

# LOMBARD

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS  
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## VOICE OVER

What is essential for a thriving community?

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## ON SCREEN TEXT

- Schools
- Citizens
- Commerce
- Public Service Workers

## VIDEO FOOTAGE

- Lombard Water Tower
- Kids going to school or in class
- People looking in camera (smiling)
- People in the Park (playing, walking, exercising)
- People shopping
- Police Officers waving to community in squad
- Fire Fighters at vehicle incident
- EMTs

# POLICE

## VOICE OVER

In Lombard, our public safety facilities (some built 50 years ago) were not designed to meet modern safety standards and no longer have adequate space.

To continue providing the community with a high level of service to our community, our facilities must change to meet the current demands.

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## VIDEO FOOTAGE

- Drone shot of Lombard that transitions to...
- A MAP of Lombard filling out over the last 30 years.

## ON SCREEN TEXT

- Population numbers growing.



## VOICE OVER

When our police facility was built in 1974, it served Lombard well. Since that time, however, there have been many operational changes in policing and our staff has grown significantly. The building itself faces serious space constraints and does not meet the current code and accessibility requirements of a modern police facility.

The building is simply not designed for effective communication and sharing of information - a must for any modern department.

As a result, the department has been forced to adapt to a space that is outdated, overcrowded and not well suited for compliance with emerging best practices in law enforcement.

## VIDEO FOOTAGE

- OLD PHOTOGRAPHS OF POLICE WHEN THE STATION WAS BUILT
- POLICE STATION EXTERIOR/INTERIOR
- OVER-CROWDED MEETINGS
- GEAR IN HALLWAYS
- DATA SECURITY STATION IN CUBICLE
- SMALL FEMALE LOCKER ROOM

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## ON SCREEN TEXT

- Year police station was built (over shot of the station)

# CUT TO INTERVIEW:

## Police Officer Talking Points for Safety issues:

**Parking:** Police vehicles are currently parked in an open, unsecured area that the public has access to. This creates longer response times as the vehicles and equipment need additional time to warm up in the winter.

**Transfer of Detainees:** The sally port, a secure garage used for the safe transfer of detainees from a vehicle to the lockup area, and lacks the ability to accommodate multiple vehicles.

**Tight Hallways:** Corridors leading to the holding cells are very narrow at 4 feet wide. Officers need to have enough space to allow use of defensive tactics when necessary to safely restrain a detainee, which they don't currently have.

**Holding Cells:** Being able to isolate detainees so they can't talk to each other can be very important during an investigation. Our current holding cells have open fronts, and sound / noise separation is not possible. Lombard's holding cells do not meet Illinois Municipal Jail standards, which require solid doors.



# OPERATIONS

## VOICE OVER

Policing has vastly changed over the past 50 years. While the Village has done its best to adapt the building to suit the department's needs, there is simply not enough space to do so, and retrofits can only help so much.

In addition, the building's HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems are in need of significant and costly repairs.

Storage is a huge concern for the department; Evidence, Records and Equipment all require a lot of space.

Currently, evidence is stored in several locations throughout the building. A centralized evidence location with adequate space would make this work much more efficient and safe.

The department does not have a dedicated secure area to conduct computer forensics, something that wasn't as necessary 50 years ago.

## VIDEO FOOTAGE

HVAC/ELECTRICAL/PLUMBING  
EVIDENCE ROOMS BEING TOO SMALL

# TRAINING

## VOICE OVER

Both police and fire departments are struggling across the country with recruitment and retention. Keeping staff in a comfortable, safe, appealing place to work is a high-priority for both the departments and the community.

With the increase in female officers, our facilities have failed to accommodate. The stations were designed at a time when there were very few females in the sworn ranks. Female officers now make up roughly 20% of the police force.

The department's men's and women's locker rooms have reached maximum capacity and no lockers are available for future female officers..

Both the number and size of lockers are inadequate.  
[show]

There is no dedicated storage space for larger items.  
[show]

The restroom facilities are outdated and are not ADA-accessible.

## VIDEO FOOTAGE

- HVAC/ELECTRICAL/PLUMBING
- EVIDENCE ROOMS BEING TOO SMALL
- TOO SMALL LOCKER ROOMS
- CABINETS TO HOLD GEAR TOO SMALL
- RESTROOMS



# TRAINING

## VOICE OVER

Mandatory training required of police officers has greatly increased, and training spaces are needed to provide greater flexibility for classroom training, defensive tactics, simulator, and live fire scenario-based training.

Our Police department would benefit greatly from an adequate training room which could also to be used for community engagement events.

## VIDEO FOOTAGE

- CLEARING A HALLWAY?



# FIRE

## VOICE OVER

The Fire Department has identified a response gap in the central area of town. The industry standard of a four-minute response time to emergency calls is not being met in the gap area.

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## ON SCREEN TEXT

- Response times have been increasing

# VIDEO FOOTAGE

- OVERCROWDED SLEEPING QUARTERS WITH FIRE FIGHTERS - THEY GET A CALL.
- THEY ARE MANEUVERING VEHICLES OUT OF BAYS WITH BRICK WALLS IN FRONT OF THEM TO GET OUT TO THE CALL.
- GRAPHIC SHOT OF LOMBARD SHOWING RESPONSE TIMES RISING FOR FIRE ATTEMPTING TO GET ACROSS TOWN TO RESPOND TO A CALL.

# CUT TO FIRE INTERVIEW:

Through a space needs analysis Station 45, built in 1986, was found considerably undersized for our current Fire Department operations.

The existing facilities do not properly accommodate the number of personnel, nor do they have appropriate facilities for female firefighters. Additionally, there is no room for growth; the department is at capacity.

Crowded quarters have a negative impact on personnel and have put the department at a disadvantage when recruiting new firefighters.

The existing facilities do not allow for the safe deployment of vehicles.

At Station 44, drivers must maneuver vehicles around one another inside the building before exiting to a call. This takes time and affects the department's overall response time.

Backing into a station and around vehicles creates safety concerns.

The Tower Ladder Truck (a specialized and important piece of equipment) is currently at a decentralized station, which creates a longer response time for this important vehicle that is needed at every fire in town.

A new centrally located fire station will allow emergency vehicles and personnel to get to calls faster, especially to the high-schools, and community parks.

Having a third station will also free up space in the existing stations. This will greatly ease overcrowding and allow for easier emergency vehicle movement and on-site training.

All of this means a safer Lombard.



## VOICE OVER

So, we have an outdated and undersized police station, overcrowded fire stations that cannot adequately meet optimal response times, nor do they help Lombard in attracting new firefighters and police officers in the current competitive recruiting environment. How do we solve these issues?

## VIDEO FOOTAGE

- CURRENT FACILITIES
  - SPLIT SCREEN
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## ON SCREEN TEXT

- How do we solve these issues?

## VOICE OVER

Since 2008, the Village Board has been asking that same question. Multiple studies have been conducted, including facility needs and space needs studies which found that both fire and police are operating with much less space than is needed.

## VIDEO FOOTAGE

- VILLAGE BOARD MEETING



# VOICE OVER

A new fire station located where the police station currently is would drastically reduce our response times for life-saving services to all of Lombard, especially neighborhoods that are not near one of the existing stations

The first step in the Village Board's plan is to build a new police station at a central location in the community. Once complete, the focus will shift to the fire department to remodel both existing stations and build a new station on the site of the current police station.

# VIDEO FOOTAGE

- GRAPHICALLY DEPICT THE VARIOUS STUDIES DONE
- FIRE STATION EXTERIORS
- POLICE STATION EXTERIOR
- Renderings of new stations and remodels
- Drone Shots of Lombard Neighborhoods

## CUT TO VILLAGE INTERVIEW:

With a shared vision for modern public safety facilities, the Village Board has unanimously agreed that both a new police station and a new fire station are needed to better serve and protect the community. We are committed to maximize efficiency and to uphold best practices in public safety for all of our community.

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# TEXT ON SCREEN & VOICE OVER

This initiative is part of the Village Board's 2021-2024 Strategic Plan, where a main goal was to get Lombard's "facilities to meet adequate operational needs."

This initiative would do just that.

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## VOICE OVER

How much will all of this cost?

[MODIFYING SCRIPT]

## VIDEO FOOTAGE

- MAP OF LOMBARD AND SHOW NEW STATION REPLACING THE POLICE STATION. GRAPHICALLY ILLUSTRATE RESPONSE TIMES GOING DOWN.

## TEXT ON SCREEN

How much will all of this cost?



## CUT TO VILLAGE INTERVIEW:

Village Manager to discuss future exploration of all funding options in future budgets and the current building reserve fund.

[MODIFYING SCRIPT]

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## VOICE OVER

Like many of our neighboring communities, the vision is to provide up-to-date facilities for Lombard's emergency responders so they may continue to serve the community with excellence. A key value for Lombard's leaders is keeping the community safe. And with this initiative, we'll be able to do just that. Find out more at [www.lombard.il.gov](http://www.lombard.il.gov) OR follow us @ [LombardIL](https://twitter.com/LombardIL) to find out more.

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## VIDEO FOOTAGE

- people/staff smiling in camera
- parks
- drone shots of Lombard



# TO THE FUTURE

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