



# La Crosse Fire Department

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## Fire Department Monthly Report

April 2020

May 14th, 2020

Honorable Police & Fire Commission:

### In the News:

In the beginning of April, in an effort to increase social distancing, in the beginning of April, the La Crosse Fire Department shifted three rigs to three “outside stations”: La Crosse Center, Logan and Central High Schools.

April 15th, firefighters responded to a building fire caused by an overheated dryer. The fire was extinguished quickly and no one was displaced or injured.

April 27th, firefighters responded to a garage fire caused by a spontaneous combustion of rags stored in a confined area. The garage sustained moderate fire and smoke damage, but thankfully, no injuries were reported.

April 30th, crews responded to a person who was struck by a train on the City of La Crosse’s Southside.

Personnel: No changes to report

Attached are the following reports: Incident Data, Monthly Activities, Division Summaries, and “Thank You’s”

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Gilliam, Fire Chief

Thank you Fox2548 and WIProud. We are stronger together



*Right:*  
Fox 24/48 & WI Proud invited us to be a part of their "Stronger Together" campaign. Here is a screen shot of Captain Markert and Engineer Stein.

13,923 Views

Fox2548 & WIProud

April 24 at 4:44 PM · 🌐

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These are unprecedented times. Many are putting themselves at risk every day. First Responders, Healthcare Workers, Truck Drivers, Grocers and Local Volunteers. It's all of us, doing what we must even if that means staying home. We all make a difference. We Are Stronger Together!



*Left:*  
Battalion Chief Schott helping out our community during the spring election.



*Right:*  
Rescue 1 joined the LCPD to celebrate Grandma Pat's 95th Birthday! (a small parade was held with lots of honks and horns)



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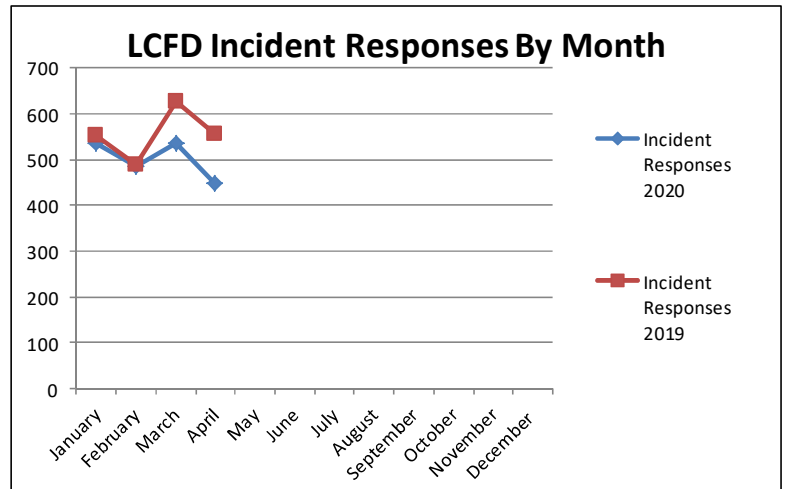
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## Incident Data

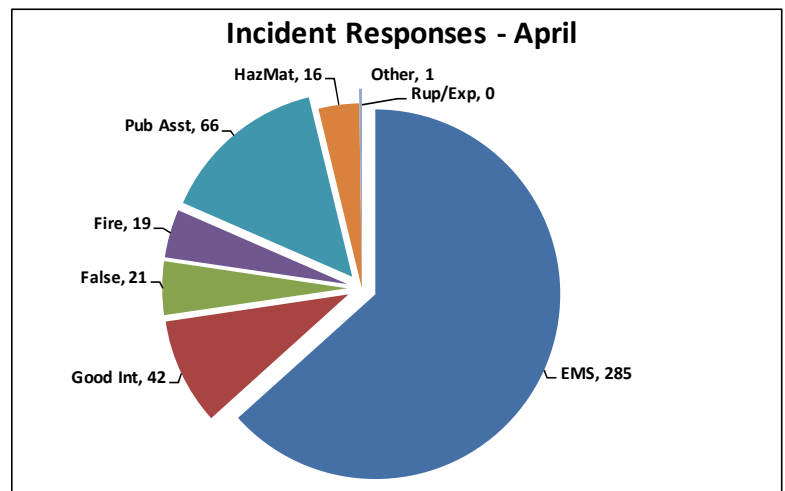
April 2020

LCFD Incident Responses	YTD	YTD
Total Incidents	2,011	2,227
Percent Change From Previous Year	- 9.70%	



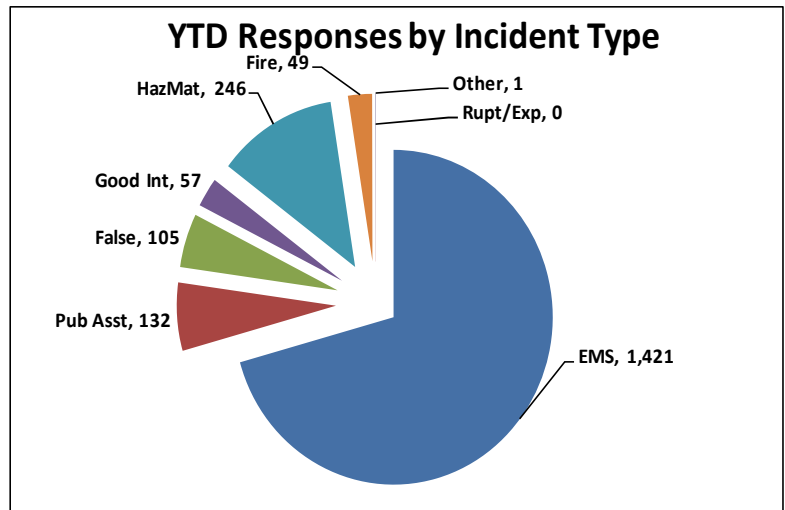
### 2020 April Response By Incident Type

Incident Type	Incident Responses
EMS	285
Good Int	42
False	21
Fire	19
Pub Asst	66
HazMat	16
Other	1
Rupt/Exp	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>450</b>



### 2020 YTD Response By Incident Type

Incident Type	Incident Responses
EMS	1,421
Good Int	132
False	105
Fire	57
Pub Asst	246
HazMat	49
Other	1
Rupt/Exp	0
<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>2,011</b>







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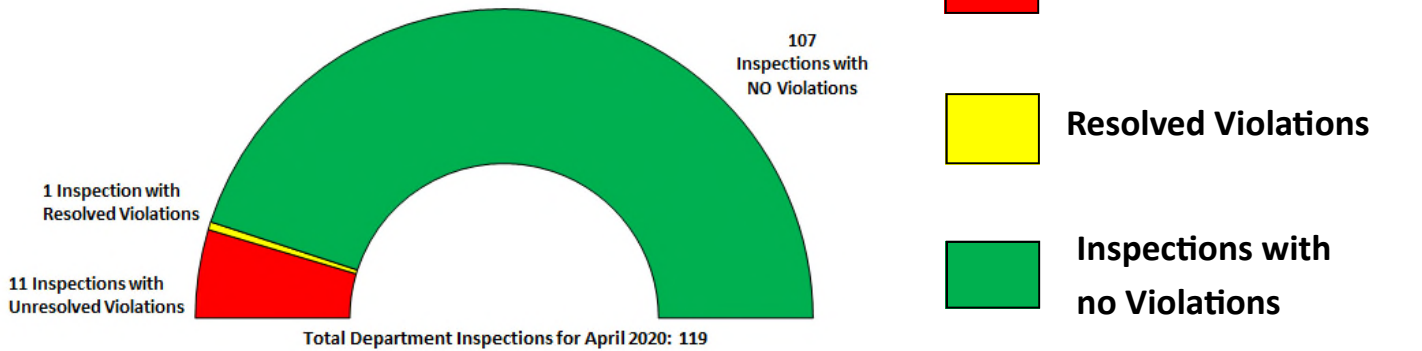
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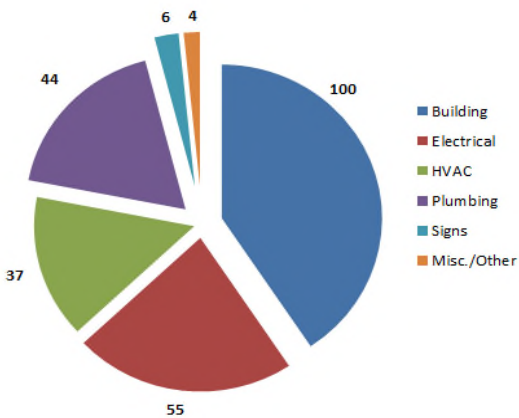
## Community Risk Reduction Summary

April 2020

### Inspections for April 2020

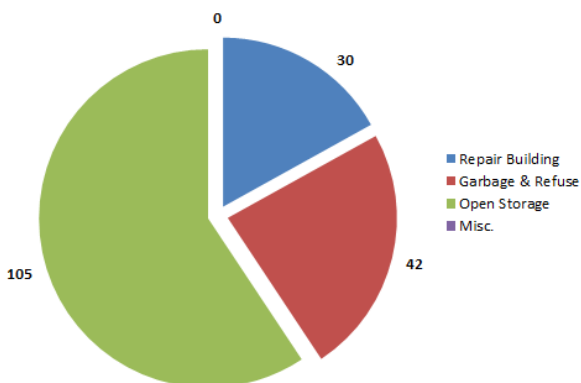


### Community Risk Reduction Permits Issued April 2020



Along with sharing information provided from other City departments and La Crosse County on our social media regarding COVID-19, we have also been sharing additional information, like this post below:

### Community Risk Reduction Orders to Correct April 2020



WHAT TYPE OF MASK DO I NEED? 🧻		
<b>HOMEMADE MASK OR PAPER MASK</b>  <b>WHO SHOULD WEAR:</b> General public  <b>WHEN TO WEAR:</b> When a person can't perform social distancing; scarves and bandanas can be used if necessary.  <b>USE LIMITATIONS:</b> Cloth masks should be washed after each use; don't wear damp or when wet from spit or mucus.	<b>SURGICAL MASK</b>  <b>WHO SHOULD WEAR:</b> Health care workers and patients in health care settings  <b>WHEN TO WEAR:</b> During single or multiple patient interactions or routine health procedures; recommended when N95s aren't available.  <b>USE LIMITATIONS:</b> Ideally should be discarded after each patient encounter. Extended use is preferable to reuse.	<b>N95 RESPIRATOR</b>  <b>WHO SHOULD WEAR:</b> Health care workers  <b>WHEN TO WEAR:</b> Caring for patients with COVID-19 and performing procedures that put them most at risk of virus exposure.  <b>USE LIMITATIONS:</b> Ideally should be discarded after each patient encounter. Extended use is preferable to reuse.



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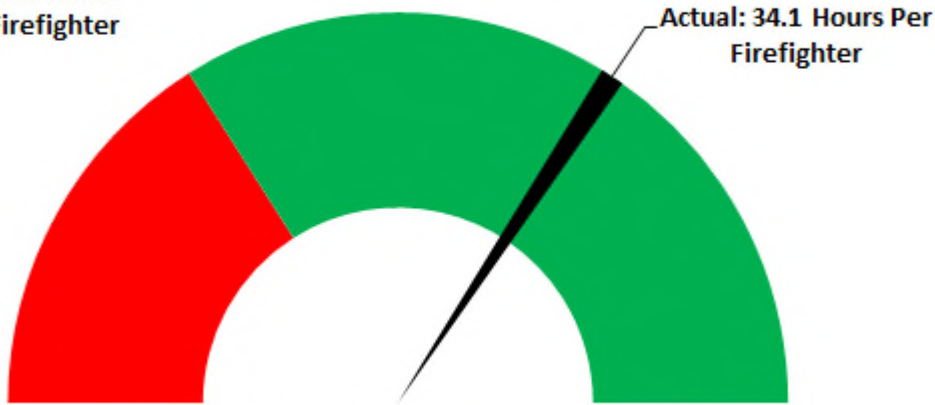


## Training & Professional Standards Summary

April 2020

### Total Training Hours Per Firefighter in April 2020

Goal: 16 Hours  
Per Firefighter



Total Department Training Hours for April 2020: 3,170.4

#### Training Topics Covered in April:

- Fire Ground Operations
- EMS
- Extrication
- Technical Rescue
- Water Rescue
- Haz-Mat
- Apparatus Operations
- Recruit Academy
- Tactical EMS
- Management/Officers
- Fire Prevention/Public Education

#### Fire Personnel

	Total Approved	Current
Sworn	98	99*
Civilian	14	13
	112	111

\*Overstaffed April - June  
(pending retirement)



Above: Emergency Management Training



Right: Live Fire Training



**MARINE**  
CREDIT UNION

04/09/20

VALUED FIRE FIGHTERS & EMERGENCY PERSONNEL  
AT STATION # 3 :

WE NEED YOU NOW MORE THAN EVER.  
THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO.  
YOU ARE OUR LIFELINE AND OUR GUARDIANS.

WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE  
WE CHERISH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO "COMMUNITY"!

Robert Richardson

on behalf of your friends at MCU