



La Crosse Fire Department

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March 11th, 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

February LCFD Highlights:

- February 1st, LCFD responded to a fire on the back staircase at 304 Pearl Street around 10:00pm. The first unit was on the scene in three minutes and fifty seconds. Crews put a quick stop on the exterior fire. They continued to check for and extinguish fires inside the main building as well as surrounding locations. The main building sustained heavy smoke and fire damage. 54 personnel and 18 apparatus responded to the incident. We were assisted by the Shelby Fire Department, Holmen Area Fire Department, Onalaska Fire Department, La Crescent Fire Department, LCPD, TSA, and Xcel Energy.
- February 4th, LCFD presented six-year-old Liam the Lifesaver Award (and a gift of Legos) outside of Emerson Elementary. On January 20th, Liam woke to the smell of smoke inside his family's home. He knew something wasn't right and alerted his parents immediately. Because of his quick thinking, his family was able to safely evacuate before the smoke alarms sounded.
- February 9th, Rescue 1 successfully helped deliver a baby in a vehicle during -14°F weather. Mom and baby boy are doing great!
- February 9th, LCFD responded to a garage fire behind 2012 21st Street South at 3:47pm. Crews responded under four minutes and were able to gain access and extinguish the fire within five minutes. Damage was limited to a small area of combustibles and a heater; which combined, was lead to believe the cause of the fire. 20 firefighters responded with assistance from LCPD and TSA.
- February 19th-23rd, LCFD in partnership with La Crosse County Health Department and the Salvation Army, conducted COVID-19 antigen testing for La Crosse's unsheltered population.
- February 22nd, LCFD responded to an oven fire at 719 Losey Boulevard North at 2:43pm. Prior to arrival, the fire was extinguished by the tenant. Crews assisted with removing the oven, ensuring there were no remaining hotspots, and ventilating the residence.
- February 27th, LCFD responded to a house fire at 315 Rose Street at 12:15pm. The first arriving unit found evidence that a significant fire had occurred inside the structure and appeared to be extinguished for quite some time. Tenants reported they had not been home and had been gone for an extended period of time prior to discovering the fire. The incident is still under investigation.



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Personnel Notes:

- Engineer Byron Stein was announced the 2020 Firefighter of the Year
- February Promotions: David Duchrow - Captain, Blake Hundt - Lieutenant, Jacob Lincoln - Engineer, and Joe Albrecht - Engineer
- Current Department Staffing Status:

| Department Staffing Summary | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------|
| | Total Approved | Current |
| Sworn | 95 | 95 |
| Civilian | 12 | 12 |
| | 107 | 107 |



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
 - CR Education Updates
 - City Emergency Management Updates





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Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

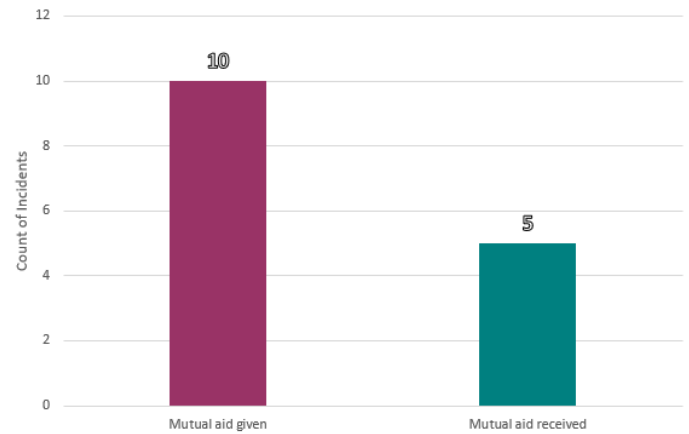
Incident Data

February 1st, 2020 - January 31st, 2021

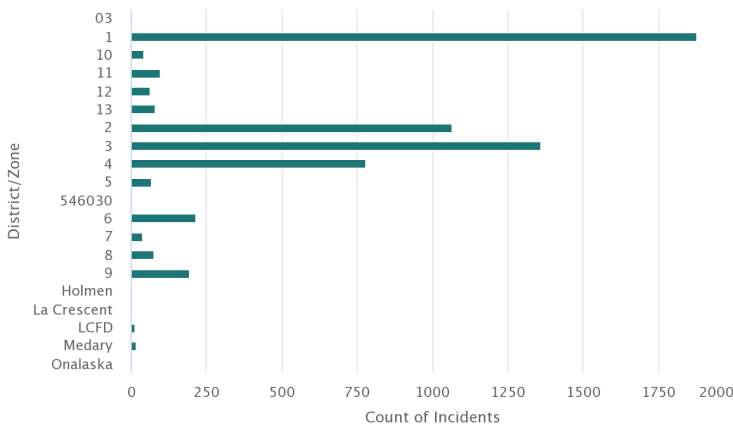
Incidents by Category and Year-Month

| Incident Type Category | 2020-February | 2020-March | 2020-April | 2020-May | 2020-June | 2020-July | 2020-August | 2020-September | 2020-October | 2020-November | 2020-December | 2021-January |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 9 - Special Incident Type | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 - False Alarm & False Call | 28 | 27 | 20 | 30 | 38 | 37 | 28 | 33 | 25 | 20 | 23 | 28 |
| 6 - Good Intent Call | 30 | 29 | 42 | 45 | 34 | 43 | 23 | 41 | 39 | 37 | 36 | 42 |
| 5 - Service Call | 45 | 93 | 66 | 68 | 67 | 63 | 59 | 70 | 61 | 53 | 44 | 70 |
| 4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire) | 16 | 8 | 16 | 12 | 45 | 18 | 12 | 26 | 7 | 12 | 23 | 15 |
| 3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical... | 354 | 366 | 285 | 329 | 383 | 387 | 409 | 387 | 407 | 341 | 354 | 354 |
| 2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explo... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 - Fire | 12 | 13 | 20 | 18 | 14 | 16 | 12 | 8 | 16 | 20 | 10 | 12 |

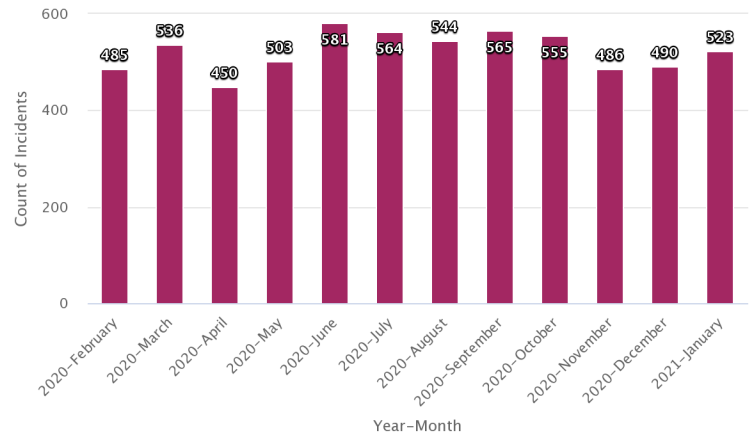
Mutual Aid



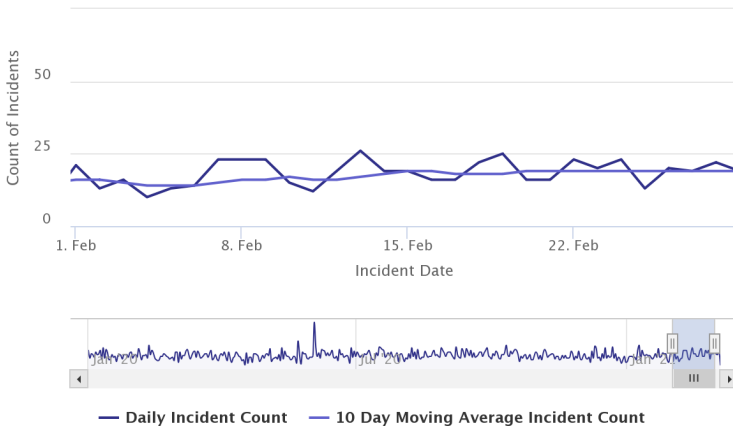
Incidents by District/Zone



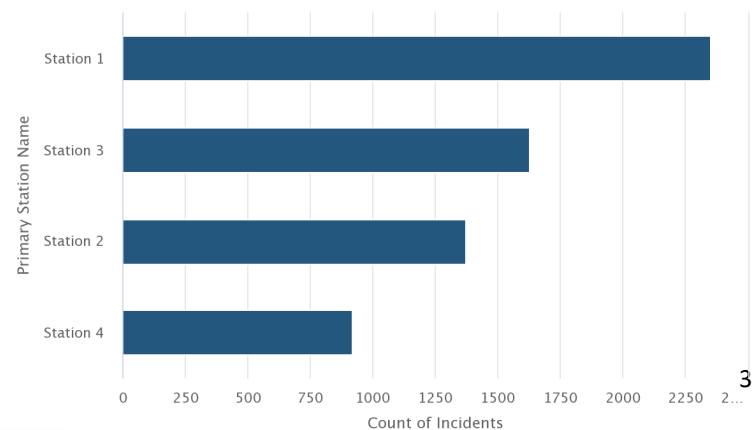
Incidents by Month



Fire Call Volume by Day



Incidents by Primary Station Name





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Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

Baseline Performance

Response Times for All Call Types - February 1st, 2020 - January 31st, 2021

Apparatus Average Response Time (HH:MM:SS)



Unit Average Turnout Time



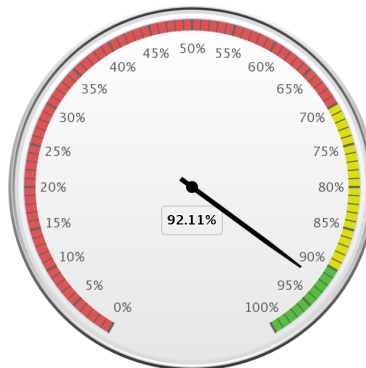
Apparatus 90th Percentile Response Time (HH:MM:SS)



Unit 90th Percentile Turnout Time



Percentage of Apparatus Response Times Under 9 Minutes





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Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

February 1st, 2020 - January 31st, 2021

Average Training Totals

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| Average Personnel Hours | 2,931.30 |
| Average Participants | 90 |
| Total Classes Given | 542 |
| Average Hours per Person | 250.20 |



Extrication Training





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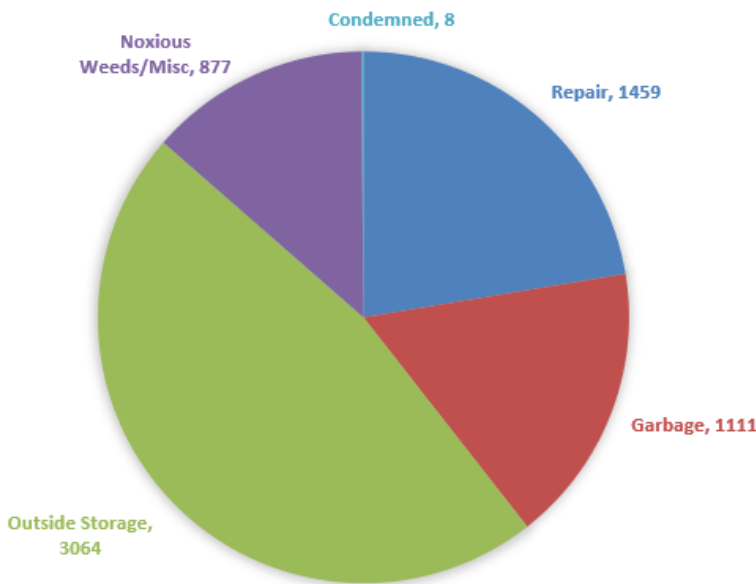


Division of Community Risk Management Summary

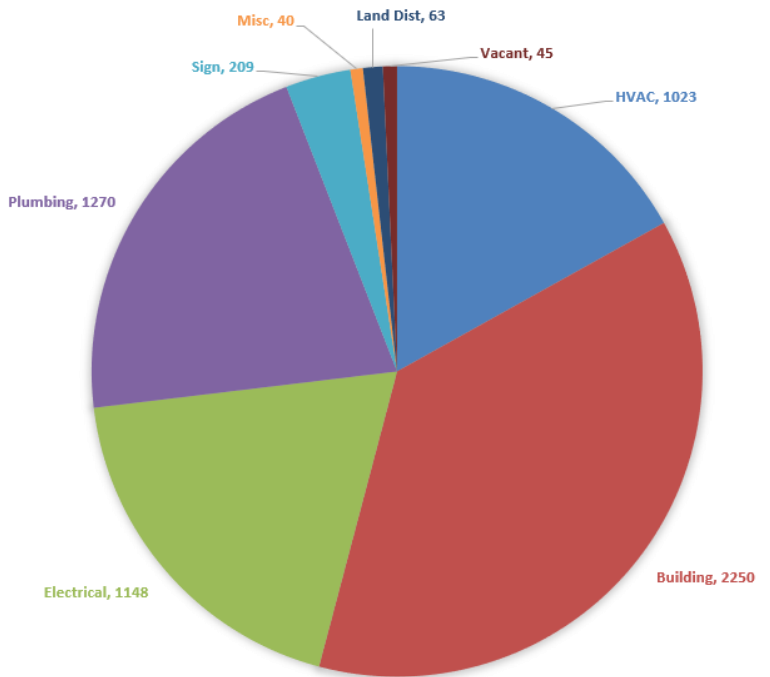
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Building Inspection Statistics

Orders to Correct



Permits Issued



Fire and Life Safety Building Inspection Totals

February 2021

| Total Occupancies | Completed | Follow-Up Required | Unresolved Violations | Resolved Violations | % of Occupancies Inspected | % of Occupancies Completed |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 143 | 137 | 6 | 28 | 22 | 100.00% | 95.80% |



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Division of Community Risk Management Summary

Community Risk Education Report

February 2021

Media Spots

Four Media Interviews – one on space heaters, two on oven fires, and one for Myrick Park mask handout

Education/Outreach

2,500 masks handed out at Myrick Park giveaway



Lifesaver Award at Emerson Elementary



Total Reach via Facebook (93,000 people)

Total Reach

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

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