



City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Police and Fire Commission Meeting Minutes
Fire Department Training Room
205 S. Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, July 14, 2026
5:00 PM

1) Call to Order – Roll Call

Vice President Mike Stephens called the meeting to order at 5:12pm. Present were commission members Bill Lafler and Rebecca Robbins. Also present were Fire Chief Michael Wesle, Police Chief John Kreuziger and Lana Fassbender.

Note: The meeting was called to order later than scheduled due to the delayed arrival of a commission member needed to establish a quorum.

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Discuss and take action on the approval of the June 9, June 26 and June 30, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion by Robbins to approve the June 9, June 26 and June 30th meeting minutes, seconded by Lafler. Motion carried by acclamation.

3) Presentations & Reports

- a) Mayor or City Administrator's comments

Mayor Marck commented that the Beaver Dam Celebrates 250 Years event was a great success. She appreciated the presence of both the Fire and Police Departments at this and other recent events within the city. She is thankful to the Fire Department for setting up the pop-up splash event in Swan Park since the splash pad is out of commission. The city and fire union are close to an agreement on the labor contract and the E-Bike ordinance is also near completion.

4) Fire Department Business

- a) Update commission on the operations of the Fire Department

- Hosted participants from the Citizens Police Academy on June 4th and 6th.
- Received a \$10,000 donation from Generac toward equipment for the new fire engine.
- Fire crews continue conducting routine tours of local facilities.
- Griffin Hart has been selected to fill the current vacancy we have. He is a certified EMT and will complete paramedic training.
- Fire Inspector Charlie Bau has announced his last working day before retirement will be July 31.
- Approximately 20 applications were received for the firefighter/paramedic eligibility list. Twelve candidates were interviewed. Nine candidates remain on the eligibility list. Final interviews are underway.
- Recruitment for Paid-on-Call (POC) firefighters has concluded. Four interviews have

been conducted. Recommendations will be brought to the Commission next month. New POC members are expected to begin training at the end of August.

- County IT completed onsite installation for CAD. The department is awaiting a draft agreement from Dodge County outlining security and operational requirements.
- The MSA contract has been approved and signed. Engineering work is being completed before property acquisition begins. Soil boring will be conducted to ensure the proposed site is suitable before purchasing property. Negotiations continue on the preferred north-side property after the first offer was not acceptable to the city.
- The department will not be receiving funding from Senator Baldwin's Senate markup for the new station.
- The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) presentation was postponed pending updated cost information for the engine in the new engine. The department will receive the preferred Cummins X12 engine after federal regulators extended emissions compliance deadlines. This change significantly reduced the anticipated cost increase. Additional funding will still be needed but is now expected to be approximately \$10,000 instead of the previously estimated \$75,000.
- Collective bargaining negotiations continue. The next negotiation session is scheduled for July 27. Discussions are progressing, with compensation remaining the primary issue.
- Ambulance 1254 remains at Foster Coach for warranty repairs. Approximately \$35,000 in warranty work is being completed after additional corrosion was discovered during disassembly. Once repairs are complete, Ambulance 1252 will be sent for warranty work. Exterior paint issues will be addressed before the warranty expires.
- FD personnel responded to assist a stranded jet skier earlier today. No significant operational concerns were reported.
- Stephens noted that Wisconsin is transitioning emergency communications from 700 MHz to 800 MHz. Funding has been provided for hospitals but not EMS agencies. The department anticipates future costs associated with radio equipment and antenna upgrades, likely beginning in 2027. Staff will continue monitoring requirements and anticipated expenses.

b) Discuss and take action on the resignation of POC Firefighter Madeline Crucius

Motion by Lafler to accept the resignation of POC Firefighter Madeline Crucius seconded by Robbins. Motion carried by acclamation.

c) Discuss and take action on the updated contract with the Department of Military Affairs for Urban Rescue

Motion by Robbins to approve the updated contract with the Department of Military Affairs for Urban Rescue, seconded by Lafler. Motion carried by acclamation.

Noted changes to the contract were:

Elimination of a paragraph pertaining to COVID-19 standards

Pay will increase from \$50 to \$60/ hour.

Reimbursement of incurred costs involved in sending someone is taken out. Our costs will

still be covered.

5) Police Department Business

a) Update commission on the operations of the Police Department

- Went over a few of the events the PD participated in last month.
- The department's recruitment coordinator recently attended recruitment training focused on best practices for law enforcement hiring.
- Recruitment efforts continue to fill the department's remaining vacant officer position.
- The department interviewed Pastor Noah Cupery of Edgewood Community Church for an additional chaplain position.
- The department completed the League of Wisconsin Municipalities insurance best practices survey. The next phase of the assessment will include interviews scheduled for late August.
- The Annual SRO Reports were distributed to Commission members for review.
- A lengthy burglary investigation has been successfully concluded. Approximately \$740,000 in stolen property was recovered and returned to the victims and the suspects have been arrested. The victims voluntarily donated \$5,000 to the Police Department. The department will request Common Council approval to designate the funds for police equipment rather than depositing them into the City's general fund.
- Officer Jacob Voigt began employment on June 22. He previously served with the Madison Police Department for three years. He is currently completing field training.
- The Chief reviewed the K-9 Unit's monthly activities, including searches, felony arrests and drug seizures.
- K-9 fundraising totals from the golf outing raised approximately \$11,400, with about \$5,700 designated for the K-9 fund.
- Staff are developing an ordinance addressing repeated misuse of the 911 system. The ordinance is intended to reduce abuse of emergency dispatch resources by repeat offenders.
- The department has focused initial enforcement efforts on educating riders and parents regarding the illegal operation of electric dirt bikes and mini bikes on public streets. School Resource Officers met with students and parents to explain applicable laws. Additional traffic stops have been conducted to educate riders.
- Staff are working with the City Attorney to draft a comprehensive ordinance regulating E-bikes, mini bikes and scooters. The proposed ordinance is expected to be presented to the Operations Committee in August.
- The City recently approved allowing dogs in city parks following extensive discussion during the ordinance review process.
- Commissioners were provided information regarding a future fundraising initiative and asked to review the material. The fundraising effort is intended to support future departmental needs as threats to residents and critical infrastructure become more complex and resource-intensive.

b) Discuss and take action regarding the approval of the Capital Outlay request for a storage shed based on the received cost estimate

Motion by Lafler to approve the WDS construction cost for the Capital Outlay request of a storage shed at the cost of between \$206,368 and \$275,000, seconded by Robbins. Motion carried by acclimation.

6) Any Other Business for Placement on Future Agenda

None

7) Closed Session

- a) Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute SEC. 19-85(1)(c). Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, in particular, to review and discuss both the Fire Department's Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility List and the Police Department's Patrol Officer Eligibility List

Motion by Lafler to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute SEC. 19-85(1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, in particular, to review and discuss both the Fire Department's Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility List and the Police Department's Patrol Officer Eligibility List, seconded by Robbins. Motion carried by voice vote, Lafler-aye, Robbins-aye, Stephens-aye. The Commission entered into closed session at 5:58pm.

- b) Commission may reconvene in open session to act upon any/all items discussed or deliberated during closed session.

Motion by Robbins to reconvene in open session, seconded by Lafler. Motion carried by acclimation.

Motion by Lafler to approve the Fire Department's Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility List as presented, seconded by Robbins. Motion carried by acclimation.

Motion by Robbins to approve the Police Department's Patrol Officer Eligibility List as presented, seconded by Lafler. Motion carried by acclimation.

8) Adjourn

Motion by Robbins to adjourn, seconded by Lafler. Motion carried by acclimation. Meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.

Fire Department Activities
June 2026
Training/Events/Meetings/Etc.

- 2 RTF Drill
- 2 Senator Baldwin Staff Meeting – Chief
- 2 Five Bugles Meeting - Chief
- 3 Senior Staff meeting
- 4 Administrator Monthly Meeting - Chief
- 4 Cadet Officer Interviews
- 4 Citizens Police Academy FD day
- 6 Citizens Police Academy FD day
- 6 MMC Safety Fair
- 7 Gold Ball Drop for Church Health Services
- 9 Cadet training – Practical scenarios
- 9 ERT practice
- 9 Library Ribbon Cutting - Chief
- 10 Cadet recruit day
- 13 EMS stand-by at Civil War Reenactment at Edgewater Park
- 14 EMS stand-by at Civil War Reenactment at Edgewater Park
- 15 Tour Richelieu Foods
- 15 POC Training – RIT and self-survival skills
- 15 Generac Donation – Chief, Deputy Chief, Shift 3
- 16 Cadet Training – Practical scenarios
- 16 Tour Richelieu Foods
- 17 Tour Richelieu Foods
- 17 Smoke detector install for private residence
- 18 Special Olympics send-off
- 20 POC MPO training – Water supply and Ducky drills
- 22 POC EMT training
- 23 Rennerts Fire Service Meeting – Chief, Deputy Chief
- 24 ERT scenario training
- 24 Tech rescue training
- 25 Full-time interviews
- 25 Dive team training
- 25 Fire extinguisher class for Dayton Lamina (2 classes)
- 29 Contract negotiations – Chief, Deputy Chief
- 29 Cadet committee meeting
- 30 RTF debrief meeting



BEAVER DAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

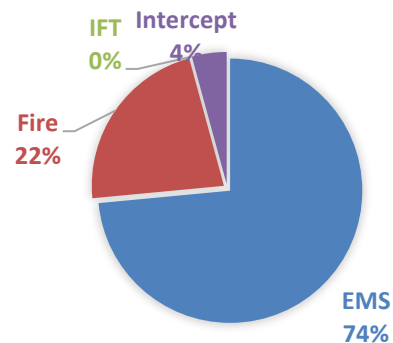
June 2026 Operations Report

Beaver Dam Police & Fire Commission,

Please review the following report for the activities of the Beaver Dam Fire Department for the month of June 2026.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

	Month	Year to Date
EMS	208	1378
Fire Calls	63	427
Intercepts	12	59
Inter-Facility Transports	0	9
Total	283	1873



INSPECTIONS

	Month	Year to Date
Inspections	189	802
Failed Inspections	47	263
Violations	86	636

TRAINING & ACTIVITY HOURS

	Month	Year to Date
Training	528.5	4623.50
Activities	44.5	482

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

June 1 st	Vehicle Fire
June 2 nd	Motor Vehicle Accident w/Injuries
June 4 th	Water Rescue
June 6 th	Motor Vehicle Accident w/Injuries
June 12 th	Motor Vehicle Accident w/Injuries
June 14 th	Motor Vehicle Accident w/Injuries
June 18 th	Motor Vehicle Accident w/Injuries – Extrication
June 23 rd	Odor Investigation

June 2026						
◀ May						July ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Rotary meeting-Kreuziger	2 Kiwanis Meeting-Kreuziger	3 Lions meeting-Kreuziger	4 Dells Safety Patrol-H Johnso, Edwards, Karel, Strachota etc	5	6
7	8 DOT meeting-Kreuziger	9 Library grand opening-Kreuziger	10 DOT Meeting-Kreuziger	11 Flock Meeting-Kreuziger, Kuhnz	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Policies 360 meeting-Kreuziger	24 Dodge County Law Enforcement Association Meeting-Kreuziger	25	26	27 BD Police Charities Golf Outing
28	29 Jefferson School Summer School-Kreuziger, Edwards	30 Drug Task Force Award-Kreuziger				