

Fire Merger General Timeline | West Allis and Wauwatosa

Proposed Timeline	Assigned Parties	Item
January 2026	Wauwatosa and West Allis Communications Team	Public participation plan from now until 2027
February 24, 2026	Wauwatosa and West Allis Administration	Both Common Councils consider a final vote on a fire merger
IF APPROVED BY BOTH CITIES		
March 31, 2026	West Allis City Attorney	Deadline for applying for the Innovation Grant, in order to establish a full year of grant funds.
March 2026	West Allis	Public Information Session
March 2026	West Allis City Attorney	Create a corporation, seek tax exempt status, and complete corporate documentation
Late April 2026	Wauwatosa and West Allis Common Councils	Each City's Common Council appoints 3 members to its Governing Board and 3 members to its Fire Commission
April 27, 2026	Joint Department	Officially responsible for Fire/EMS and operations start under staffing agreements
May 2026	West Allis	WAFD Open House
Summer 2026	Wauwatosa and West Allis Executive Leadership Team	Negotiate a new union contract with future employees of the joint Fire Department
August 2026	West Allis Design Team with input from Wauwatosa and both Fire Chiefs	Branding and identity
Summer 2026	Posted by Wauwatosa HR and interviewed by the Created Fire Commission	Fire Chief Hiring Process
October 2026	Wauwatosa	WFD Open House
November 2026	Wauwatosa and West Allis Fire Representatives	Public Education Programs
Spring / Summer 2027	Wauwatosa and West Allis	Joint Open House