 and Fire Officer 1
2. 1 member completed Emergency Instructor 1 and Fire Officer 1
3. 2 members completed National Registry EMT
4. 1 member enrolled in EMT class
5. 1 member enrolled in Driver Operator (pumper)
6. 1 member enrolled in Firefighter 2

### Police

- Patrol Investigations class
- Police Administration & Organization class
- Range



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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 & Firefighters-Rockin' in the Park at Village Park
- **June 19, 2026:** Music on Main