



OFFICIAL NOTICE & AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Public Health & Safety Committee
DATE/TIME: Monday, February 16, 2026 at 5:15 PM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Lisa Rasmussen (C) Lou Larson (VC)
Becky McElhaney Sarah Watson
Carol Lukens

1 Public comment on agenda items and reading of the City of Wausau Public Comment Statement.

2 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).

January 19, 2026 Regular Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

February 10, 2026 Special Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

3 Discussion and possible action.

- a. Approval or denial of various license applications.
- b. Relocating Wards 17, 18, 19, 20 (District 7 & 8) to a New Polling Site in 2026.
- c. Consider request granting a 90-day extension to open for business for good cause for Vendao Craft Beer located at 209 Grant Street, Onora Hotels LLC., agent Juan Casarrubias.

4 Discussion.

- a. Wausau Fire Department Quarter 4 2025 Report.
- b. Tavern Activities Report from December 2025.
- c. Tavern Activities Report from January 2026.
- d. Community Outreach Update.

5 Adjournment.

Lisa Rasmussen, Chair

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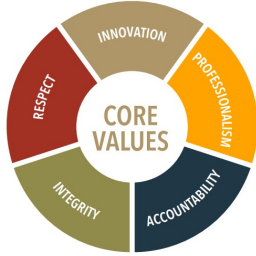
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OFFICIAL MINUTES
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Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen, Lou Larson, Becky McElhaney , Sarah Watson
Members Not Present: Carol Lukens
Members Excused:
Present 4, Not Present 1, Excused 0

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 05:15 PM.

1 Public comment on agenda items and reading of the City of Wausau Public Comment Statement.

Rasmussen read the public comment statement.

1. Debra Ryan, 702 Elm Street - spoke on unhoused seniors.

2 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).

Motion by Watson, seconded by Larson, to approve all items outlined below. Motion Passed, 4-0.

December 15, 2025 Regular Public Health & Safety Committee Minutes

3 Discussion and possible action.

- a. Approval or denial of various license applications.

Rasmussen stated Yvonne L. Thomas, applicant for Public Transport Driver New License, did not appear to appeal the denial recommendation.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Watson, to accept or deny license as recommended by staff.
Motion Passed 4-0.

- b. Reduce the number of members of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Rasmussen stated that, given the fact that there have been struggles to get a quorum to conduct a meeting, and the constrained deadlines of matters before the committee, the reduction would be appropriate. It was further stated that the advisory committee should continue to be composed of citizens and that those citizens have been diligent in making tough choices that come before them.

Larson stated support to make it easier for the committee to meet quorum regularly.

Watson stated that a larger number of members was to ensure a diverse group of citizens made up that body. It was stated that the reduction was recommended to move to 10 to ensure no current members were asked to leave the committee before their term had ended.

Motion by Watson, seconded by McElhaney, to change the number of citizens members to 10 with one alder member. Motion Passed 4-0.

- c. Consider request granting a 90 day extension to open for business for good cause for Truly's Eatery and Bar located at 1810 Merrill Avenue, Truly's Eatery and Bar LLC, agent Hli Xyooj.

Rasmussen stated that since there is forward motion and progress on the establishment opening, there was a preference in granting an extension.

Larson stated support in helping a local business which intends to open to have the time needed for construction on the building.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Watson, to grant the extension. Motion Passed 4-0.

- d. Compliance issues at Whiskey River Bar & Grill located at 5512 Stewart Avenue.

Rasmussen stated the property owner stated an intention to sell the property, prompting a concern that the granting of the extension would not reopen the business. It was further stated that the owner had intended to reopen within 30 days. Rasmussen stated it was not the goal to close a business, but the owner can not sit on the license for an extended period of time.

Watson questioned if the owner could get into compliance in 30 days in order to reopen.

Motion by Watson, seconded by McElhaney, to grant a 30-day extension. Motion Passed 4-0.

4 Discussion.

- a. Municipal Ordinance 10.10.012 (Use of hand-held mobile phone / electronic device)

Rasmussen stated this item would come back to the committee for discussion and action once an ordinance has been drafted with the consideration of the committee.

- b. Police Department 4th Quarter Report

Report placed on file.

- c. Tavern Activities Report from December 2025.

Without objection, this item was postponed for consideration till the next meeting as the report was not included in the packet.

- d. Community Outreach Update.

Rasmussen stated there had been challenges on Sundays when the Wausau Marathon County Shelter closes early to accommodate worship services in the same location. It was further stated that a number of community members and organizations had stepped up to meet the gap caused by the early closure.

Report placed on file.

5 Adjournment.

Motion by Larson, seconded by McElhaney, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 05:53 PM.

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OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING

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Becky McElhaney Sarah Watson
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Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen, Lou Larson, Sarah Watson, Carol Lukens
Members Not Present:
Members Excused: Becky McElhaney
Present 4, Not Present 0, Excused 1

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 06:15 PM.

1 Discussion and possible action.

- a. Approval or denial of various license applications.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Watson, to approve the picnic license. Motion Passed 4-0.

2 Adjournment.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Larson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

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PHS Date 02/16/2026

License ID	License Typ	Name	Address	Details	Business	Begin Dt	End Dt	Police	PHS	Council
226922	9010 - Bartender/Operator New	DAVIS, THEODORE	3732 TROY ST #5 WAUSAU WI 54403		EMERALD NIGHT CLUB	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	No		
227018	9010 - Bartender/Operator New	GREGORY, JOHANNA	908 1/2 S 4TH AVE WAUSAU WI 54401		VARIOUS	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	No		
226683	9010 - Bartender/Operator New	SCHMELTZER, MITCHELL	107 N KYES ST MERRILL WI 54452		VARIOUS	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	No		
226960	9020 - Public Transport Driver Renewal	HAMMONS II, DWAINE	2027 COUNTY RD XX ROTHSCHILD WI 54474		NORTHWOODS CAB LLC	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	No		
227097	9027 - Class II	,	2901 N. 7TH STREET WAUSAU WI 54403	"OVER THE HILL" 5K RUN/WALK on MAY 9, 2026 Organized by DANA WEGNER/TY WITTSTRUCK						
227706	9064 - "Class B" Beer & Liquor	MALLOY, MEGAN	718 CHICAGO AVE WAUSAU WI 54403		THE GLASS HAT					
227039	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	,	1130 W. BRIDGE STREET WAUSAU WI 54401		NEWMAN CATHOLIC BOOSTER CLUB					
226976	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	ALSTEEN, DONALD	206507 PINERY RD HATLEY WI 54440		NORTHWOODS CAB LLC	01/20/2026	06/30/2026	No		
226994	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	ANTELL, LYDIA	6111 KAYAK DR SCHOFIELD WI 54474		NORTHWOODS CAB LLC	01/21/2026	06/30/2026	Yes		
226962	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	FRENCH, TERRY	627 LINCOLN AVE #B WAUSAU WI 54403		NORTHWOODS CAB	01/20/2026	06/30/2026	No		
226961	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	GUNDERSON, JEFFREY	PO BOX 25 ANIWA WI 54408		NORTHWOODS CAB	01/20/2026	06/30/2026	Yes		



PHS Date 02/16/2026

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226931	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	NORTHCOTT, RODNEY	925 JEFFERSON ST APT #2 WAUSAU WI 54403		NORTHWOODS CAB LLC	01/16/2026	06/30/2026	Yes		
226784	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	UMBLE, CHAD	203 1/2 S 6TH AVE WAUSAU WI 54401		NORTHWOODS CAB	01/08/2026	06/30/2026	Yes		
226971	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	WEIX, BRANDON	1000 LAKEVIEW DR SUITE 400 WAUSAU WI 54403		NORTHWOODS CAB	01/20/2026	06/30/2026	No		
211696	9061 - "Class A" Beer & Liquor		2950 STEWART AVE WAUSAU WI 54401	CHANGE OF AGENT TO AUSTIN LENZNER	KWIK TRIP #851					
211695	9061 - "Class A" Beer & Liquor		1415 WEST ST WAUSAU WI 54401	CHANGE OF AGENT TO SAMANTHA TACKES	KWIK TRIP #1033					
Total Licenses										11

Kody Hart, Deputy City Clerk



TEL: (715) 261-6616
FAX: (715) 261-6626

TO: Public Health & Safety Committee

FROM: Kody Hart, Deputy City Clerk

RE: Approve or deny various licenses as indicated on the attached summary report of all applications received.

DATE: February 10, 2026

Applications as listed have or will have a background check run by staff and reviewed by the Police Chief or a designee. In accordance with city ordinance, all permits approved are held for debts owed to the city until the debt is paid in full.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Approve or deny as indicated on the summary report attached, including those that may be introduced at the meeting. Further summaries on staff recommendations are outlined below.

1. Denial Recommendations – New Bartender/Operator New License

- **Theodore Davis** – This application is recommended for denial due to registered sex offender registration and conviction for sex registry violation in 2006.
- **Johanna Gregory** – This application is recommended for denial due to possession of cocaine with intent in 2017, neglecting a child in 2019, falsely present non-controlled substances in 2019, OWI 2nd Offense in 2020, disorderly conduct in 2022, battery and resisting an officer in 2024.
- **Mitchell Schmelzter** – This application is recommended for denial due to conviction in 2007 case for armed robbery with threat of force and false imprisonment and possession of narcotic drugs.

2. Denial Recommendations – Renewal Public Transport Driver License

- **Dwaine Hammons II** – This application is recommended for denial due to continued repeated habitual criminal behavior including disorderly conduct and unlawful use of phone threatens harm.

3. Denial Recommendations – New Public Transport Driver License

- **Terry French** – This application is recommended for denial due to 5 OWI convictions with last conviction in 2003 and recent possession of THC and disorderly conduct.
- **Brandon Weix** – This application is recommended for denial due to history of disorderly conduct and current charges of battery to an elderly person and recklessly causing bodily harm.



- **Donald Alsteen** – This application is recommended for denial due to 4th Degree sexual assault, battery, sex with a child 16 or older, and disorderly conduct with use of a dangerous weapon convictions.
4. **Approval Recommendation – Special Event Class II License:**
 - **“Over the Hill” 5K Run/Walk** in the Wausau East and Forest Park neighborhood on May 9th, 2026 from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM, license applicant Forest Park Village, Dana Wagner.
 5. **Approval Recommendation – Temporary “Class B” (Picnic) License:**
 - **Cabin Fever** located at 1130 W. Bridge Street on April 11th, 2026 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, license applicant Newman Catholic Schools Athletic Booster Club, agent Jason Holmes.
 6. **Approval Recommendation – Change of Agent for a “Class A” Beer & Liquor License:**
 - **Kwik Trip #851** located at 2950 Stewart Avenue, license applicant Kwik Trip, Inc., Austin Lenzner as successor agent.
 - **Kwik Trip #1033** located at 1415 West Street, license applicant Kwik Trip, Inc., Samantha Tackes as successor agent.
 7. **Approval Recommendation – Parklet:**
 - **Westside Diner & Lounge** located at 628 N 3rd Avenue, license applicant 628 Diner LLC, agent Tyler Vogt.
 8. **Pending Recommendations – “Class B” Beer & Liquor License :**
 - **The Glass Hat** located at 1203 N. 3rd Street, license applicant Fox Hund LLC, Megan Malloy. The Liquor License Review Subcommittee will bring the recommendations to the committee meeting.
The following licenses are attached to the Alcohol License:
 - **Amusement Device**
 - **Tavern Entertainment**



City Clerk
Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk

DATE: February 16, 2026
TO: Public Health & Safety Committee
SUBJECT: Relocating Wards 17, 18, 19, 20 (District 7 & 8) to a New Polling Site in 2026.

PURPOSE

To move voters in Wards 17, 18, 19, 20 to an existing polling place at Marathon Park East Gate Hall, 801 Garfield Ave, starting with the April 7, 2026, Spring Election.

BACKGROUND

Wards 17, 18 and 19, 20 together make up Districts 7 and 8, respectively. Voters in these wards previously voted at St. Mark's Lutheran Church since 2020. The church has been a great partner for elections, but the facility is undergoing a large construction project and is unavailable in 2026.

After reaching out to multiple facilities in the wards about potentially utilizing their space as an alternative, we would like to move these wards to Marathon Park East Gate Hall. The Clerk's Office identified this facility as a great location for the polling place because of its:

- Large, open, indoor gathering space to accommodate voters, staff, and equipment for elections, and an area for lines to form in case of inclement weather.
- Off-street and handicap parking to accommodate many voters.
- Located near a City of Wausau bus route.
- Owned and operated by Marathon County.

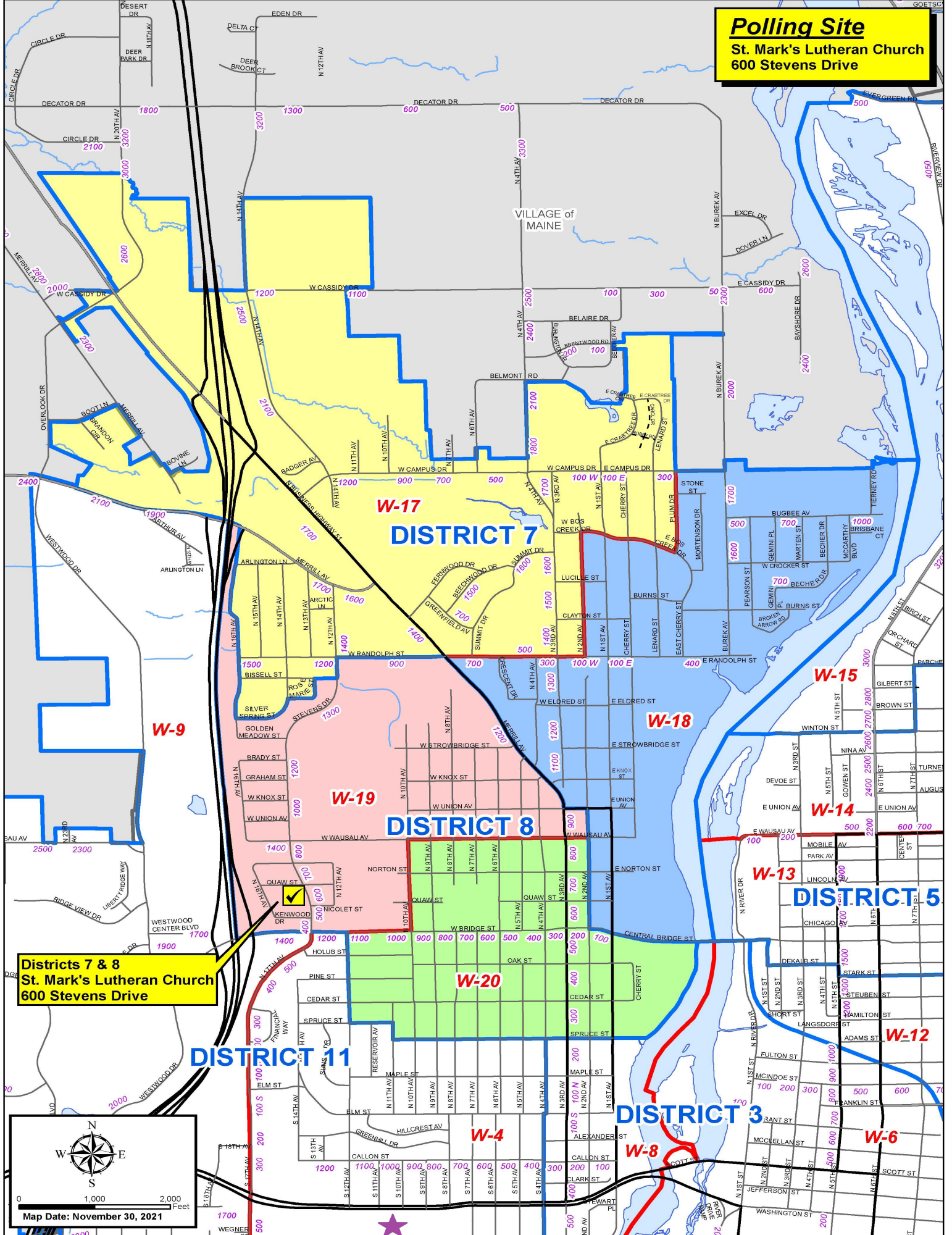
Marathon Park East Gate Hall is an existing polling site for Wards 6, 8, 21, and 22, which typically have low voter turnout. This facility is large enough to accommodate two polling sites.

If approved, all registered voters will be notified by mail of the poll site change. Signage will also be posted at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Election Day directing voters to the new site, and a notice will be printed in the Spring City Newsletter.

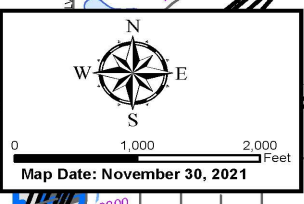
RECOMMENDATION

To approve the Resolution relocating the polling place for Wards 17, 18, 19, 20 to Marathon Park East Gate Hall starting with the Spring Election on April 7, 2026.

Polling Site
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
600 Stevens Drive

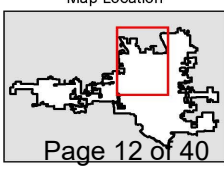


Districts 7 & 8
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
600 Stevens Drive



ALDERMANIC DISTRICT 7 & 8

Polling Site District Boundary Ward Boundary



The City of Wausau
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Wausau Fire Department Quarterly Report

Quarter 4 –2025



(On December 1st, Lt. Pat Moucha retired after 35 years of service)

Fire Chief Report by Chief Jeremy Kopp

This report covers the period from October through December 2025. As we close out the year, there are several important items worth highlighting.

With the conclusion of the holiday season, we also wrapped up our *Keep the Wreath Green* campaign, which runs annually from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day. Unfortunately, multiple red bulbs were lit on the wreath this year, serving as sobering reminders of the increased fire risks during the holidays and colder months. As detailed in the Deputy Chiefs' report, many of these incidents were related to cooking fires and space heater use. Each year, I also want to take a moment to express our sincere appreciation to our firefighters' families for the sacrifices they make in support of our members—thank you.

For the first time in more than three years, I am pleased to report that the department has reached full staffing levels. Achieving this milestone required significant effort and innovative thinking. In 2025, we launched our first apprenticeship program in partnership with Northcentral Technical College (NTC). Six firefighter/EMT apprentices were assigned to shifts while simultaneously attending paramedic school and learning the operations of the Wausau Fire Department. All six successfully graduated from paramedic school in November and were welcomed into the department as probationary firefighter/paramedics—marking the successful completion of our inaugural apprenticeship program.

Unlike last year, this quarter quickly transitioned into cold and snowy conditions. Despite the challenges, we continued to train extensively for cold-weather emergencies and water-related incidents. As ice conditions develop, increased recreational activity on frozen waterways often leads to emergencies. A primary focus this quarter was public education on ice safety and cold-weather preparedness. Additionally, falls remain one of the leading causes of 911 calls, and these incidents increase significantly during winter months due to icy conditions.

The fourth quarter was also a very active period for personnel development and succession planning. We conducted multiple assessment centers to both fill vacant positions and promote internal candidates into leadership roles. These processes included:

- An assessment center to fill a Battalion Chief position anticipated to open in March 2026
- A Lieutenant promotional process to fill a current vacancy and establish an eligibility list for future openings over the next two years
- A selection process for a new EMS Division Chief
- A hiring process to fill a vacancy for Fire Inspector within the Inspection Bureau

While these efforts require significant time and resources, we are excited to move forward with these positions filled and to be operating with full staffing.

Overall, the fourth quarter of 2025 presented both challenges and successes for the Wausau Fire Department. We remain committed to enhancing operational readiness, strengthening community partnerships, and improving our facilities to ensure we continue providing the highest level of service to our residents.

On behalf of the department, I extend our sincere appreciation to the City of Wausau, our community partners, and the residents we serve. Your continued support and collaboration allow us to meet the evolving needs of our community with strength and resilience.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or for additional information at 715-261-7901.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fire Operations Report by Deputy Chief Justin Pluess

Operational and Organizational Report by Deputy Chief Justin Pluess

The fourth quarter of 2025 marked a significant milestone period for the Wausau Fire Department, defined by major staffing achievements, promotional processes, reporting software revamped and the recognition of long-serving leadership within the organization.

Staffing Milestone and Apprenticeship Program Success

In December 2025, the Wausau Fire Department achieved full staffing for the first time since receiving the SAFER and ARPA grants, which allowed the department to hire 12 additional firefighter/paramedics. Reaching full staffing represents a major organizational milestone and was the result of sustained effort in recruitment and retention. Maintaining these 12 essential firefighter/paramedic positions is critical to current operations. Full staffing allows the department to consistently staff a fourth ambulance while also maintaining a minimum of three personnel per fire engine. These two components are essential to an effective emergency response, particularly at working fires and complex incidents where adequate on-scene staffing directly impacts firefighter safety and incident outcomes. The availability of an additional staffed ambulance also reduces reliance on mutual aid from neighboring communities that are experiencing similar staffing challenges and helps ensure timely EMS response for residents who need care immediately. Maintaining current staffing levels is essential to preserving these operational gains and ensuring the Wausau Fire Department can continue to meet community needs reliably and safely.

Apprenticeship Program-

All six apprentices successfully completed the paramedic program at Northcentral Technical College ahead of schedule, while simultaneously working full-time for the Wausau Fire Department. Each apprentice completed an extensive and demanding educational process that included approximately over 600 hours of classroom and skills lab instruction, covering advanced subjects such as anatomy, pharmacology, cardiology, trauma management, and advanced life support techniques. In addition, each apprentice completed 750+ hours of supervised clinical and field experience, meeting rigorous state and national competency requirements. All six apprentices passed the National Registry Paramedic examination. They are now operating as fully credentialed firefighter-paramedics for the City of Wausau, significantly strengthening the department's EMS capabilities and long-term staffing stability.



Live Fire Training and Kolbe & Kolbe Partnership

One of the most impactful training initiatives of the year occurred during the fourth quarter with the culmination of extended live fire training made possible through a generous partnership with Kolbe & Kolbe. WFD crews to conduct hands-on training throughout the summer and fall, leading up to a full-scale live burn training event in November. This opportunity enabled firefighters to train under realistic fire conditions, practice coordinated fire attack, ventilation techniques, primary search operations, and command functions in a controlled but authentic environment.





Command Staff Succession Planning and Promotions

The Wausau Fire Department completed a comprehensive and highly competitive promotional hiring process for both Battalion Chief and Division Chief of EMS. The process was intentionally designed to evaluate leadership, decision-making, and accountability in command-level responsibilities. Candidates were interviewed before a diverse panel that included fire chiefs from neighboring communities, the City's Human Resources Director, the department's medical control physician, members of the Police and Fire Commission, and Wausau Police Department management. This multidisciplinary panel ensured a balanced, objective evaluation of each candidate's leadership ability and professionalism.

In addition to panel interviews, candidates participated in multiple scenario-based and analytical assessments, including a human resources and employee conflict scenario, a simulated fire incident requiring command-level decision-making, and a formal quality-improvement presentation. Candidates were also assigned a policy review and leadership analysis focused on preventing a Line of Duty Death. The process attracted highly qualified internal and external candidates and was extremely competitive. Following the completion of all phases, Cody Wiesman was selected as the next Battalion Chief, and Matt Tormohlen was selected as the next Division Chief of EMS, reflecting the department's continued commitment to leadership development and accountability.

Federal Reporting Transition to NERIS

The Wausau Fire Department recently completed the required transition to the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS), as mandated by FEMA and the U.S. Fire Administration, following the discontinuation of the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). This transition required extensive updates to the department's incident reporting software and the creation and implementation of numerous new data fields. These changes significantly increased the time and complexity involved in completing incident report and adding a considerable administrative workload in ensuring these new data fields are being properly completed and collected.

WFD conducted department-wide training for all members on the new reporting system and expectations. The system went live at midnight on New Year's Eve, requiring WFD to manually transition from NFIRS to NERIS. Following implementation, multiple software issues were identified that required staff to spend additional time troubleshooting and coordinating directly with the department's third-party reporting vendor, ImageTrend, to resolve reporting errors and data submission problems. Despite these challenges and the increased administrative burden placed on personnel, the department remains compliant with federal reporting requirements and continues to refine processes to improve efficiency and data accuracy. Maintaining NERIS compliance is critical, as accurate and timely reporting directly impacts the City's eligibility for federal fire service grants and continued access to FEMA and U.S. Fire Administration funding opportunities.

Leadership and Department Legacy

The fourth quarter also marked the retirement of Lieutenant Pat Moucha, one of the longest-serving members in Wausau Fire Department history. Pat joined the department in September of 1990, and for more than 35 years served as a steady, trusted presence within the organization. Throughout his career, Pat earned deep respect not only for his firefighting skill and leadership, but for his compassion, professionalism, and genuine care for both the public and his fellow firefighters. His influence as a mentor and role model has left a lasting imprint on the department's culture. Pat's retirement represents both the closing of an extraordinary chapter and a reminder of the legacy of service that continues to shape WFD today



Significant incidents:

October 5th, 2025, Wausau Fire Department responded to a mutual aid request from the Riverside Fire Department for a reported basement fire in a residential structure. Truck 1 was deployed and, upon arrival, assisted on scene alongside Riverside and Safer units. Wausau firefighters supported interior operations by assisting with extinguishment and using positive pressure ventilation. After completing assigned tasks Truck 1 was released and returned to service.

On October 7, 2025, Wausau Fire Department units responded to a reported structure fire at the Gaslight Apartments located on 3rd Avenue, with initial reports confirming an apartment fully involved with flames visible. Upon arrival, crews observed significant fire on the southeast corner of the two-story, multi-family building and initiated an offensive fire attack. Firefighters conducted a coordinated transitional and interior attack, encountering hazardous conditions including fire extension into the basement and attic spaces. Multiple engine and truck companies worked jointly to suppress fire on multiple levels, complete primary searches confirming all occupants were out, ventilate the structure, and prevent further extension. Vertical ventilation and targeted attic suppression were required to bring the fire under control. One occupant was transported to the hospital for evaluation and treatment related to smoke inhalation. Crews conducted extensive overhaul, confirmed extinguishment using thermal imaging, and coordinated with law enforcement to secure the scene for fire investigation. All units were released after ensuring the structure was stabilized and safe.

On November 6, 2025, Wausau Fire Department responded to an automatic mutual aid request from the SAFER Fire Department for a reported structure fire. Truck 1 responded emergently with a crew of four. Wausau firefighters were assigned to perform vertical ventilation over an attached garage, completing the operation safely, and later assisted with overhaul by removing the main garage door to improve access. After the fire was declared under control, Truck 1 completed cleanup operations and returned to service without incident.

On November 11, 2025, Wausau Fire Department units responded to a reported structure fire at 900 block of Jackson Street, with reports of smoke inside the residence and pets potentially trapped. Upon arrival, crews observed smoke conditions and initiated a search, during which active fire was located in a first-floor room. Firefighters made entry and quickly knocked down the fire using coordinated interior suppression and ventilation operations. Crews secured utilities, conducted extensive overhaul, and used thermal imaging to confirm the fire was fully extinguished. Primary searches confirmed no occupants were inside, and multiple animals were safely removed from the home. After ventilating the structure and ensuring no remaining hazards, the scene was turned over to the fire department's investigators.

On November 17, 2025, Wausau Fire Department units responded to a reported structure fire at South 9th Avenue, after fire conditions on the rear porch were observed remotely by the homeowner. Upon arrival, crews encountered significant fire damage at the back entrance of the residence, with reports of heavy smoke and fire conditions upon initial arrival. Firefighters conducted fire suppression and overhaul operations to ensure the fire was fully extinguished. Thermal imaging was used to confirm the fire had not extended into the interior of the home. The scene was secured for investigation, and a fire investigator responded to determine cause.

On December 13, 2025, Wausau Fire Department units responded to a report of smoke and burned material at a commercial business. Upon arrival, crews found light smoke conditions with occupants already evacuated.

Firefighters identified burned material on a bathroom wall with no active fire and no extension into wall cavities. Crews ensured the area was safe and coordinated with law enforcement, who conducted an investigation. After advising staff on monitoring for any further issues, the scene was left in the care of the business and police, and all fire units returned to service.

On December 18, 2025, Wausau Fire Department units responded to a reported structure fire at South 5th Avenue, with initial reports indicating a bedroom fire possibly caused by a space heater. Upon arrival, crews encountered heavy smoke conditions inside the residence. Firefighters initiated an interior offensive attack under challenging conditions, including limited staffing on initial arrival, and located the fire in a lower-level bedroom. Crews knocked down the fire, searched and ventilated the structure. Extensive overhaul using thermal imaging to confirm the fire had not extended beyond the room of origin. All units were released after the structure was stabilized and deemed safe.

On December 21, 2025, Wausau Fire Department units responded to a reported electrical fire at a single-family residence. Upon arrival, crews observed heavy smoke venting from the structure and confirmed all occupants had exited, with one dog believed to be inside. Firefighters initiated a quick interior fire attack while simultaneously conducting a primary search, during which crews located and rescued the dog from the structure, with the animal surviving the incident. The fire was brought under control, and crews completed ventilation, overhaul, and thermal imaging to confirm the fire was fully extinguished and confined to the room of origin. The structure was secured, and occupants were advised to relocate for the evening due to fire and smoke damage.

On December 27, 2025, Wausau Fire Department units responded to a structure fire on Fleming Street, with initial reports indicating an occupant trapped inside the residence. Upon arrival, Battalion 1 reported a two-story residential structure with active fire on the first floor, operating in an offensive strategy. A Wausau Police Department officer arrived ahead of fire units and made entry into the burning structure, locating the occupant on a couch and removing her from the home under extreme conditions, sustaining injuries in the process. Fire crews initiated a coordinated transitional interior fire attack, quickly bringing the fire under control while conducting primary and secondary searches of all levels of the structure. WFD treated and transported occupant to Aspirus Wausau Hospital with critical burn injuries. The injured police officer was also treated and transported for medical evaluation. Firefighters completed ventilation and overhaul, and confirmed no extension beyond the room of origin. This incident highlights the rapid, coordinated response of Wausau Fire Department and law enforcement personnel, including the extraordinary and heroic life-saving efforts of the responding police officer, who placed himself at significant personal risk in an attempt to save a life.

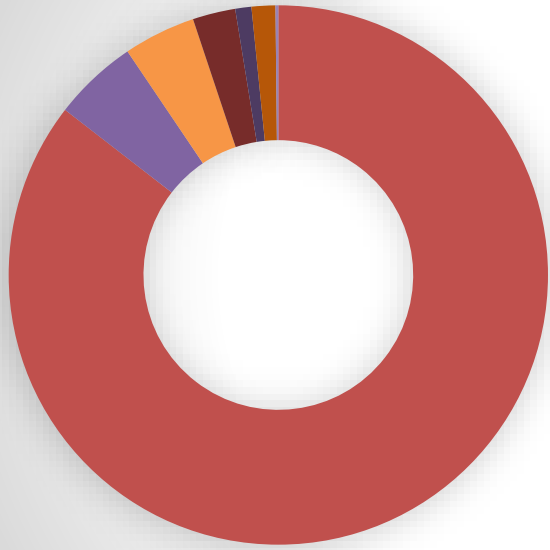
On December 31, 2025, Wausau Fire Department units responded to a reported structure fire on Sturgeon Eddy Road, with initial reports of flames visible on the first floor. Upon arrival, crews found heavy smoke conditions persisted throughout the multi-story apartment complex. Firefighters located and fully extinguished the fire, removed burned debris and initiated extensive ventilation operations. Crews conducted coordinated primary searches of all three floors, assisting residents out of the building, ventilating individual apartments, and using gas-monitoring equipment to confirm safe air conditions. The fire was confirmed to be confined to the first-floor hallway, with no extension into living spaces. Due to the suspicious nature of the fire, fire prevention officials were notified and responded for further investigation. After ensuring the building was stabilized and safe, all Wausau Fire units were released.

Significant Fire Events:

Date	Address	City	Incident #	Type
10/1/2025	500 River Drive	City of Wausau	F25001761	Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other
10/2/2025	601 Mcindoe Street	City of Wausau	F25001769	Trash or rubbish fire, contained
10/3/2025	1010 Grand Avenue	City of Wausau	F25001774	Cooking fire, confined to container
10/5/2025	3903 Michael Drive	Village of Weston	F25001788	Building fire
10/7/2025	1025 South 3rd Avenue	City of Wausau	F25001802	Building fire
10/11/2025	165402 County Road Z	Wausau	F25001826	Building fire
10/12/2025	500 East Thomas Street	City of Wausau	F25001829	Natural vegetation fire, other
10/18/2025	307 East Campus Drive	City of Wausau	F25001876	Fire, other
11/1/2025	400 East Thomas Street	City of Wausau	F25001961	Passenger vehicle fire
11/6/2025	150836 Ibis Lane	Rib Mountain	F25001999	Building fire
11/11/2025	916 Jackson Street	City of Wausau	F25002025	Building fire
11/17/2025	1025 South 9th Avenue	City of Wausau	F25002064	Building fire
11/21/2025	North 6th St And Mcindoe St	City of Wausau	F25002094	Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other
11/21/2025	221 Scott Street	City of Wausau	F25002096	Fire, other
11/25/2025	5606 Hewitt Avenue	Village of Weston	F25002115	Building fire
12/2/2025	1000 Mcdonald Street	City of Wausau	F25002153	Road freight or transport vehicle fire
12/13/2025	310 Grand Avenue	City of Wausau	F25002233	Fire, other
12/14/2025	111 North Bellis Street	City of Wausau	F25002241	Cooking fire, confined to container
12/14/2025	244686 County Road Ww	Wausau	E25006052	Fires in structure other than in a building
12/18/2025	517 South 5th Avenue	City of Wausau	F25002278	Building fire
12/21/2025	822 Winton Street	City of Wausau	F25002295	Building fire
12/27/2025	409 Fleming Street	City of Wausau	F25002324	Building fire
12/28/2025	807 Le Messurier Street	City of Wausau	F25002332	Cooking fire, confined to container
12/30/2025	915 Townline Road	City of Wausau	F25002352	Passenger vehicle fire
12/31/2025	111 Sturgeon Eddy Road	City of Wausau	F25002356	Building fire

Monthly NFIRS Incident Comparison:

	2025	2024	2023	2022	% Of Change from 2024 to 2025
January	677	646	579	591	4.80%
February	590	597	506	507	-1.17%
March	561	555	551	540	1.08%
April	555	541	527	498	2.59%
May	646	605	574	574	6.78%
June	570	578	553	590	-1.38%
July	638	585	679	531	9.06%
August	615	581	571	600	5.85%
September	597	547	548	524	-0.18%
October	542	564	616	545	-3.90%
November	582	556	624	574	4.68%
December	633	606	623	612	4.46%
TOTAL	7206	6961	6951	6686	3.52%



- Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident (1502)
- False Alarm & False Call (89)
- Good Intent Call (76)
- Service Call (45)
- Hazardous Condition (No Fire) (17)
- Fire (25)
- Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire) (0)
- Special Incident Type (3)
- Severe Weather & Natural Disaster (0)

Responses by Municipality (All NFIRS Reports):

City	# of Runs	% of Runs	# of Runs - YTD
City of Abbotsford	0	0.00%	0
City of Antigo	0	0.00%	0
City of Colby	0	0.00%	0
City of Merrill	0	0.00%	0
City of Mosinee	0	0.00%	1
City of Schofield	0	0.00%	0
City of Wausau	1,640	93.34%	6,734
Clark County	0	0.00%	1
Lincoln County	0	0.00%	0
Oneida County	0	0.00%	0
Rosholt	0	0.00%	0
Taylor County	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bergen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Berlin	4	0.23%	36
Town of Bern	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bevent	0	0.00%	0
Town of Cassel	5	0.28%	11
Town of Easton	1	0.06%	1
Town of Elderon	0	0.00%	0
Town of Emmet	0	0.00%	0
Town of Frankfort	0	0.00%	0
Town of Franzen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Halsey	0	0.00%	0
Town of Hamburg	0	0.00%	2
Town of Harrison	0	0.00%	1
Town of Hewitt	6	0.34%	19
Town of Hull	0	0.00%	0
Town of Johnson	0	0.00%	4
Town of Knowlton	0	0.00%	1
Town of Marathon	2	0.11%	6

Town of Mosinee	0	0.00%	0
Town of Norrie	0	0.00%	0
Town of Plover	0	0.00%	1
Town of Rib Falls	0	0.00%	5
Town of Rietbrock	1	0.06%	3
Town of Ringle	0	0.00%	1
Town of Stettin	1	0.06%	5
Town of Texas	23	1.31%	77
Town of Wausau	31	1.76%	100
Town of Weston	0	0.00%	0
Town of Wien	1	0.06%	6
Village of Athens	0	0.00%	3
Village of Brokaw	0	0.00%	0
Village of Edgar	0	0.00%	4
Village of Hatley	0	0.00%	0
Village of Kronenwetter	0	0.00%	1
Village of Maine	30	1.71%	129
Village of Marathon City	1	0.06%	11
Village of Rib Mountain	4	0.23%	16
Village of Rothschild	0	0.00%	2
Village of Stratford	0	0.00%	1
Village of Weston	7	0.40%	24
Wittenberg	0	0.00%	0
Wood County	0	0.00%	0
Total	1,757	100.00%	7,206

Activity/Incident Hours Committed:

Category	Time Committed
NFIRS Incidents	631:49:17 Hours
EMS Incidents	2587:55:52 Hours
Non-Incident Activities (Station Maintenance, Vehicle Check-off/Fire Pre-plan, Hazmat Outreach, Administration duties, Public Education, Committee and Staff Meetings)	2,451.09 Hours
Training (including Wellness)	4.168.49 Hours

Aid Responses:

Type of Aid	# of Runs
Mutual Aid Given – EMS	14
Mutual Aid Given – Fire	2
Automatic Aid Given – EMS	56
Automatic Aid Given – Fire	4
Mutual Aid Received – EMS	5
Mutual Aid Received – Fire	1
Automatic Aid Received – EMS	0
Automatic Aid Received – Fire	4
Other Aid Given – EMS	0

Request for EMS from Other Agencies to the City of Wausau (not Aid)	11
Request for Fire from Other Agencies to the City of Wausau (not Aid)	1
Total Non-Aid Incidents (outside City with no other agency response)	40

Responses by Municipality (EMS Patient Care Reports):

City	# of Reports	% of Reports	# of Reports – YTD
City of Abbotsford	0	0.00%	0
City of Antigo	0	0.00%	0
City of Merrill	0	0.00%	0
City of Mosinee	0	0.00%	1
City of Schofield	0	0.00%	0
City of Wausau	1,428	93.03%	5,917
Clark County	0	0.00%	1
Oneida County	0	0.00%	0
Other	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bergen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Berlin	4	0.26%	36
Town of Bevent	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bern	0	0.00%	0
Town of Cassel	5	0.33%	11
Town of Elderon	0	0.00%	0
Town of Emmet	0	0.00%	0
Town of Frankfort	0	0.00%	0
Town of Franzen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Halsey	0	0.00%	0
Town of Hamburg	0	0.00%	2
Town of Harrison	0	0.00%	2
Town of Hewitt	6	0.39%	19
Town of Hull	0	0.00%	0
Town of Johnson	0	0.00%	4
Town of Knowlton	0	0.00%	0
Town of Marathon	1	0.07%	5
Town of Mosinee	0	0.00%	0
Town of Norrie	0	0.00%	0
Town of Plover	0	0.00%	1
Town of Rib Falls	0	0.00%	5
Town of Rietbrock	1	0.07%	3
Town of Ringle	0	0.00%	0
Town of Stettin	0	0.00%	4
Town of Texas	23	1.50%	77
Town of Wausau	28	1.82%	101
Town of Wien	1	0.07%	6
Village of Athens	0	0.00%	3
Village of Edgar	2	0.13%	6
Village of Hatley	0	0.00%	0
Village of Kronenwetter	0	0.00%	1
Village of Maine	31	2.02%	129
Village of Marathon City	0	0.00%	10
Village of Rib Mountain	2	0.13%	10
Village of Rothschild	0	0.00%	0
Village of Stratford	0	0.00%	1
Village of Weston	3	0.20%	5

Wittenberg	0	0.00%	0
Wood County	0	0.00%	0
Total	1,535	100.00%	6,360

Type of Training	# of Hours	% of Hours	# of Hours -YTD
Company Training	2,301.49	68.54%	8,466.04
Driver/Operator Training	57	1.70%	824
Facilities Training	321	9.56%	353
Hazardous Materials Training	98.25	2.93%	317.40
Misc Training	5	0.15%	61
Officer Training	68.75	2.05%	485.75
Specialty Training	506.25	15.08%	975.75
Total	3,357.74	100.00%	11,482.94

Training Categories:

Company Training – General firefighting training

Officer Training – Included leadership, management, supervision, and tactical considerations

Driver/Operator Training – Operation of fire apparatus

Hazardous Materials Training – How to mitigate the leak or spill of hazardous substances

Specialty Training – Rope, confined space, trench, collapse, ice, water, and other special rescues.

Facilities Training – Training at a live-burn facility (may include off-duty time)

Misc Training – Any other training category such as software, administrative, etc.

Type of Training	# of Hours	% of Hours	# of Hours -YTD
Admin Training	92.5	11.41%	208
EMS Training	573.25	70.71%	3,032.05
Fire Instructor Training	87	10.73%	401.25
Fire Prevention Training	58	7.15%	67
Investigation Training	0	0.00%	64
Total	810.75	100.00%	3,772.30

Fire Prevention Division by Fire Prevention Division Chief Shahn Kariger

Inspections: Throughout the fourth quarter of 2025, we completed inspections for 817 public buildings and places of employment. We performed 738 inspections that passed, and we had 79 properties with Fire Code Violations. 84 inspections were follow-up inspections from previous violations. The failed inspections were primarily comprised of overdue fire extinguisher annual maintenance, overdue sprinkler system maintenance, and fire alarm annual maintenance. These properties will require follow-up inspections to confirm compliance. We conducted 18 consultation inspections for the quarter. These entailed consulting for Fire Alarm Systems, Knox Box updates, and new construction. We also received and reviewed 418 reports through the Compliance Engine for services and maintenance of Fire Protection Systems at various businesses.

Investigations: There were seven formal fire investigations performed during the fourth quarter of 2025. Electrical failure was found to be the cause in two of the fires due to an overloaded outlet, an overloaded extension cord, and an unattended space heater too close to combustible materials. Careless use of smoking materials was found in 3 cases, from cigarette butts which were not fully extinguished. Two fires were at multi-family apartment buildings with one being undetermined and the last investigation of the year being an intentionally set fire.

Public Outreach: Throughout the fourth quarter we had the opportunity to get into seven elementary schools during the month of October. Although the number of schools has dropped due to the consolidation of some elementary schools and the closure of others, we saw more students than the previous year, even with one school not responding to our request to provide education. The Prevention Division provides fire safety education to 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades students through in-person demonstration and videos totaling approximately 2,043 students and 117 adults.

New smoke and CO detectors were placed in two private residences impacting two occupants, one being in her 90's. We witnessed several fire drills throughout the school district which are common in the fall during fire safety month and before the weather turns colder. The state of Wisconsin requires all schools to perform monthly fire drills with one of them witnessed by the fire department during the school year. We saw nearly 3,000 students and teachers during these fire drills.

The Wausau Fire Prevention Division was one of five departments chosen by staff members of the WI DSPS in late 2024 to participate in the Sound Off with the Home Fire Safety Patrol. This is a voluntary program which is made possible by the Michigan Public Health Institute with a grant from USDHS/FEMA to provide tailored educational materials focused on grades 2-3. This fills a vital gap as we currently do not have a program for 2nd grade students. The funding also provides additional smoke alarms for families in need which may not be covered by our existing partnership with the Red Cross. The Division has been diligently working with the DSPS Fire Prevention Coordinators for the past year in preparation for this program, which just got federal funding approval for 2026.

Education: The fourth quarter of 2025 saw Division Chief Kariger and Lieutenant Ludwig attend the WSFIA annual Fire Inspection conference in Wisconsin Dells for 3 ½ days of fire prevention continuing education. Multiple topics were discussed including code updates, fire prevention efforts, CRR, fall reduction, lithium-ion battery safety, and plan review.

Keeping Your Home Safe
Fire Prevention

CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS

- 20% of homes have smoke detectors that **do not** work or are missing batteries.
- Working smoke alarms can **double your chances of survival** in a fire.
- Replace batteries **twice a year** and keep alarms free of dust.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on **every floor** of your home.

KNOW THE RISKS

- There is a house fire **every ten seconds** in the U.S.
- Home fires can spread in as little as **thirty seconds**.
- Make sure that your family has a **fire escape plan** for your home and practice it regularly.
- Cooking is the **leading cause** of house fires.
- More than **15,000** fires a year are started by clothes dryers. Clean the vents at least once a year.
- Remember:** If there's ever a fire, **GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL** for help.

MAINTAIN YOUR ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

- Electrical fires can be caused by:** broken wires, wire insulation drying out, loose switches or receptacles, and overheating caused by dirt and oil.
- Get your electrical system checked by a licensed electrician **every four years**.
- Faulty wiring is the number one cause of electrical fires. **The warning signs?** Flickering lights; breakers that always trip; fuses that blow; a burning smell when you plug in appliances; outlets and switches that spark; and discolored wall outlets.

Prevention Division Activities:

Inspections Completed	Quarterly	Year to Date
Routine Fire Inspections	715	2,984
Re-inspections	84	443
All other Inspections (Consults/burn complaints,etc)	18	90
Community Paramedic Home Inspection	0	21
Total Inspections	817	3,538
Fire Investigations	7	15
Inspection Department Activities	Quarterly	YTD
Public Engagement Activities	46	134



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Date: January 4, 2026

To: Chief Barnes

From: Lt. Peter Fish

Subject: Tavern Report, December 1 – December 31, 2025

ROUTINE TAVERN INSPECTIONS*

TAVERN NAME	LOCATION	INSPECTION Y/N	VIOLATION(S)	Underage Compliance Check
Pregame Pub	2002 N 6th St	N	N	N
Bob & Randy's Bar	1515 N 6th St	N	N	N
Cop Shoppe Pub	701 Washington St	N	N	N
Glass Hat	1203 N 3rd St	N	N	N
Hiawatha Restaurant & Lounge	713 Grant St	N	N	N
Intermission	325 N 4th St	Y	N	N
Limerick's Public House	634 N 3rd St	N	N	N
Loppnow's Bar	1502 N 3rd St	Y	N	N
Malarkey's	412 N 3rd St	N	N	N
Emerald Night Club	320 Washington St	Y	N	N
Nevermore On Third	1206 N 3rd St	Y	N	N
Timekeeper Distillery	607 Grant St	N	N	N
Bull Falls Brewery	901 E. Thomas St	N	N	N
Kin and Kind	2108 Grand Ave	N	N	N
Chellis St. Pub	265 Chellis St	Y	N	N
Christine's Bar	936 S. 3rd Ave	N	N	N
Denmar Tavern	601 W Thomas St	N	N	N
Eagle's Club	1703 S 3rd Ave	N	N	N
Jim's Corner Pub	1244 S 9th Ave	N	N	N
Treu's Tic Toc Club	1201 W Thomas St	N	N	N
M&R Station	818 S 3rd Ave	Y	N	N
Days Bowl-A-Dome	1715 Stewart Ave	N	N	N
Hutch's Bar	4411 Stewart Ave	N	N	N
Whiskey River Bar & Grill	5512 Stewart Ave	N	N	N
101 Pub	101 N 3rd Ave	N	N	N
After Shock Bar and Grill	1418 Lenard St	N	N	N

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Callon Street Pub	209 Callon St	N	N	N
Chatterbox Bar	102 S 2nd Ave	N	N	N
4 Fathers Pub	1724 Merrill Ave	N	N	N
Labor Temple	318 S 3rd Ave	N	N	N
North End Pub	1002 N 3rd Ave	N	N	N
Lickity Splitz	1709 Merrill Ave	N	N	N

*During a routine tavern inspection, officers check for the following:

- Sober, licensed bartender present.
- Presence of underage persons.
- Intoxicated persons being served.
- Entertainment license posted if applicable.

In addition to the listed tasks, officers often conduct walkthroughs of taverns, especially when observing large crowds to establish a visible presence, aiming to discourage criminal activities and to encourage compliance with ordinances related to alcohol licenses.

CONVENIENCE/GROCERY STORE INSPECTIONS

None.

RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

None.

ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS*

*Alcohol Compliance Check Procedure: Police officers conduct alcohol compliance checks by deploying with underage volunteer(s) to taverns and other licensed establishments selling or serving alcoholic beverages to ensure compliance with ordinances related to alcohol licenses.

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ACTIVITY LOG

Cop Shoppe Pub, 701 Washington Street

- (1) *Event #25166893 12/25/2025 at 20:44 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: An officer responded to the report of a male who was causing a scene. The officer responded and determined the male was not impaired. There was, however, a language barrier communicating with the male. The male left without incident.

Emerald Night Club, 320 Washington Street

- (1) *Event #25158660 12/07/2025 at 00:51 Hours.* MEDICAL EMERGENCY: An officer responded to the report of an adult female who was passed out in the bathroom. Upon arrival the officer observed the female was impaired but was alert, and walking. The bar owner stated he personally served her two beverages earlier and suspected she was getting additional drinks from her friends. No enforcement action was taken. The female was able to leave on her own.

Denmar, 701 Washington Street

- (1) *Event #25166937 12/25/2025 at 23:42 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Officers responded to the report of a fight from an unidentified caller. Upon arrival, officers located some of the involved individuals and uninvolved witnesses who claimed it was not anything serious and nothing physical occurred. The involved were released without incident.

M and R Station, 818 S 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #25161522 12/13/2025 at 02:29 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Officers responded to the anonymous report of a male beating a female in the parking lot. Upon arrival, bar security informed the officer there was a verbal argument in the parking lot after a vehicle hit a snowbank and those involved were no longer present.

Matt's 101 Pub, 101 N 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #25158303 12/06/2025 at 03:05 Hours.* SERVICE MISCELLANEOUS: The

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bartender called to report a male laying in the snow outside. An officer responded and transported the male to his residence.

Labor Temple, 318 S 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #25157804 12/05/2026 at 00:46 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: The bar called and reported an adult female was causing problems and was asked to leave. Upon arrival the officer confirmed the female was kicked out of the bar. The female was issued a trespass warning by the officer.

Aftershock Bar and Grill, 1418 Lenard Street

- (1) Extra Patrols conducted on 12/1, 12/4, 12/15 and 12/26. Officers documented no violations or causes for law enforcement intervention.

Lickity Splitz Gentlemen's Club, 1709 Merrill Avenue

- (1) *Event #25159012 12/08/25 at 02:02 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Officers responded to the report of a dancer shoving another staff member. As a result, an adult female was issued a citation for disorderly conduct. The incident was called in by staff.

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DEMERIT POINTS ASSESSED

No demerit points were assessed during the month of December.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Fish".

Lt. Peter Fish

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ADDENDUM #1 of 1: CURRENT DEMERIT POINTS

TAVERN NAME	VIOLATION	POINTS ASSESSED	DATE
Lemongrass	No Licensed Bartender	50	7/05/2025
Hiawatha Restaurant & Lounge	No Licensed Bartender	50	7/05/2025
Glass Hat Bar	Sale/Serve Underage	25	4/17/25
Hutch's	Sale/Serve Underage	25	4/17/25
Hiawatha Restaurant & Lounge	Disorderly Conduct	50	2/24/2025
4 Fathers Pub	Noise Complaint – Citation	50	2/1/2025

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Treu's Tic Toc Club	1201 W Thomas St	N	N	N
M&R Station	818 S 3rd Ave	N	N	N
Days Bowl-A-Dome	1715 Stewart Ave	Y	N	N
Hutch's Bar	4411 Stewart Ave	Y	N	N
101 Pub	101 N 3rd Ave	Y	N	N
After Shock Bar and Grill	1418 Lenard St	Y	N	N
Callon Street Pub	209 Callon St	Y	N	N

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Chatterbox Bar	102 S 2nd Ave	Y	N	N
4 Fathers Pub	1724 Merrill Ave	Y	N	N
Labor Temple	318 S 3rd Ave	Y	N	N
North End Pub	1002 N 3rd Ave	N	N	N
Lickity Splitz	1709 Merrill Ave	Y	N	N

*During a routine tavern inspection, officers check for the following:

- Sober, licensed bartender present.
- Presence of underage persons.
- Intoxicated persons being served.
- Entertainment license posted if applicable.

In addition to the listed tasks, officers often conduct walkthroughs of taverns, especially when observing large crowds to establish a visible presence, aiming to discourage criminal activities and to encourage compliance with ordinances related to alcohol licenses.

CONVENIENCE/GROCERY STORE INSPECTIONS

None.

RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

None.

ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS*

*Alcohol Compliance Check Procedure: Police officers conduct alcohol compliance checks by deploying with underage volunteer(s) to taverns and other licensed establishments selling or serving alcoholic beverages to ensure compliance with ordinances related to alcohol licenses.

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ACTIVITY LOG

Cop Shoppe Pub, 701 Washington Street

- (1) *Event #26014250 01/31/2026 at 20:12 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: While completing a routine tavern check, an officer observed a male he suspected was underage based on his body language and the male trying to create space from the officer. The male was not underaged but did have a department of corrections warrant. The male was also in possession of methamphetamine. As a result, he was arrested.

Nevermore On Third, 1206 N 3rd Street

- (1) *Event #26003950 01/09/2026 at 19:05 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Staff called to report a female who was making other customers uncomfortable before she entered the bathroom and then refused to answer the door or leave. Staff requested she leave the bar. Officers were able to make contact with the female and ultimately drove her to the Wausau PD Shelter where she was released without incident.

Denmar, 601 W Thomas Street

- (1) *Event #26010458 01/23/2026 at 21:09 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Staff called about a male who was asked to leave 5-6 times. The male told staff to call the police. Other patrons helped the male into an Uber before law enforcement arrived. No enforcement action was taken.

Jim's Corner Pub, 1244 S 9th Avenue

- (1) *Event #26002978 01/07/2026 at 21:22 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: An anonymous caller reported a male violating his bond conditions by being in a bar. Officer arrived on scene and located the male who they determined was inside the bar. As a result, the male was arrested for bail jumping.

4 Fathers Pub, 1724 Merrill Avenue

- (1) *Event #26010575 01/24/2026 at 03:09 Hours.* SERVICE MISCELLANEOUS: The bartender called to request a welfare check on a male sleeping in his vehicle. As

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officers, arrived the male left, driving his vehicle. An officer observed a traffic violation, and an investigation determined the male was operating while under the influence. The male was arrested for 3rd offense operating while under the influence.

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DEMERIT POINTS ASSESSED

No demerit points were assessed during the month of January.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Fish".

Lt. Peter Fish

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ADDENDUM #1 of 1: CURRENT DEMERIT POINTS

TAVERN NAME	VIOLATION	POINTS ASSESSED	DATE
Lemongrass	No Licensed Bartender	50	7/05/2025
Hiawatha Restaurant & Lounge	No Licensed Bartender	50	7/05/2025
Glass Hat Bar	Sale/Serve Underage	25	4/17/25
Hutch's	Sale/Serve Underage	25	4/17/25
Hiawatha Restaurant & Lounge	Disorderly Conduct	50	2/24/2025

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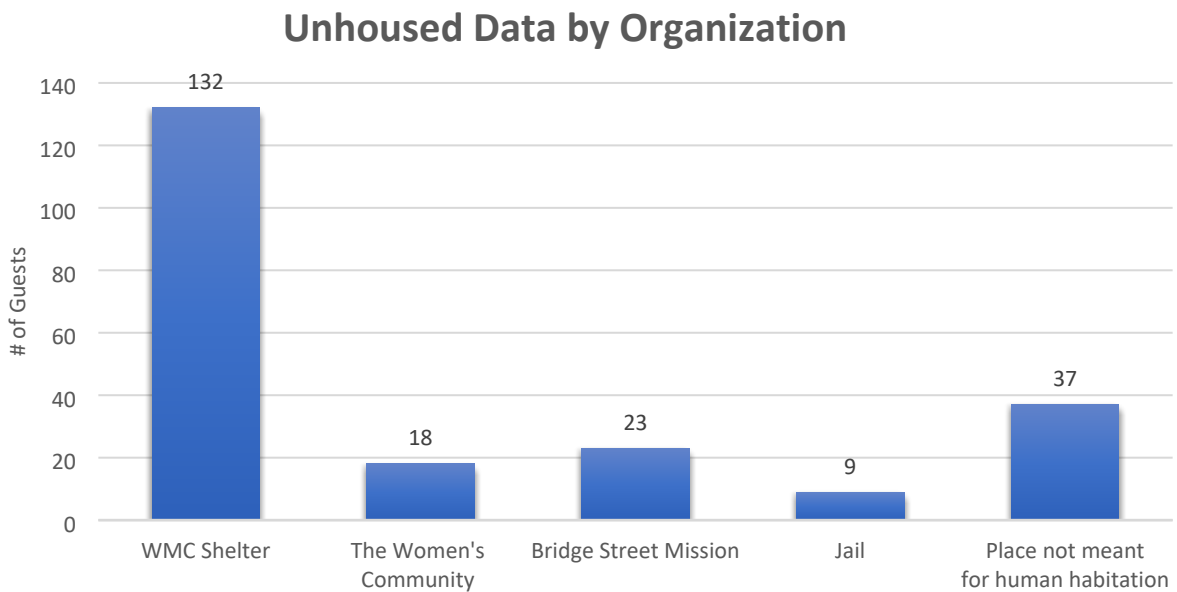
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To: Public Health and Safety Committee
From: Tracy Durante, Community Outreach Specialist
Date: January 19, 2025
Re: Community Outreach Update



Unhoused Data

The following graph shows the number of unduplicated¹ guests housed by each organization in the previous month.



Unhoused Data Summary

In January, data provided suggests there were approximately 219 unhoused individuals identified in Wausau through various partnering agencies. As indicated in the footnote, 219 is not the true number of unhoused. As of today, organizations do not cross-reference names when coming up with their unduplicated count. This means an unhoused individual may be part of more than one organization's count, thereby inflating the true number of unhoused. An example is provided in the footnote. This number also does not include those individuals who are considered "couch surfing".

¹ The numbers reflected do not eliminate duplicates across organizations. For example, a person who stays at The WMC Shelter and Marathon County jail in the same month will count as 1 person for each organization.

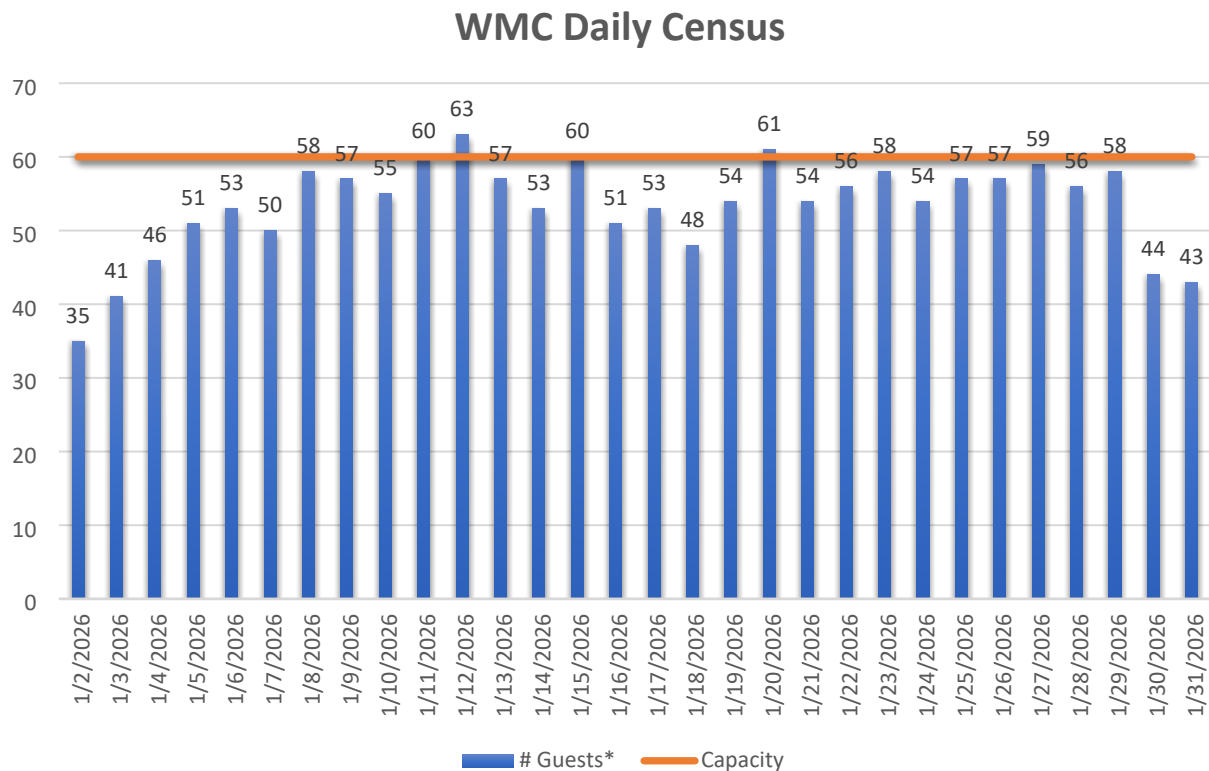
In the graph above, 83 percent of the unhoused sought or received shelter at WMC Shelter, in the month of January. Approximately 17 percent of the unhoused were living outside, or in places not meant for human habitation.

The Women’s Community data includes crime victims who sought shelter because their home was unsafe. This number reflects both adult residents (10) and their children (8).

Bridge Street Mission includes individuals who have received shelter after release from jail/prison, drug rehab, or homelessness. The number reflected should include all individuals who are housed at Bridge Street Mission, because without this amazing program in our community, 23 (per this month’s census) individuals would likely be unhoused in our community.

The Marathon County Jail includes individuals who identify as “homeless” or “unhoused” at the time of booking.

Daily Census



Daily Census Summary

132 unduplicated individuals sought shelter at WMC shelter in the month of January. The average capacity at WMC Shelter in the month of January was 89%. 19 individuals (14%) were entered in as “new” clients to the shelter. Approximately, 31% of these individuals were unhoused females. Approximately 16% of these individuals are actively employed. To date, 374 unduplicated individuals have sought shelter services at WMC Shelter since May 1, 2025.

847 volunteer hours were recorded for the month of January.

Outreach Update

In January, 1 female guest and 3 males guests were exited out of shelter, into stable housing.

In addition to assisting with housing, we have also provided additional aid like transportation to medical/psychiatric appointments, bus passes, medication management, collaboration with St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, NCCAP, Social Services, Probation/Parole, and CW Solutions (FSET). Assistance was also provided with obtaining identification, setting individuals up with additional services through the ADRC as well as Community Treatment through NCHC. Case/Care Management is a service provided through both resources.

Collaboration with landlords and other non-profit agencies is on-going. Office hours at agencies throughout the city have proven beneficial in reaching the unhoused population.

Challenges and Opportunities

While we celebrate every time an unhoused individual achieves stable housing, the work does not and cannot end there. Generally, the unhoused population is vulnerable. Without someone providing ongoing support, management, intervention, accountability, and aid, the chances of remaining housed wane dramatically. In other words, our work can and will be undone in short order without systems to sustain the work. Thankfully, there are systems in place, but there are also gaps. Where gaps in case management exist, we are filling that void. We recognize, however, that our time and resources are limited in this regard. As a result, we are working to improve our understanding and relationship with existing systems while also exploring solutions that not only bridge the gap to housing, but to the essential supports that will make housing permanent.