

Full time fire protection around Holmen will increase by 50% soon. The Holmen area fire board has agreed to increase the number of full time firefighters from four to six. The change comes amidst growing budget pressures but also with continued rapid growth and against the backdrop of state mandates that require certain levels of fire protection at specific population levels. The Holmen fire district includes not just the village but also the towns of Onalaska and Holland. Total budget increase for the additional firefighters will be around \$65,000.