



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Agenda

### Police and Fire Commission

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Thursday, May 13, 2021

9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting via Lifesize

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#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

#### Approval of Minutes

#### Agenda Items:

- I. [21-0688](#) April, 2021 Fire Personnel Report
- A. *Review of Firefighter ABCs site*
  - B. *Appointment of the following to the position of probationary firefighter:*
    - 1. *Benjamin Leis*
    - 2. *Andrew Stadler*
    - 3. *Chase Montgomery*
- II. [21-0693](#) April, 2021 Police Personnel Report
- A. *Appointment of Lt. Jon Wenger to regular status following successful completion of introductory period.*
  - B. *Appointment of the following to regular status after successful completion of probationary period:*
    - 1. *Officer Conner Hjellming*
    - 2. *Officer Tanner Oleson*
    - 3. *Officer Brandon Obluck*
  - C. *Appointment of the following to the position of probationary Police Officer:*
    - 1. *Daniel Skifton*
    - 2. *Trenton Benning*
    - 3. *Gabriel Kapanke*
    - 4. *Alexandra Beardmore*
- III. Discuss regular meeting time
- IV. Next Meeting: June 10, 2021
- A. *Future Agenda Items*

#### Adjournment

*NOTE: The Commission may convene in closed session relative to items I and II pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(c) to discuss employment, promotions and performance evaluation data of a public employee. Following any closed session, the Commission may reconvene in open session.*

*Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.*

**NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY**

*Requests from persons with a disability who need assistance to participate in this meeting should call the City Clerk's office at (608) 789-7510 or send an email to [ADAcityclerk@cityoflacrosse.org](mailto:ADAcityclerk@cityoflacrosse.org), with as much advance notice as possible.*



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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Police and Fire Commission

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Thursday, April 8, 2021

9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting via Lifesize

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*Draft until approved at May 13, 2021 meeting.*

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Police and Fire Commission meeting was conducted through video conferencing and available for public viewing at the following link: <https://stream.lifesizecloud.com/extension/7205012/0278898c-6543-4aee-9c6b-46ec400de0b9>.

Members of the public who wished to speak on an agenda item were asked to contact the Commission Secretary by emailing [leissoa@cityoflacrosse.org](mailto:leissoa@cityoflacrosse.org), calling (608)789-7595, using the drop box outside of City Hall or sending mail to the Police and Fire Commission (HR Dept), 400 La Crosse St, La Crosse WI 54601 by 4:00 p.m. on April 7, 2021.

#### Call to Order

*Meeting called to order by Commissioner Happel at 9:37 a.m.*

#### Roll Call

*Guests: Chief Gilliam, Chief Kudron*

#### Approval of Minutes

*Minutes of February 11, 2021 meeting.*

**Motion by Commissioner Nasif to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.**

#### Agenda Items:

**I. Fire Personnel Report - February and March, 2021**

*Presented by: Chief Gilliam*

**DISCUSSION:**

*-Summarized personnel reports for February and March*

*-Currently in the process of filling 3 vacancies*

*-Chief commented briefly on Fire Station building/remodeling issues. He is trying to balance community needs with fiscal responsibility and is hopeful for Council direction soon.*

**Motion by Commissioner Jentz to accept and file the February and March, 2021 Fire Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nasif. Unanimous approval.**

*A. Appointment of the following to regular status upon successful completion of probationary period:*

- 1. Firefighter Colton Le Claire*
- 2. Firefighter Cole Adams*
- 3. Firefighter Brian Fox*
- 4. Firefighter Chamaine Sordahl*
- 5. Firefighter Erin Miller*
- 6. Firefighter Josh Kois*

**Motion by Commissioner Jentz to approve the following appointments to regular status following successful completion of probationary period:**

- 1. Firefighter Colton Le Claire**
- 2. Firefighter Cole Adams**
- 3. Firefighter Brian Fox**
- 4. Firefighter Chamaine Sordahl**
- 5. Firefighter Erin Miller**
- 6. Firefighter Josh Kois**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Kopp. Unanimous approval.**

*Commissioner Jentz stepped out of meeting briefly.*

*B. Promotion of Firefighter Clayton Anderson to Engineer.*

**Motion by Commissioner Yutuc to approve the promotion of Firefighter Clayton Anderson to Engineer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kopp. Unanimous approval. (Happel, Kopp, Yutuc, Nasif voted; Jentz not present for vote.)**

*Commissioner Jentz present again.*

C. *Schedule special meeting for appointment of new firefighters.*

*Agreed to meet April 30th at 9:30 a.m. if needed.*

II. Police Personnel Report - February and March, 2021

*Presented by: Chief Kudron*

*DISCUSSION:*

*-Summarized personnel reports for February and March.*

*-responded to questions regarding the reduction of School Resource Officers*

**Motion by Commissioner Kopp to accept and file the February and March, 2021 Police Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.**

*Meeting suspended - fire alarms going off in City Hall. Meeting resumed within less than 5 minutes.*

A. *Schedule Police Officer Interviews*

*Agreed on May 3rd from 9 a.m. to noon.*

III. Update on Criminal Justice Management Council Subcommittee for Police Oversight

*Presented by: Commissioner Nasif*

*DISCUSSION:*

*-No formal meetings since February of this year.*

*-Moving forward, the subcommittee dissolved. Another subcommittee is working on the report for the Criminal Justice Committee and recommendations. Report will summarize and provide guidance for formal advisory council.*

IV. Next Meeting: May 13, 2021

A. *Future Agenda Items*

*None requested.*

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Jentz . Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Vote:**

**Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Happel at 10:29 a.m.**



# La Crosse Fire Department

Fire Chief Ken Gilliam

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May 13th, 2020

Honorable Police & Fire Commission:

Please accept this month's attached report from the La Crosse Fire Department. As committed to in our department's Mission Statement, we continue to promote safety, reduce risks, and respond to calls for fire suppression, emergency medical services, and all-hazards rescue. We continue to strive to earn our community's trust through preparedness, professionalism, and dedicated to service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Gilliam

## **April LCFD Highlights:**

- April 2nd, LCFD responded to a fire at Alter Metal Recycling, 2410 Hauser Street around 5:00pm. Crews came upon the scene to find a large fire and heavy black smoke. Due to volume of scrap cars and limited access to the area, it took almost two hours to control the fire, using several thousand gallons of water per minute. 24 firefighters responded with assistance from LCPD, TSA, Xcel Energy, La Crosse County EDC, the Salvation Army, and employees of Alter Metal Recycling. The cause the fire remains under investigation.
- April 9th, 13th, & 16th, LCFD in partnership with the School District of La Crosse held a workshop to educate students on pre-hospital emergency medical services. In total, 45 high school seniors participated and the workshop concluded with the students participating in a mass casualty triage exercise.
- April 18th, LCFD responded to a fire at Viterbo University's Marian Hall at 2:15am. The first unit responded on location within four minutes and upon arrival met with Viterbo security personnel. A fire had been intentionally set by a student in a garbage can. It had been extinguished prior to LCFD arrival, but crews assisted with ventilating smoke. An arrest has been made and the individual has been charged.
- April 19th, LCFD responded to a vehicle fire at 1020 5th Avenue South at 4:03am. Engine One responded to a car smoking and flames coming from the rear window. Once the fire was contained, it was apparent due to other damages to the car, the fire was set intentionally. This incident is still under investigation in partnership with LCPD.
- April 22nd, LCFD responded to a dumpster fire at 402 6th Street South at 9:26pm. Upon arrival, crews found a fully involved plastic dumpster on fire in the parking lot behind the listed address. The fire was quickly extinguished by personnel assigned to Quint One. The fire was set intentionally and thanks for surrounding business cameras, the subject was identified and arrested.
- April 24th, LCFD in partnership with La Crosse County Sheriff's Department, ADRC of La Crosse County, La Crosse County Prevention Network, and the Alliance to Heal held a "Drug Take Back Event" at the La Crosse County Health & Human Services parking lot. A total of 358 cars visited the drive-thru and a total of 550 pounds of pills were collected. Also, 22 boxes of ointments, inhalers, gels, and liquids were also collected.
- April 24th, LCFD responded to a mutual aid request at W5655 State Road 33 to assist the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department with a fire investigation.



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## Personnel Notes:

- Wade Flisram has been appointed the Team Leader for the Urban Search & Rescue team
- Clayton Anderson promoted to Engineer
- Current Department Staffing Status:

Department Staffing Summary		
	Total Approved	Current
Sworn	95	93
Civilian	12	12
	107	105

Alter Metal Recycling - April 2nd



Health Science Academy Workshop

## The Following Reports are Attached:

- Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary
  - Incident Data Updates
  - Baseline Performance Updates
  - Special Operations Updates
- Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary
  - Training Goals and Achievement Updates
  - Health and Safety Updates
- Division of Community Risk Management Summary
  - Building Inspections and Code Enforcement Updates
  - Fire Investigation Updates
  - Community Risk Education Updates
  - City Emergency Management Updates







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## Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

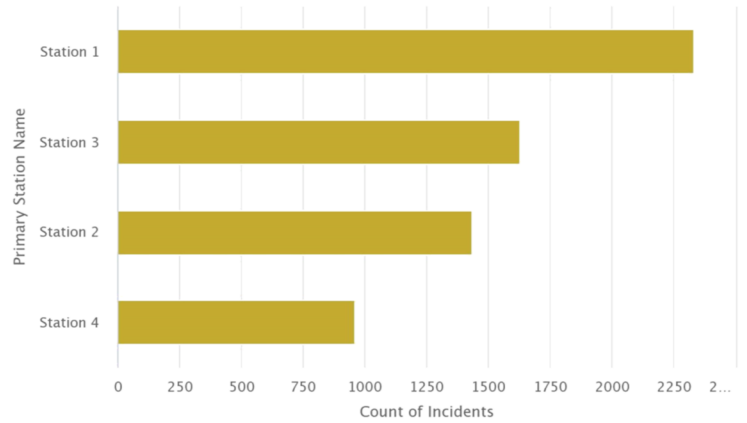
### Incident Data

April 1st, 2020 - March 31st, 2021

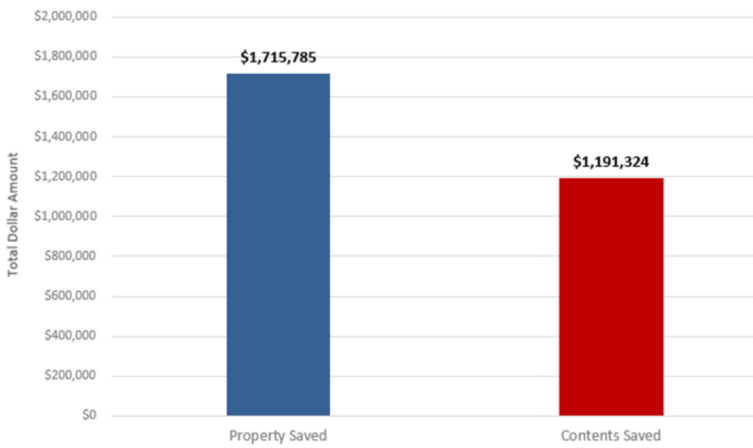
Incidents by Category and Year-Month

Incident Type Category	2020-April	2020-May	2020-June	2020-July	2020-August	2020-September	2020-October	2020-November	2020-December	2021-January	2021-February	2021-March
1 - Fire	20	18	14	16	12	8	16	20	10	12	12	9
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explo...	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical...	285	329	383	387	409	387	407	342	354	354	376	399
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	16	12	45	18	12	26	7	12	23	15	9	12
5 - Service Call	66	68	67	63	59	70	61	53	44	70	48	88
6 - Good Intent Call	42	45	34	43	23	41	39	37	36	42	25	38
7 - False Alarm & False Call	20	30	38	37	28	33	25	20	23	28	39	44
9 - Special Incident Type	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

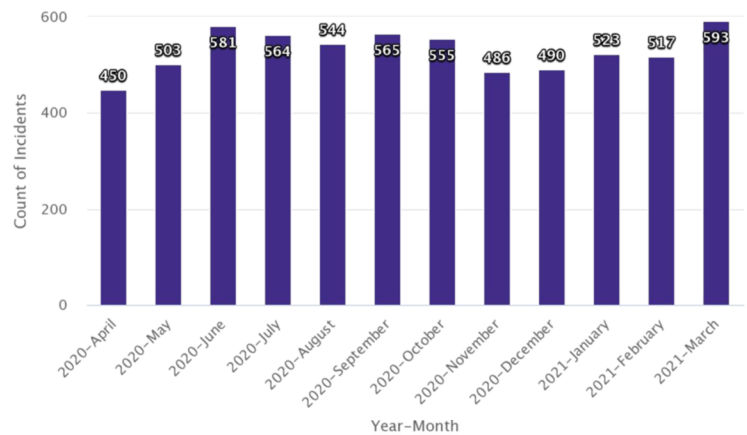
Incidents by Primary Station Name



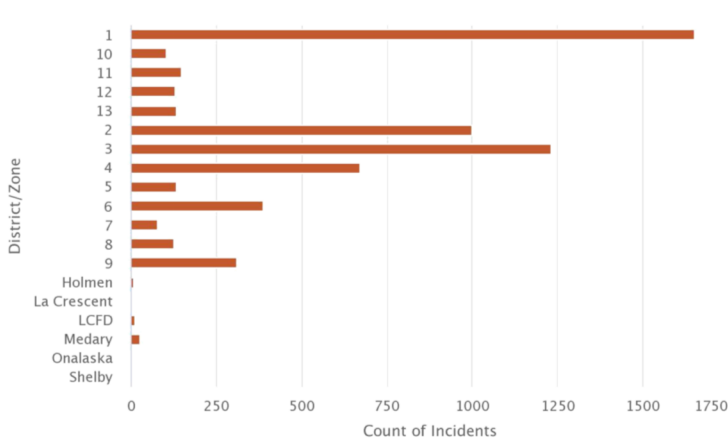
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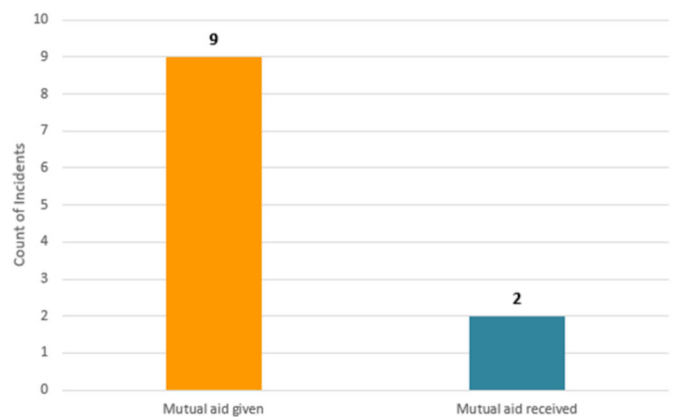
Incidents by Month



Incidents by District/Zone



Mutual Aid







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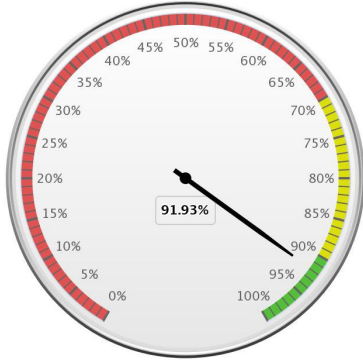


## Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

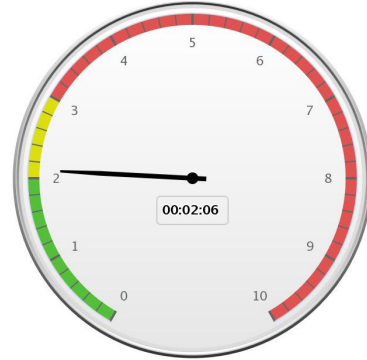
### Baseline Performance

#### Response Times for All Call Types - April 1st, 2020 - March 31st, 2021

Percentage of Apparatus Response Times Under 9 Minutes



Unit 90th Percentile Turnout Time



Apparatus 90th Percentile Response Time (HH:MM:SS)



Unit Average Turnout Time



Apparatus Average Response Time (HH:MM:SS)



Median Basic Response Time (HH:MM:SS)





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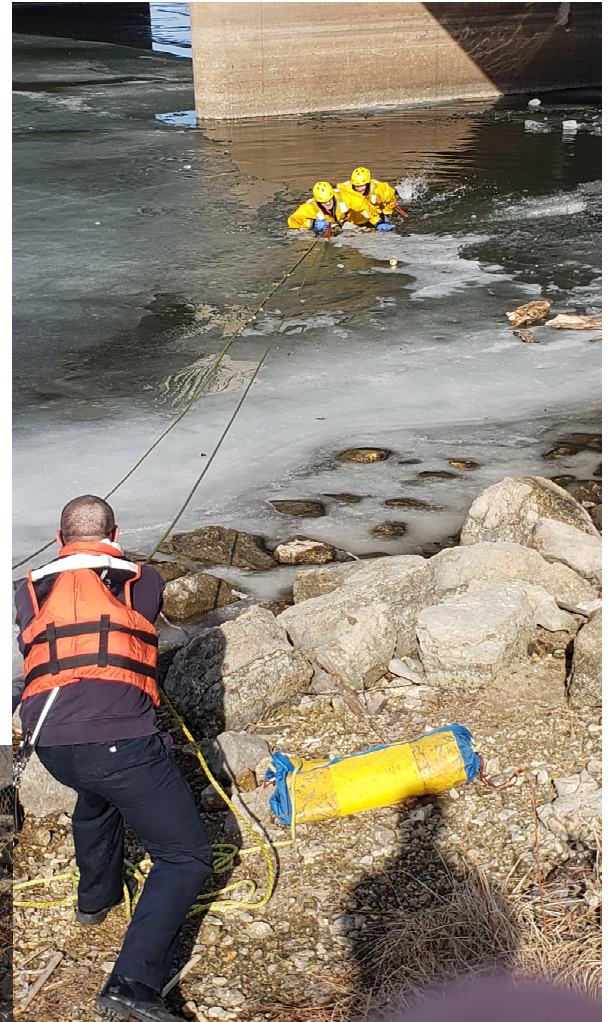
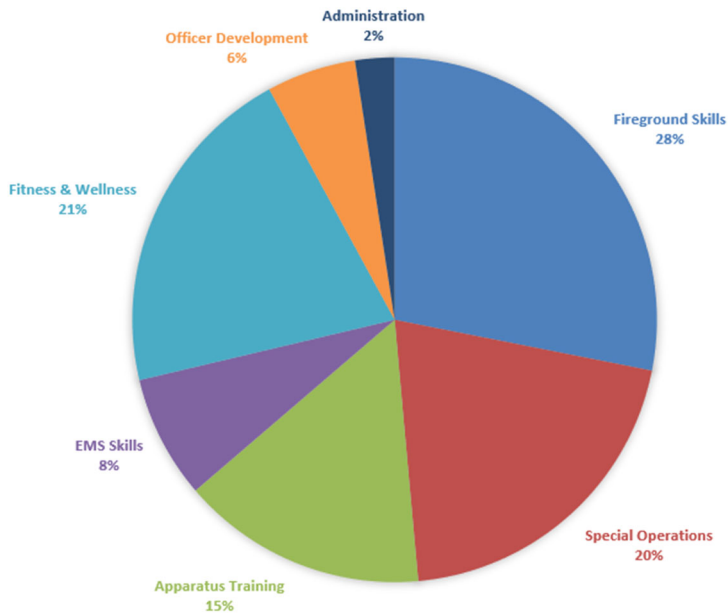
## Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

April 1st, 2020 - March 31st, 2021

### Average Training Totals

Average Personnel Hours	2,806.1
Average Participants	94
Total (not average) Classes Given	523
Average Hours per Person	29.9

### Training Hours by Category



Photographs taken during Special Operations Training - Dive Training, Ice Rescue on March 12th by Black River Beach



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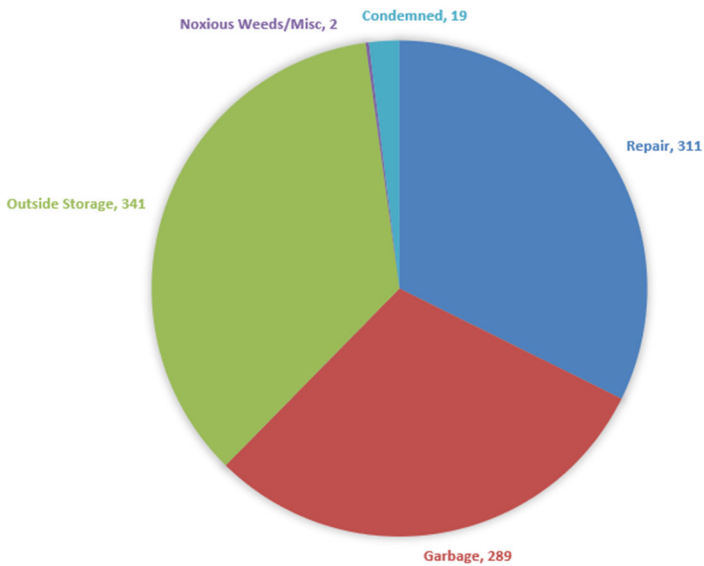


## Division of Community Risk Management Summary

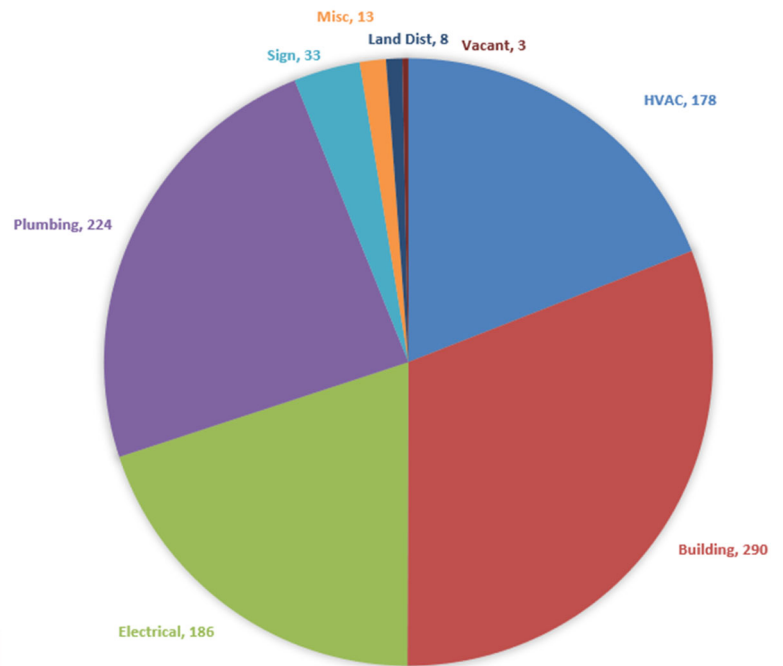
Year-to-Date (January 1st, 2021 - April 30th, 2021)

### Building Inspection Statistics

#### Orders to Correct



#### Permits Issued



#### Fire and Life Safety Building Inspection Totals

April 2021

Total Occupancies	Completed	Follow-Up Required	Unresolved Violations	Resolved Violations	% of Occupancies Inspected	% of Occupancies Completed
581	446	134	185	65	43.15%	36.32%





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## Division of Community Risk Management Summary

### Community Risk Education Report

April 2021

#### Media Spots

- Two TV interviews for “Sound the Alarm” smoke alarm installation month and event May 8th
- One TV interview for “Drug Take Back Day”
- One radio interview for Fall Referral Program

#### Education/Outreach

- Assisted with coordination of the “Drug Take Back Day”. A total of 358 cars visited the drive-thru and a total of 550 pounds of pills were collected. Also, 22 boxes of ointments, inhalers, gels, and liquids were also collected.
- Installed 18 smoke alarms in eight homes within the City of La Crosse.



## Total Reach via Facebook (44,000 people)

### Total Reach

The number of people who saw any content from your Page or about your Page. This metric is estimated.

