



Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget

Fire Department
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Mission Statement



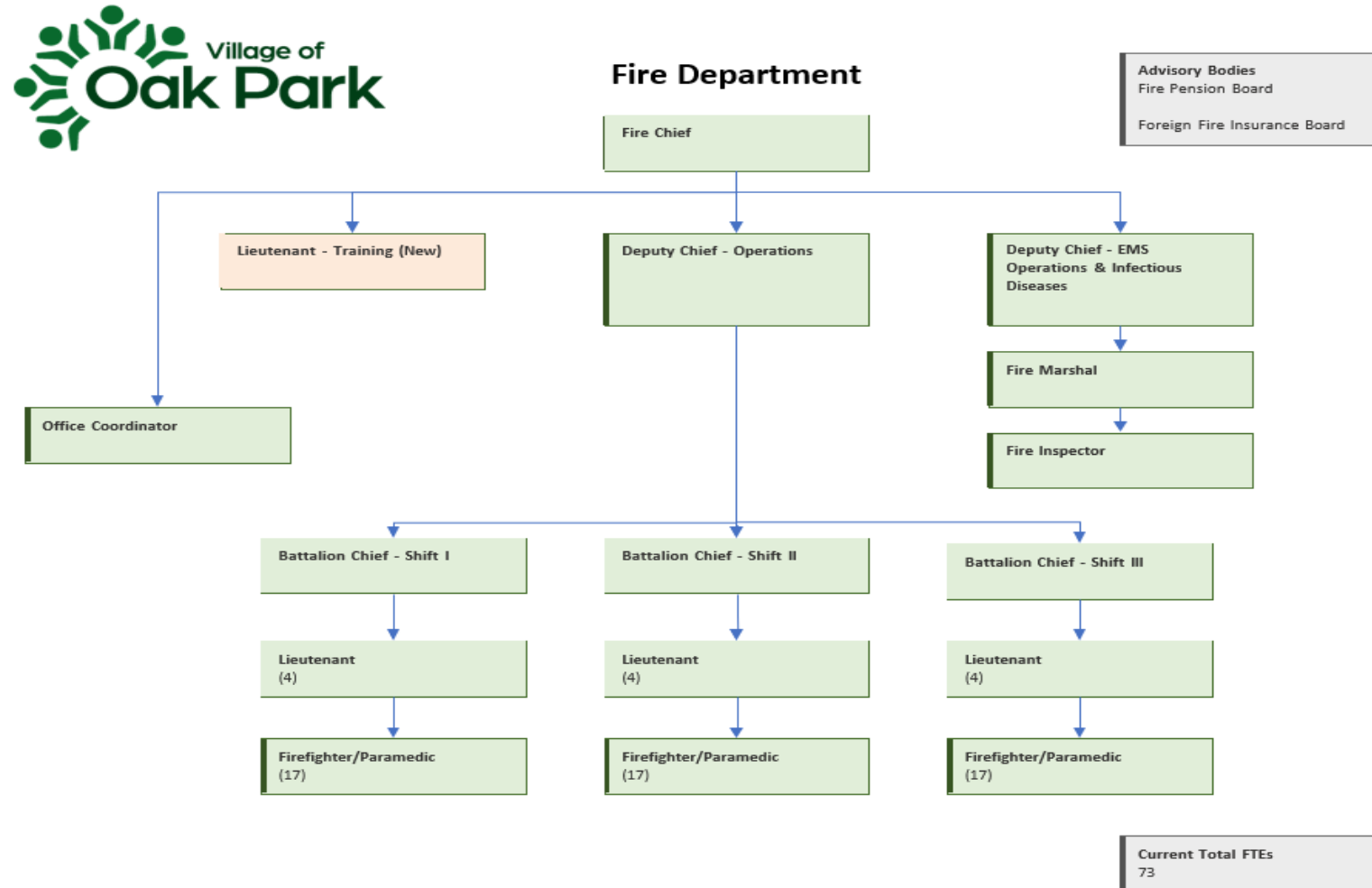
The mission of the Village of Oak Park Fire Department is to protect life, property, and the environment through dedication to excellence in fire prevention, emergency response, public education, and community service. We are committed to the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and compassion while working collaboratively to ensure the safety and well-being of all those we serve.

Executive Overview



- **Increased community risk reduction service offerings and outreach**
 - Growth in American Heart Association CPR and First Aid Instruction
 - Return to regular hours for Certified Infant and Child Car Seat Technicians
- **Wellness initiatives**
 - Assistance for Firefighter Grant used to replace exhaust removal system is all stations for all vehicles. Recognized annual saving in repair bills for 30-year-old system.
 - Researched, negotiated and contracted with vendor and prepared Station One for SCBA decontamination washing unit
- **Leveraged technology for EMS electronic Patient Care Reports (ePCR)**
 - Migrated from Toughbook's to iPads to reduce costs and improve efficiency and accuracy of ePCR reports
- **Build relationships with ECHO**
 - Continuing to build relationships to provide pathway to long term solutions for residents and visitors.

Organizational Chart



Fiscal Year 2026 Priorities



- **Complete Station Three Administrative/Kitchen remodel**
- **Complete and evaluate information provided by space study at Stations One and Two**
- **Prioritize recommendations of Baker Tilly study and membership survey**
- **Establish new hiring process of maintaining an eligibility pool based on legislative updates**

Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendations



- **2025 Amended Budget: \$20,326,265**
- **2026 Requested Budget: \$21,173,351**
- **Notable changes:**
 - **Addition of Training Officer**
 - **Pre-order fire truck, originally scheduled for 2030**

Fiscal Year 2026 at a glance



- **Increase community risk reduction and outreach efforts**
 - Expand the American Heart Association CPR and First Aid instruction
 - Return to regular hours for Certified Infant and Child Car Seat Technicians
- **Establish eligibility list to fill vacant positions**
- **Mindful of a healthy and efficient work environment for all employees during space studies (Station 1 and 2) and renovations at Station 3.**
- **Continue to develop recruitment of underrepresented organizations and non-traditional career entry points**



Questions?

Thank you for your time and consideration