

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN  
COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**

**MEETING NO. ONE**

**Monday, March 9, 2026, 7:30 p.m.**

**Township Administration Building**

**318 Canborough Street, Smithville, Ontario**

**NOTE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** All Cell Phones, Pagers and/or PDAs to be turned off. Members of the public who are attending and participating virtually are reminded to keep their microphones muted until they are acknowledged to speak. Additionally, for your information, please be advised that this meeting will be livestreamed as well as recorded and will be available on the Township's website.

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**Pages**

**1. CHAIR - Councillor Jason Trombetta**

Prior to commencing with the Community and Protective Services Committee meeting agenda, Chair Trombetta noted the following:

1. Comments can be made from members of the public for a matter that is on the agenda by advising the Chair during the "Request to Address an Item on the Agenda" Section of the agenda.
2. The public may submit written comments for matters that are on the agenda to [jpaylove@westlincoln.ca](mailto:jpaylove@westlincoln.ca) before 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting for consideration by the Committee. Comments received after 4:30 p.m. on the day of the Committee meeting will be considered at the following Council meeting. Comments submitted are included in the record.
3. This meeting will be livestreamed as well as recorded and available on the Township's website.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

The Township of West Lincoln, being part of Niagara Region is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hatiwendaronk, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit from across Turtle Island that live and work in Niagara today. The Township of West Lincoln, as part of the Regional Municipality of Niagara,

stands with all Indigenous people, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.

**3. CHANGE IN ORDER OF ITEMS ON AGENDA**

**4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**5. APPOINTMENTS**

There are no appointments/presentations.

**6. REQUEST TO ADDRESS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

**NOTE: Procedural By-law Section 10.13(5) – General Rules**

One (1) hour in total shall be allocated for this section of the agenda and each individual person shall only be provided with **five (5) minutes** to address their issue (some exceptions apply). A response may not be provided and the matter may be referred to staff.

Chair to inquire if there are any members of the public present who wish to address any items on the Community and Protective Services Committee agenda.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

**7.1 ITEM CPS01-26**

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Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC)

Re: Minutes - February 4, 2026

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That, the West Lincoln Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Minutes dated February 4, 2026, be received.

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

**8.1 ITEM CPS02-26**

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Fire Chief (Tim Hofsink)

Re: Information Report WLF04-2026 - Monthly Update - February 2026

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That, Information Report titled "Monthly Update – February 2026", dated March 9, 2026, be received.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

**9.1 ITEM CPS03-26**

Members of Council

Re: Other Business Items of an Informative Nature

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**NOTE:** Only for items that require immediate attention/direction and must first approve a motion to introduce a new item of business. (Motion Required)

**11. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

There are no confidential matters.

**12. DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair to declare the meeting adjourned at the hour of [time]

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**TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN  
MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MYAC)**

**MEETING NO. ONE: Wednesday, Feb 4, 2026 – 3:30 p.m. Council Chambers**

Mayor Ganann  
Giselle Karaban  
George Witt  
Hannah Kurth  
Carson McFarlane  
Josh Harkin  
Josh Reilly  
Sadie McGuire  
Sawyer McFarlane

Jacque Thrower, Executive Assistant

Guest Presenter: Sri Gurunathan, GIS & Asset Management Coordinator

Guest: Elijah Barrientos

1. Welcome and Introduction of members/guests.

Mayor Ganann welcomed Sri Gurunathan to the meeting and introduced her to Committee Members.

Josh Harkin chaired the meeting.

2. Guest Speaker: Sri Gurunathan, GIS & Asset Management Coordinator

Sri presented Committee Members with a presentation attached as Schedule A regarding her job function as a GIS Coordinator. Sri's presentation was very thorough and engaging. There was not sufficient time for her to discuss her work as an Asset Management Coordinator therefore she may attend a future meeting to discuss that part of her job function.

Sri advised that we use GIS everyday and used the example of the Fire Chief viewing a map to determine where the fire is located, what streets are close by and if there are fire hydrants close by. Other factors may include if the fire is close to schools, a hospital a gas station and if there is a need to evacuate.

Sri advised that her career path has led her to live in various countries such as Australia, Canada. USA and India,

Sri stated that Roger Tomlinson is the Father of GIS and worked with the Government of Canada and initiated and directed the development of the CGIS, the world's first computerized GIS. Apps like Google Maps, Uber, and Door Dash use real-time GIS and spatial data analysis.

Sri responded to some general discussions and encouraged Committee Members to follow their passions when choosing a career path.

#### Earth Day Clean Up – Saturday, April 25, 2026

Mayor Ganann advised that April 22, 2026, is Earth Day and invited Committee Members to meet her at the West Lincoln Community Centre on Saturday, April 25 to take part in the annual Clean Up event at the Community Centre. As in the past we will meet at approx. 9:30 a.m. and enjoy lunch together at approx. 11:30 a.m. paid personally by Mayor Ganann from Dog Got It. Mayor Ganann advised that if the weather was inclement on April 25, we would postpone the Clean Up day to May 2.

Mayor Ganann welcomed guest Elijah Barrientos to the Committee Meeting. Elijah advised that he is 15 and attends Blessed Trinity High School and stated his principal suggested that he attend a meeting.

Giselle advised that the Committee is a group of young people who learn about municipal government, produce an annual holiday card and take part in activities such as the Santa Claus Parade, Mayor and Council Levy, Earth Day Clean Up,

Mayor Ganann advised anyone who wants to join the Committee is required to fill out an application and then Council appoints the individual via bylaw at a Council meeting.

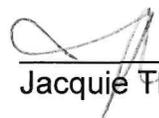
Mayor advised Committee Members that there is a Municipal Election on Monday, October 26, 2026. There was general discussion regarding the election and Mayor Ganann advised that the MYAC would disband and it will up to the Mayor that is elected as to whether there will be a new MYAC for the 2026-2030 term of Council. Committee Members will need to reapply for the future term of Council.

#### 3. Next Meeting- March 4

The next meeting is scheduled March 4.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

  
Mayor Cheryl Ganann

  
Jacquie Thrower, Executive Assistant



# GIS – Geographic Information Systems (When Maps Gets Smart)

Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee

Sri Gurunathan, GIS and Asset Management Coordinator

February 4, 2026



Stranger things

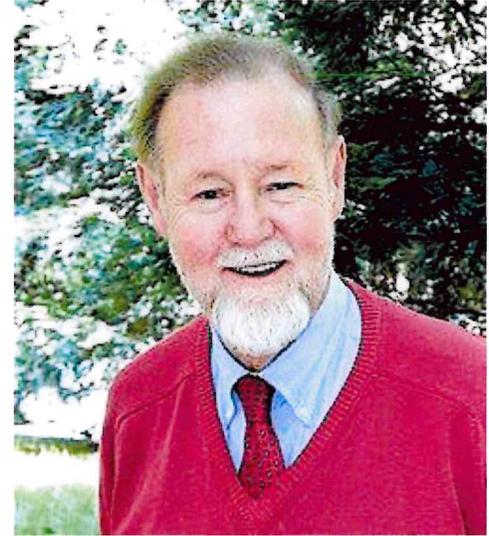


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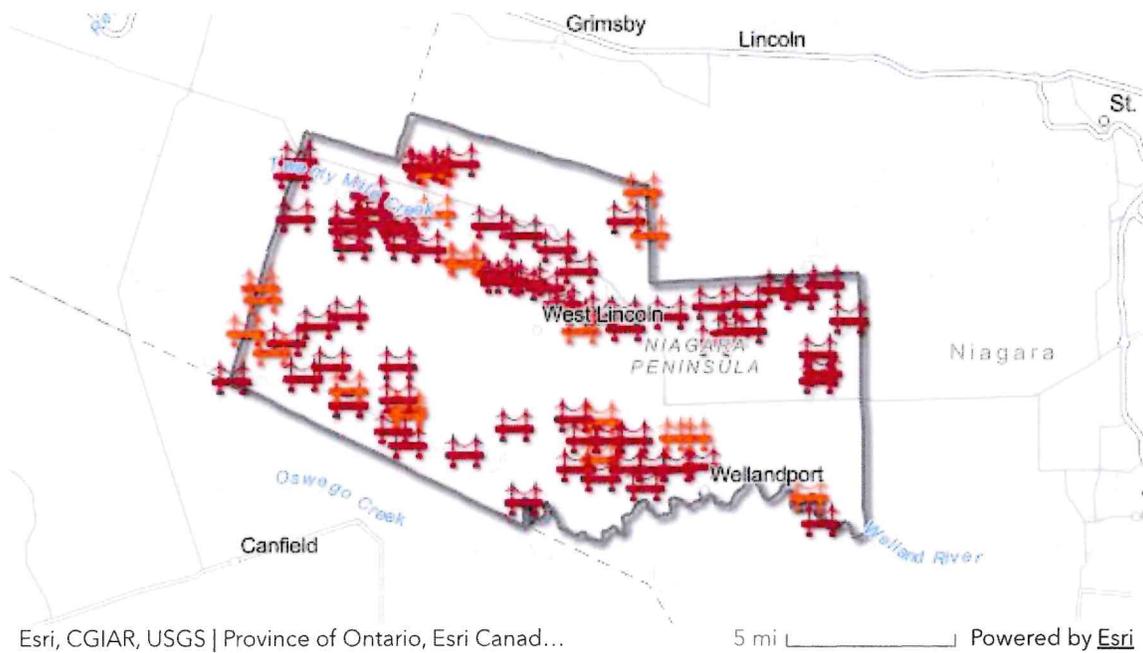
## Father of GIS

- Worked with the Government of Canada as Director of Regional Planning Systems with the Department of Forestry and Rural Development.
- Initiated and directed the development of the Canada Geographic Information System (CGIS), the world's first computerized GIS.
- Apps like Google Maps, Uber, and DoorDash use real-time GIS and spatial data analysis.

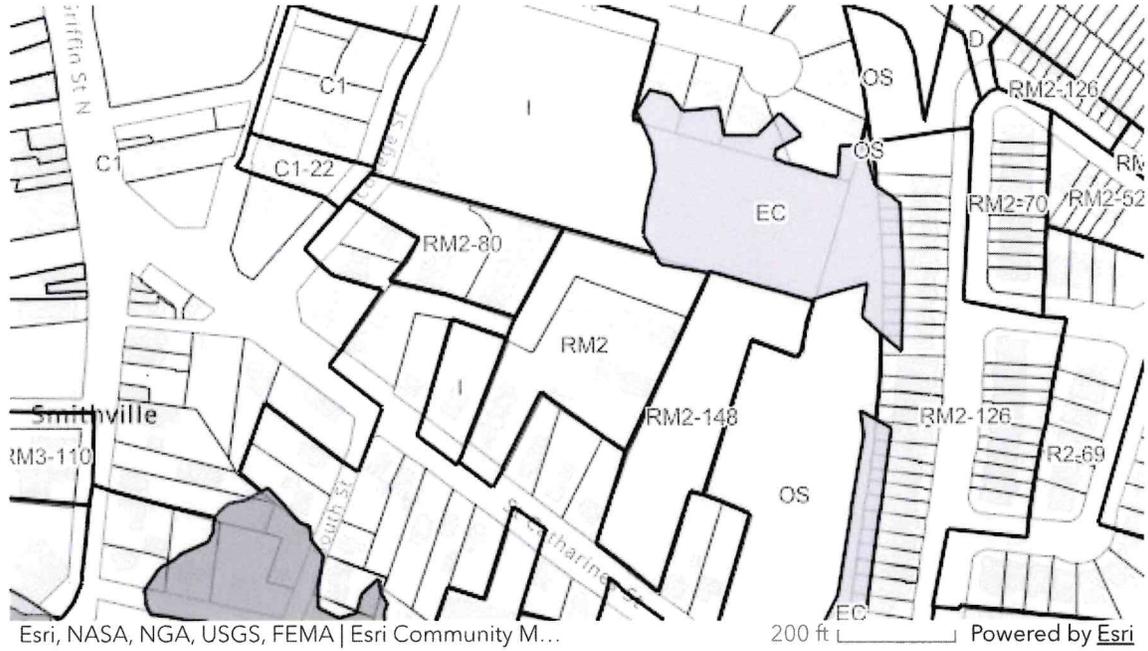
They rely on layering data (roads, traffic, addresses, restaurants) and analyzing it concepts that trace back to the CGIS.



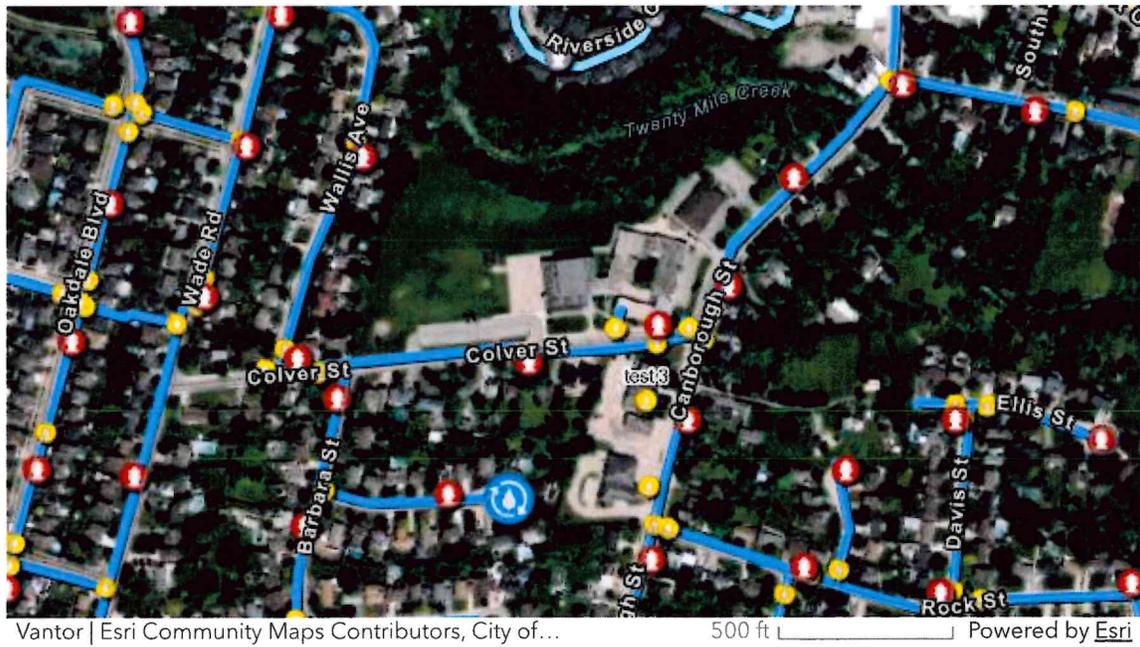
Roger Tomlinson



West Lincoln Bridges and Culvert



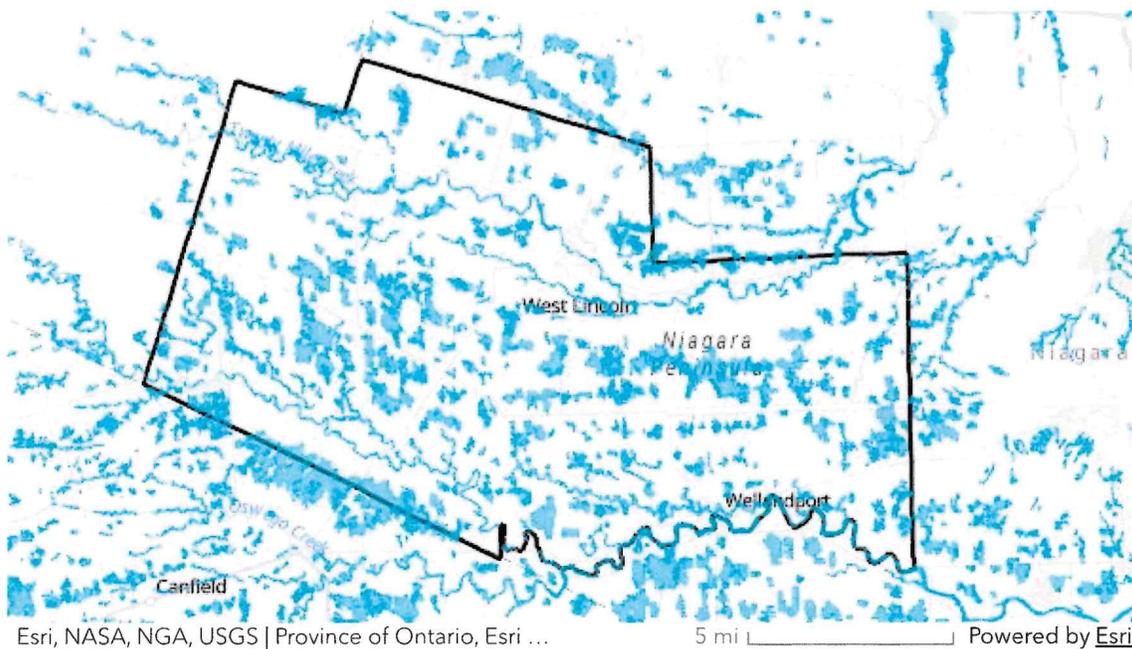
West Lincoln Zone Boundary



West Lincoln Water Valve & Hydrant Map



West Lincoln Stormwater Network Map



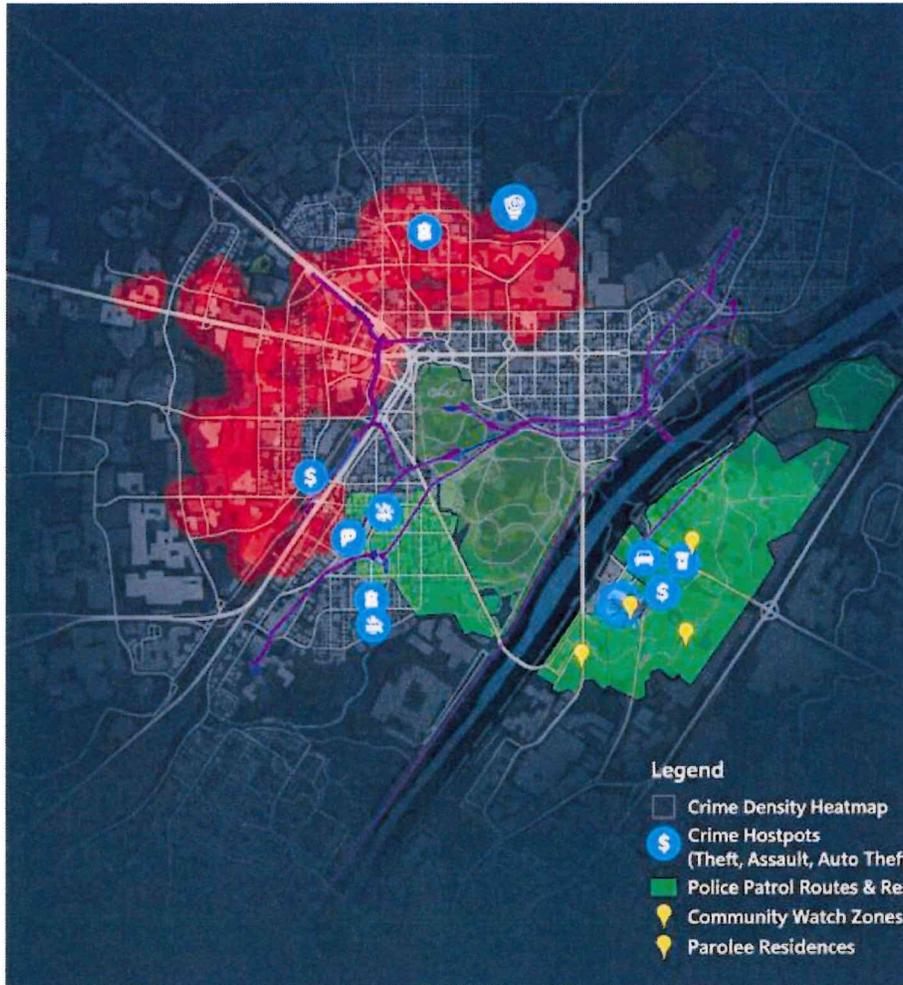
Wetlands in West Lincoln



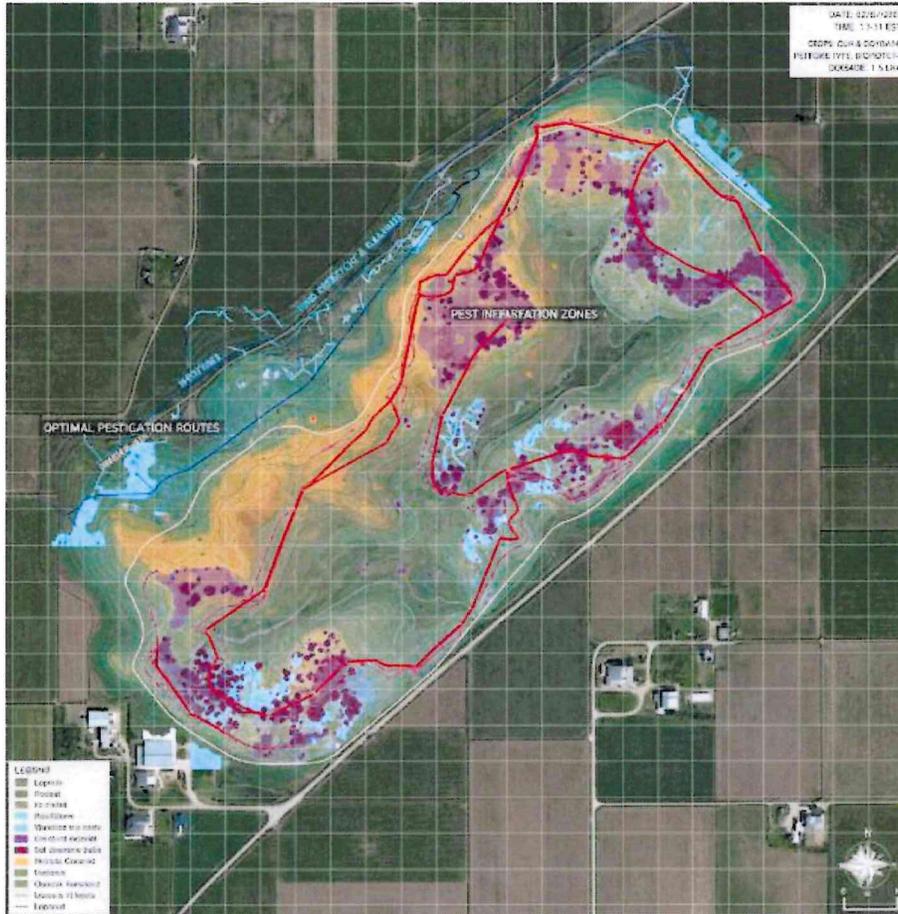
Heat Map



Evacuation Map



Crime Map



Agriculture Map

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The screenshot shows a LinkedIn profile for Srilakshmi Gurun... on the left and a post by Mitchell Bonney on the right. The post features a map of Canada titled "2023-2024 snow-year" showing the "end date of the biggest snow period (EndB)". The map uses a color scale from red (earlier end dates) to blue (later end dates). A legend indicates "Uncertainty (1 Day)" with a color gradient from blue to red. A scale bar at the bottom shows 0, 250, 500, and 1,000 Kilometers. The post has 10 likes and options to Like, Comment, Repost, and Send.

**DATE:** March 9, 2026  
**REPORT NO:** WLFD-04-2026  
**SUBJECT:** **Monthly Update – February 2026**  
**CONTACT:** Tim Hofsink, Fire Chief

**OVERVIEW:**

- This report will address February 2026 fire responses and activities.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That, Information Report WLFD-04-2026 titled “Monthly Update – February 2026”, dated March 9, 2026, be received.

**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

**Theme #1 and #4**

- **Build** – a safe, connected, caring and active community
- **Advance** – organizational capacity and effectiveness

**Recruits:** The recruit class wrote their final exams for the second portion of their training, Firefighter LVL II in February. The end of their recruit training program is now in sight, with only Hazardous Materials Training still required. This training is currently underway, with plans for exams coming in the next months. The class has displayed dedication and has been successful in all training and exams to this point. Their graduation from the recruit program is anticipated by summer 2026.

**Retirement:** None

**Promotions:** The promotional process for our next Lieutenant is progressing. Testing Materials are being arranged, and the posting will be put up in the coming weeks. This posting follows a large group of firefighters having attended the Fire Officer I certification course held over the past months, which helped to prepare potential candidates.

**Training:**

Both stations recently participated in Electric Vehicle (EV) training sponsored by RBC in partnership with Niagara College. This specialized training expands our firefighters’

knowledge and preparedness in response to the rapidly growing presence of electrified vehicles in our community. As vehicle technology continues to evolve, ensuring our personnel are properly trained to manage the unique risks associated with EV incidents is essential to maintaining public and firefighter safety. In addition, the department has acquired a new piece of equipment designed to strengthen our rural firefighting capabilities. Commonly referred to as a 'rural hitch', this apparatus enables a quicker and more reliable water supply during fire ground operations in non-hydranted areas. This investment will help enhance our efficiency and effectiveness in rural fire response scenarios.

Our Officer team continued into their second month of Incident Command training. This training teaches a standardized approach to the command, control and coordination of emergencies. The goal of this training is to ensure that all officers are trained to the same standard, so that common language and techniques are applied consistently at all of our emergency calls.

**Fire Prevention / Public Education:** The Fire Prevention/Public Education team has achieved a number of certifications recently, with Lt. John Vajda receiving his Fire and Life Safety Educator Certification, and he and FF. Gillian Nelson receiving their Public Information Officer certifications. Lt Vajda has been in contact with the Niagara Children's Safety Village and a potential partnership is being discussed that may provide opportunities to West Lincoln Students.

**Apparatus Fleet:** Following the completion of the driver training and sign-off for our new Pumper, the new truck was officially put into service the first week of February. There were also three more of the new apparatus tablets installed in Rescue 1, Squad 1 and Car 2. These installations will continue with the remainder of the apparatus to be outfitted with the new tablets in the coming months. These tablets help ensure access to valuable information at emergency scenes, including fire permit data, hazardous material identification data, mapping, weather and many other functions. Displaying apparatus location live during fire call responses is also possible.

**Fire Services Activities:** The firefighters from Stations 1 and 2 provided a Family Day pancake breakfast at the West Lincoln Community Centre. The event was very well attended there was a lot of positive feedback from the Community.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications as a result of this information report.

**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS:**

This report was reviewed by the Director of Corporate Services/CFO, CAO and Clerk.

**CONCLUSION:**

This report is to inform Committee and Council of the February 2026 operations of West Lincoln Fire and Emergency Services.

**SCHEDULE(S):**

Schedule A – WLFD February

**Prepared & Submitted by:**

**Approved by:**

Tim Hofsink  
**Fire Chief**

Cynthia Summers  
**Director, Community and Protective  
Services**

Truper McBride  
**CAO**

Jurisdiction

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## 2026 MONTHLY DISPATCHES BY DETERMINANT

Determinant Group	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
⊕ Burning Complaint													
⊕ Carbon Monoxide			1										1
⊕ Emergency Assistance	1	1											2
⊕ Grass/Tree/Brush Fire			1										1
⊕ Hazmat													
⊕ Medical	7	8											15
⊕ MVCs	6	8											14
⊕ Non-Emergency Assistance													
⊕ Non-Emergency Medical			3										3
⊕ Other Fire													
⊕ Preliminary Assignment	1	1											2
⊕ Remote Alarm	3	2											5
⊕ Rescue													
⊕ Structure Fire			2										2
⊕ Unknown 911													
⊕ Vehicle Fire			2										2
⊕ Water Rescue													
<b>Total Responses within Municipality</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>											<b>47</b>

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Year-to-Date Responses Out of Area

47

Total Events This Year



## **WEST LINCOLN FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**



## OVERVIEW

Council Presentation  
March 2026



- Our Team
- Facilities, Fleet, and Equipment
- Direction / Framework
- Call Types / Volume / Aid Agreements
- Community risk reduction & public programs
- How do we prepare?
- Future Opportunities / Challenges



DIRECTOR OF  
COMMUNITY AND  
PROTECTIVE SERVICES



FIRE CHIEF



DEPUTY  
FIRE CHIEF



FIRE  
ADMINISTRATOR

## **FIRE ADMINISTRATION TEAM**



## **FIRE OPERATIONS TEAM**



## Facilities, Fleet and Equipment



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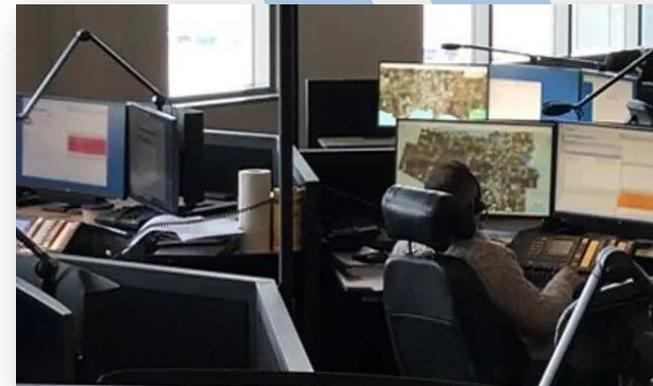
## Tankers and Rural Water Supply improvements

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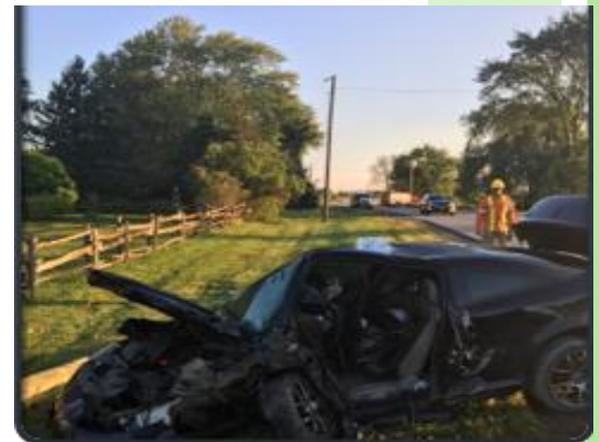
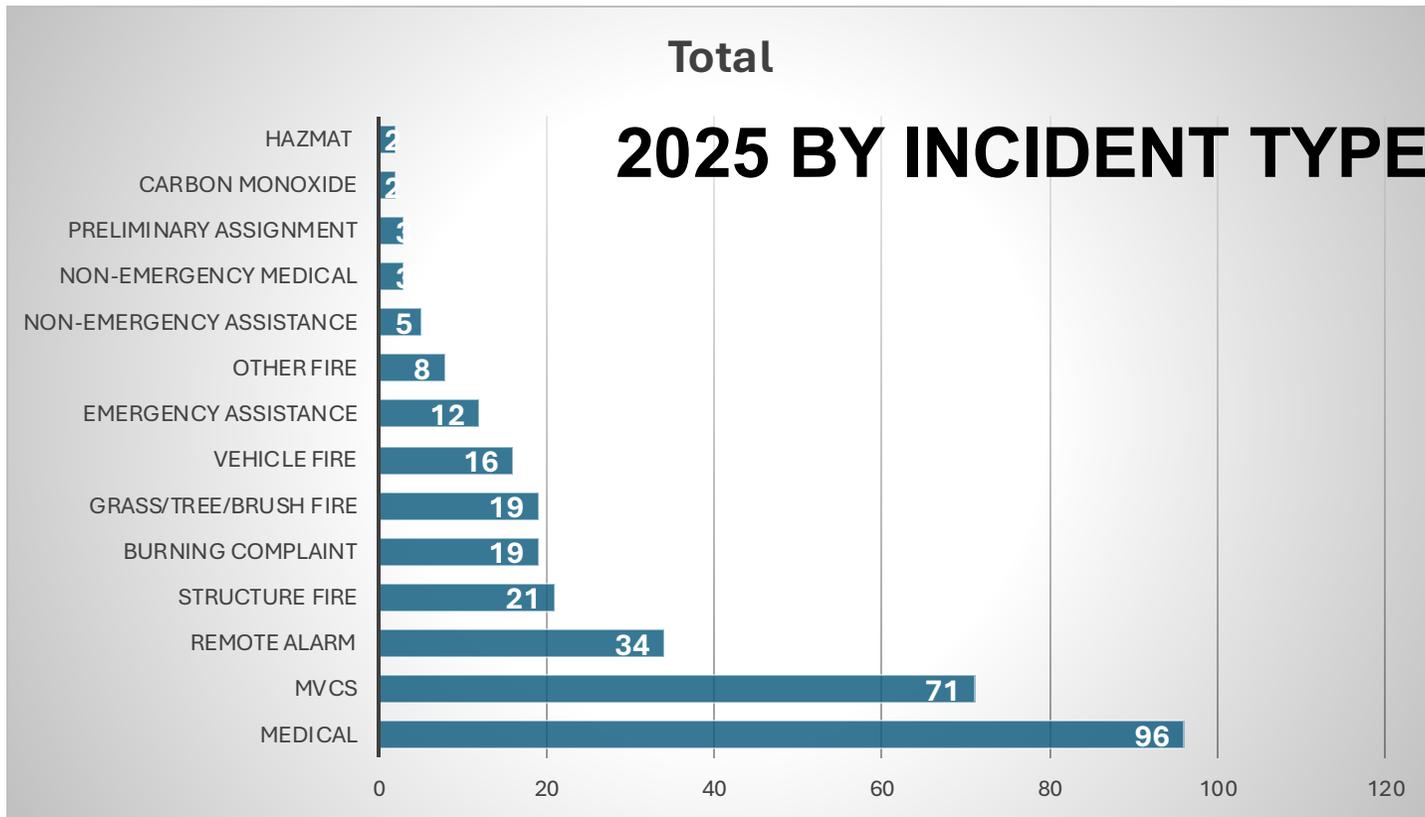
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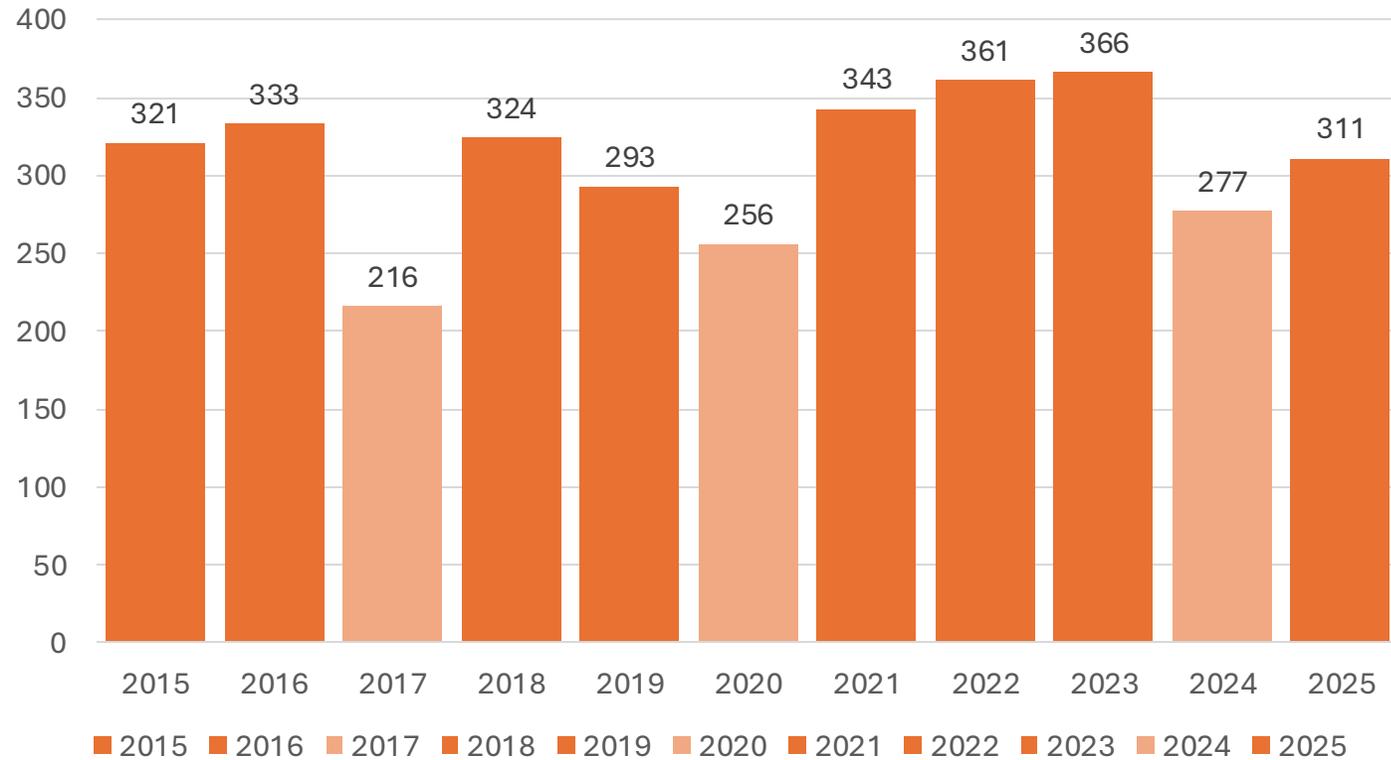


## Framework and Legislation





## 2015 - 2025



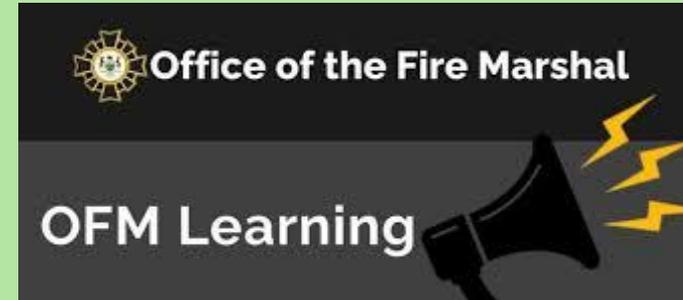


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## Training and Certification

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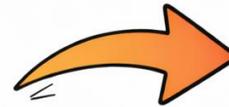




## FIREFIGHTERS CERTIFIED IN FIREFIGHTER II

**2021**  
**29/47**

**2026**  
**50/57**



**62%**

**88%**

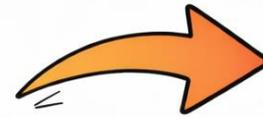




## FIREFIGHTERS CERTIFIED TO COMPANY OFFICER 1

**2021**  
7/47

**2026**  
20/57



**15%**

**35%**



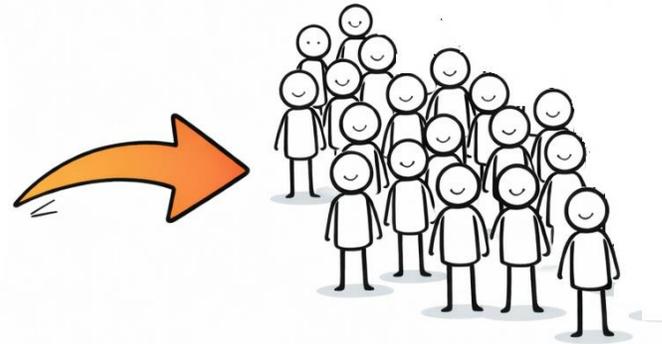
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**2026**  
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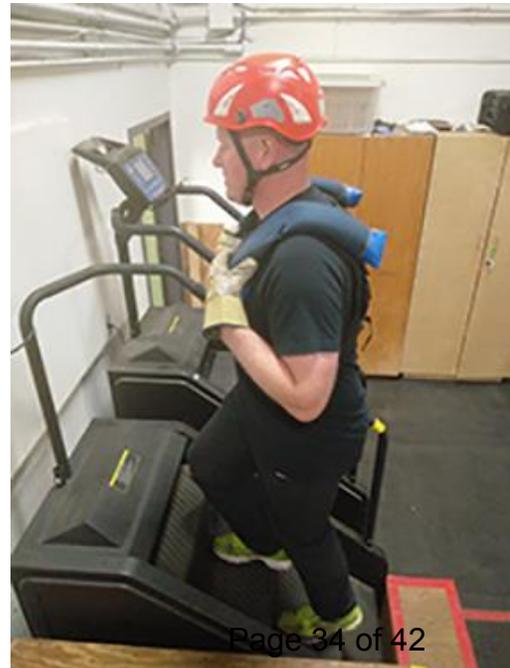
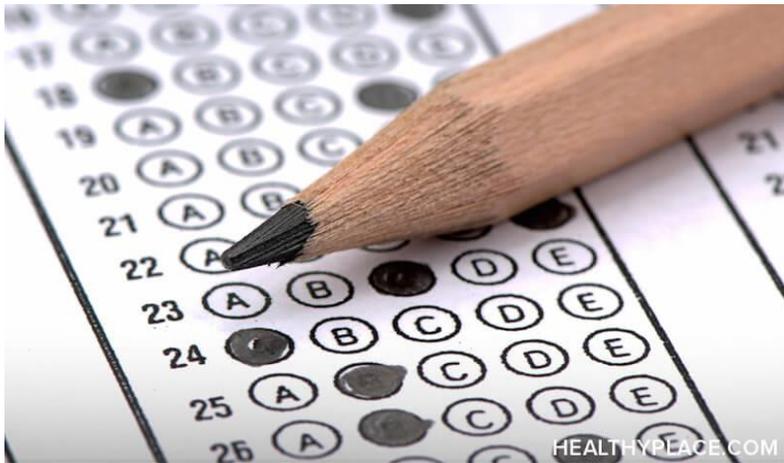
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## Recruitment Program Testing / Training

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## Emergency Management





## Community Outreach Public Programs

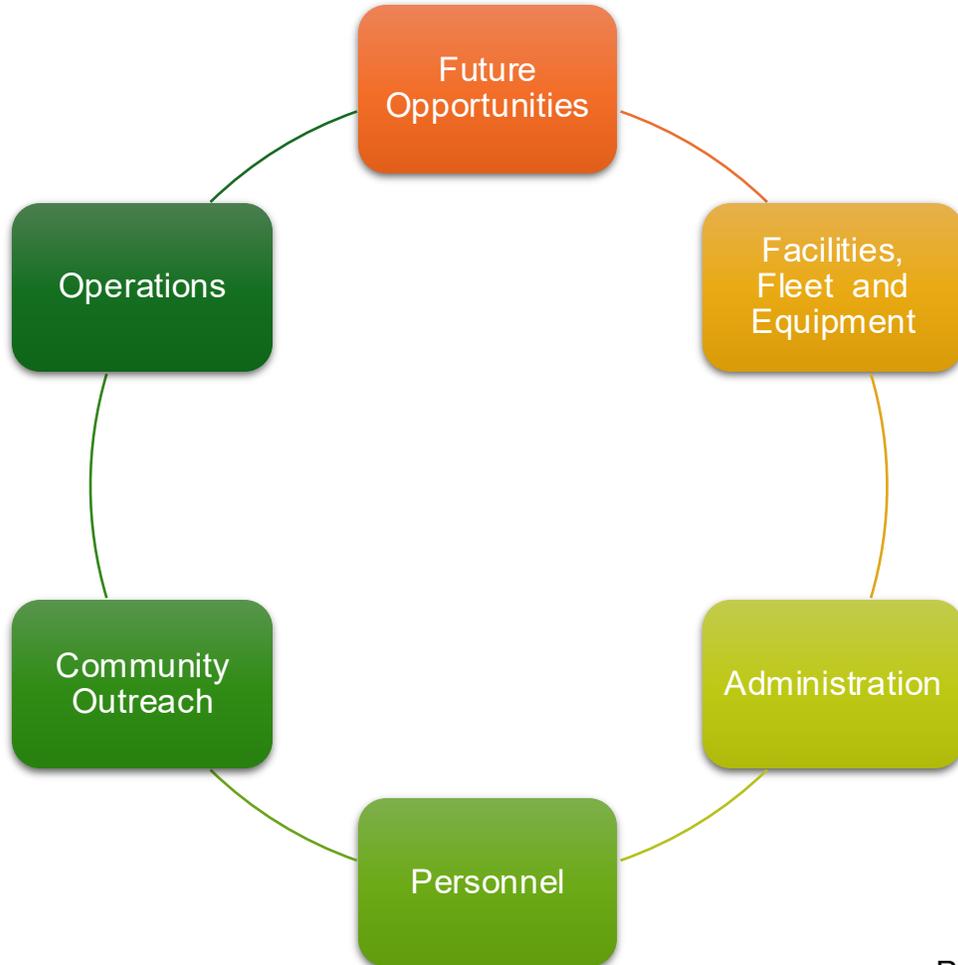
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- Firehall Tours
- Test It Tuesdays
- School Visits
- Safety Village
- Beat the Heat
- Library Readings



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## Forecasted Community Growth

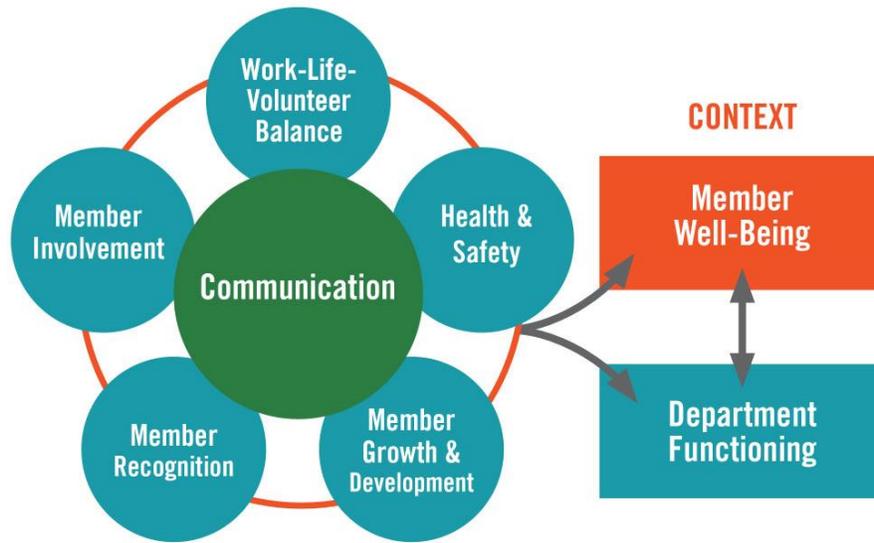


## Ladder Truck Replacement





## Mental and Physical Wellness



The Psychologically Healthy Fire Department





## Training / Prevention and Supression Dual Role

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# Questions?

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