



# La Crosse Fire Department

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## Fire Department Monthly Report

March 2020

April 23rd, 2020

Honorable Police & Fire Commission:

### In the News:

March 5th, the La Crosse Fire Department responds to needle pick-up calls but reminded the public of nine drop box locations throughout the area as well as four other locations, which take larger amounts of disposals.

March 6th, Community Risk Management reminded the public to not dispose of lithium batteries in the trash; rather take them to the La Crosse County Solid Waste Services.

March 13th, Fire officials requested the public to hold off on water recreation until the water temperature goes up. Hypothermia can occur in any water temperature below 70°F, which is well above any water temperatures around the City of La Crosse.

March 25th, the La Crosse Fire Department responded to the 1000 block of Rose Street for a stone fire at a two-story single-family home.

March 27th, the La Crosse Fire Department extinguished a fire just before 1:00 a.m. Friday at the Xcel Energy French Island Generating Station. The fire was contained to the machine and no one was injured.

### Personnel:

New hire firefighters started March 23rd: Cole Adams, Brian Fox, Josh Kois, Colton LeClaire, Erin Miller, and CJ Sordahl.

**Attached are the following reports:** Incident Data, Monthly Activities, Division Summaries, and "Thank You"

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Gilliam, Fire Chief

*We promote safety, reduce risks, and respond to calls for fire suppression, emergency medical services, and all-hazards rescue.  
We earn the community's trust through preparedness, professionalism, and dedication to service.*



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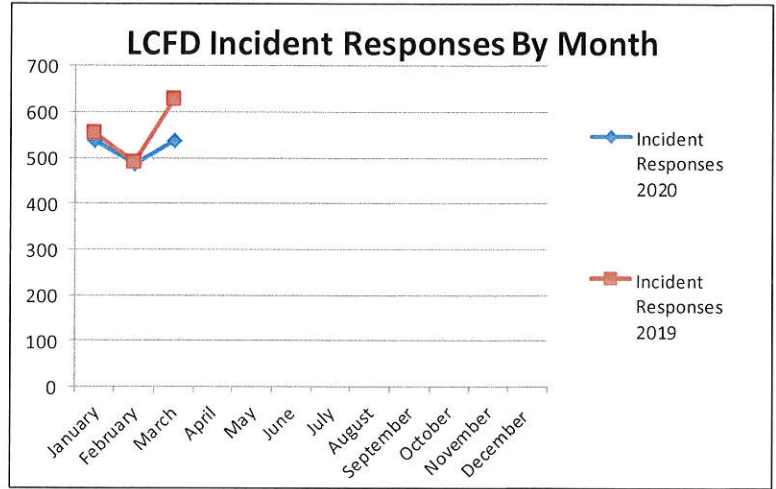
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## Incident Data

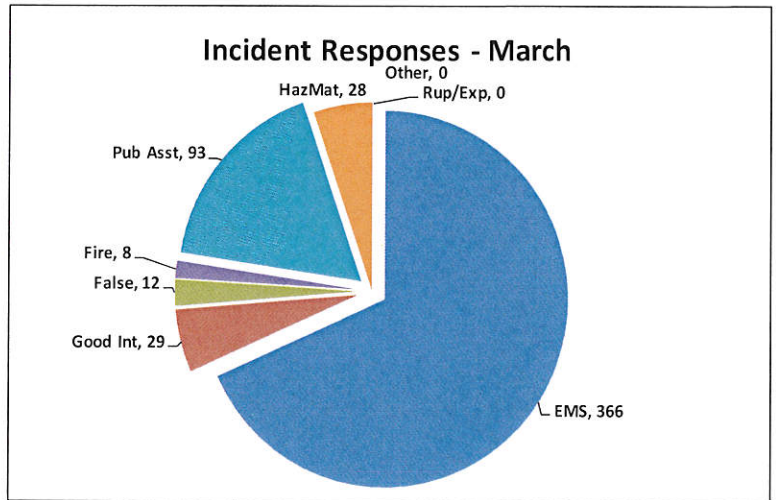
March 2020

LCFD Incident Responses	YTD	YTD
Total Incidents	1,563	1,704
Percent Change From Previous Year	-8.27%	



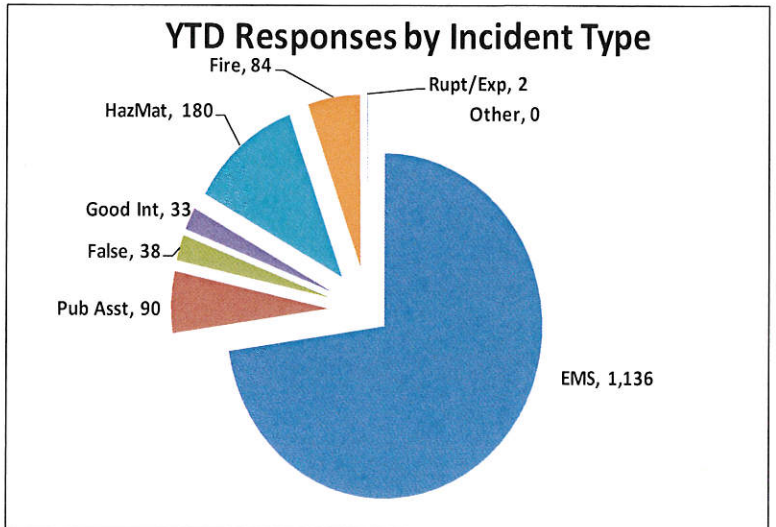
### 2020 March Response by Incident Type

Incident Type	Incident Responses
EMS	366
Good Int	29
False	12
Fire	8
Pub Asst	93
HazMat	28
Other	0
Rupt/Exp	0
Total	536



### 2020 YTD Response by Incident Type

Incident Type	Incident Responses
EMS	1,136
Good Int	90
False	38
Fire	33
Pub Asst	180
HazMat	84
Other	0
Rupt/Exp	2
YTD Total	1,563







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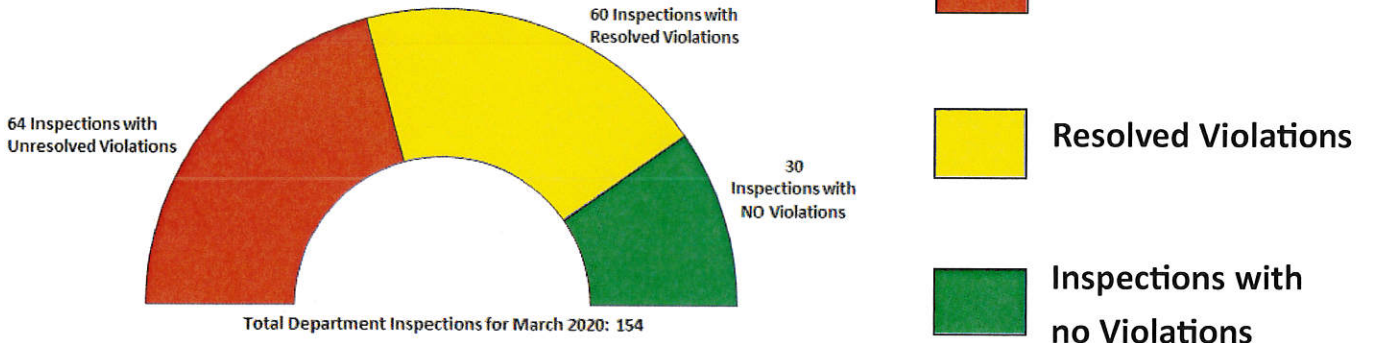
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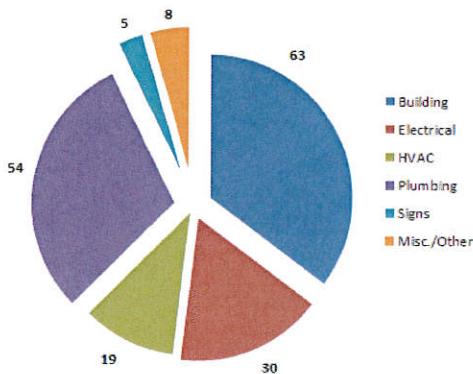
## Community Risk Reduction Summary

March 2020

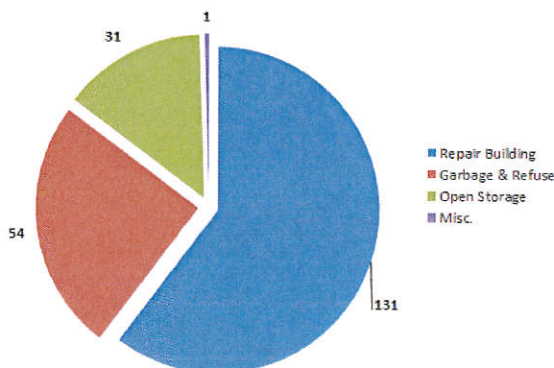
### Inspections for March 2020



### Community Risk Reduction Permits Issued March 2020



### Community Risk Reduction Orders to Correct March 2020



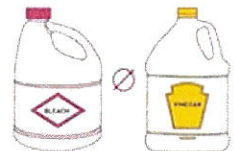
During the past few weeks, during the COVID-19 Pandemic, Community Risk Management has been releasing updates and information via the Fire Department's Facebook page.

Here is an example of one of our posts:

## DO NOT MIX THESE CLEANING PRODUCTS

### BLEACH + VINEGAR

Bleach and vinegar mixture produces chlorine gas, which can cause coughing, breathing problems, burning and watery eyes.



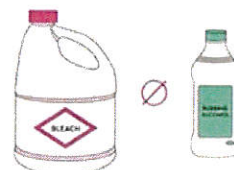
### BLEACH + AMMONIA

Bleach and ammonia produce a toxic gas called chloramine. It causes shortness of breath and chest pain.



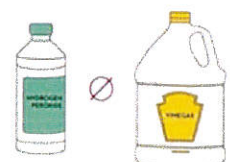
### BLEACH + RUBBING ALCOHOL

Bleach and rubbing alcohol makes chloroform, which is highly toxic.



### HYDROGEN PEROXIDE + VINEGAR

This combination makes peracetic/peroxyacetic acid, which can be highly corrosive







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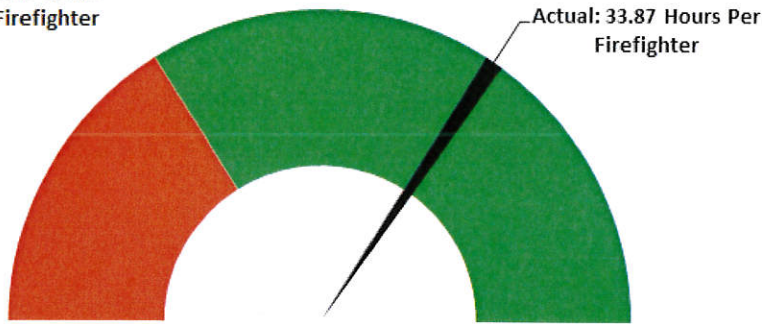


## Training & Professional Standards Summary

March 2020

### Total Training Hours Per Firefighter in March 2020

Goal: 16 Hours  
Per Firefighter



Total Department Training Hours for March 2020: 3,150

### Training Topics Covered in March:

- 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

The first recruit academy of 2020 began March 23rd.

