



La Crosse Fire Department

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February 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

January LCFD Highlights:

- January 10th, LCFD responded to a house fire at 5203 Mormon Coulee Road. The fire was caused by the use of an old torch heater, estimated to be from the 1950s. Thirty-six firefighters from LCFD and Shelby Fire Departments responded to scene. Crews arrived shortly after 2:00 a.m. and were on site until 10:30 a.m. The building sustained heavy fire and smoke damage and the owner/occupant unfortunately passed away the following day.
- January 10th, LCFD responded to a Mutual-Aid call (house fire) to assist the Holmen Area Fire Department at N7007 Sunrise Lane in the town of Holland. Forty-six firefighters, including crews from the Town of Campbell and City of Onalaska, fought the laundry-related fire from 1:00 a.m. through 5:00 a.m. No injuries were reported.
- January 11th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at Edwards Mini Storage on the corner of 4th Street South and Winnebago Street. The fire was under control within 20 minutes, but there was heavy smoke and fire damage to eight of the units. No injuries were reported and fire still remains under investigation.
- January 12th, LCFD responded to a Mutual-Aid call (house fire) to assist the Onalaska Fire Department at 413 5th Avenue North. Two dogs perished at the scene, but no other injuries were reported. The fire still remains under investigation.
- January 19th, LCFD responded to a house fire at 210 22nd Street South around 4:30 p.m. Twenty-nine firefighters were on scene with assistance from the HAFD, LCPD, and Tri-State Ambulance. The fire was extinguished quickly but the home sustained heavy smoke damage and moderate fire damage. Two adults and three children were evacuated safely and no other injuries were reported. The fire was believed to be caused by outside burning of vegetation.
- January 24th, LCFD responded to an assistance call from the LCPD at 2900 Ebner Coulee Road to search for a person on the bluff. Fire crews performed a technical slope evacuation and the patient was then transferred to a nearby medical facility. Fourteen firefighters responded to the call and the Shelby Fire Department was requested to standby for coverage on South side.



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Personnel Notes:

- Engineer Tim Welke retired January 16th.
- Current Department Staffing Status:

Department Staffing Summary		
	Total Approved	Current
Sworn	95	94
Civilian	12	11
	107	105



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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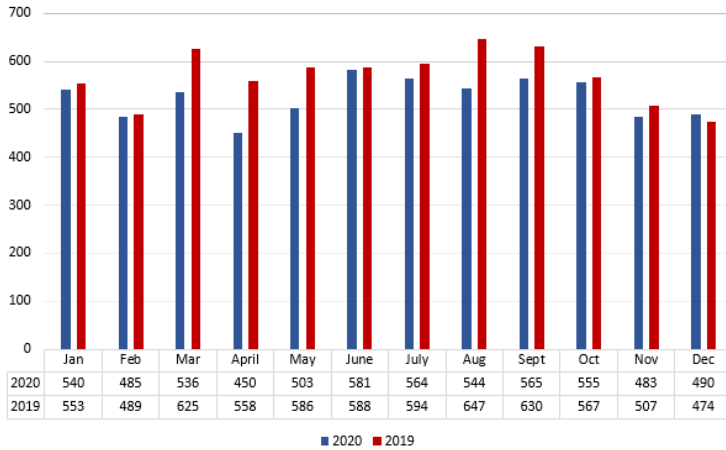


Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

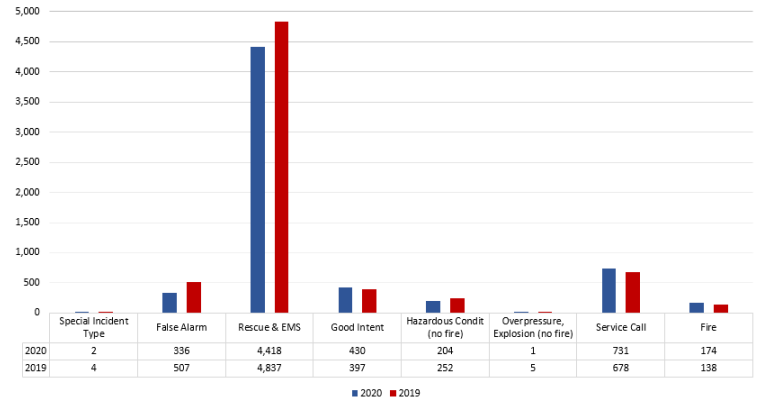
Incident Data

2019 vs. 2020

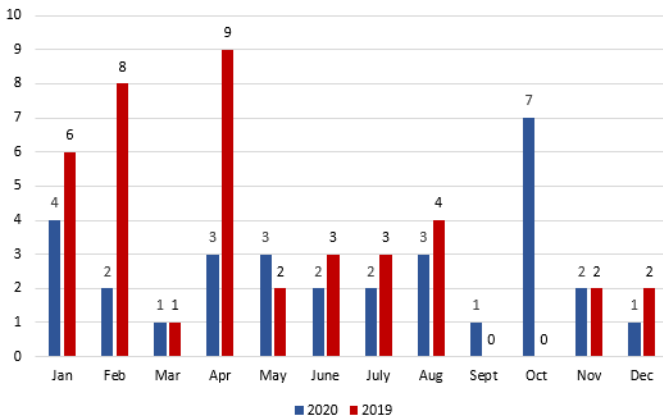
Overall Total Calls



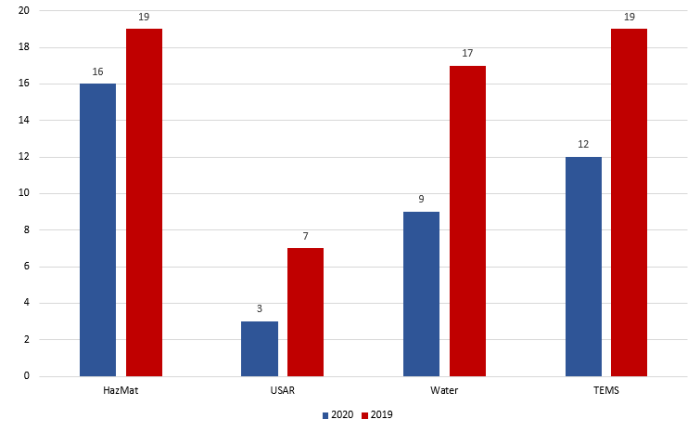
Total Calls by Type



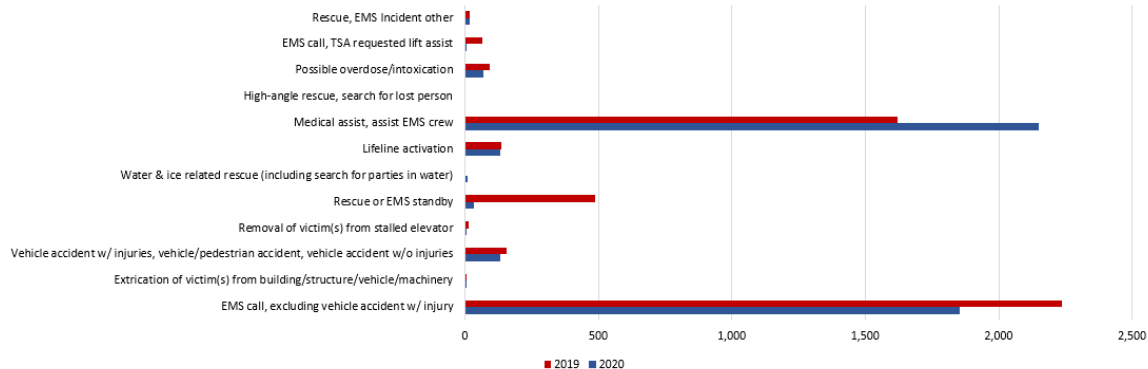
Fire Calls Investigated by Month



Total Specialty Team Calls



EMS Calls by Type





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Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

Baseline Performance

Response Times for All Call Types in 2020

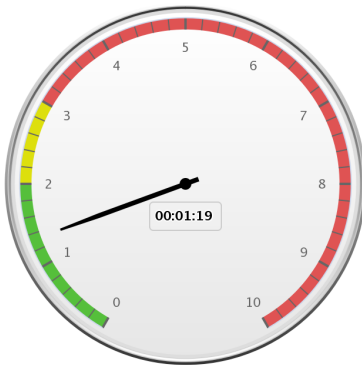
Unit 90th Percentile Turnout Time



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



Unit Average Turnout Time



Apparatus Median Response Time (HH:MM:SS)



Percentage of Apparatus Response Times Under 9 Minutes



Apparatus Average Response Time (HH:MM:SS)





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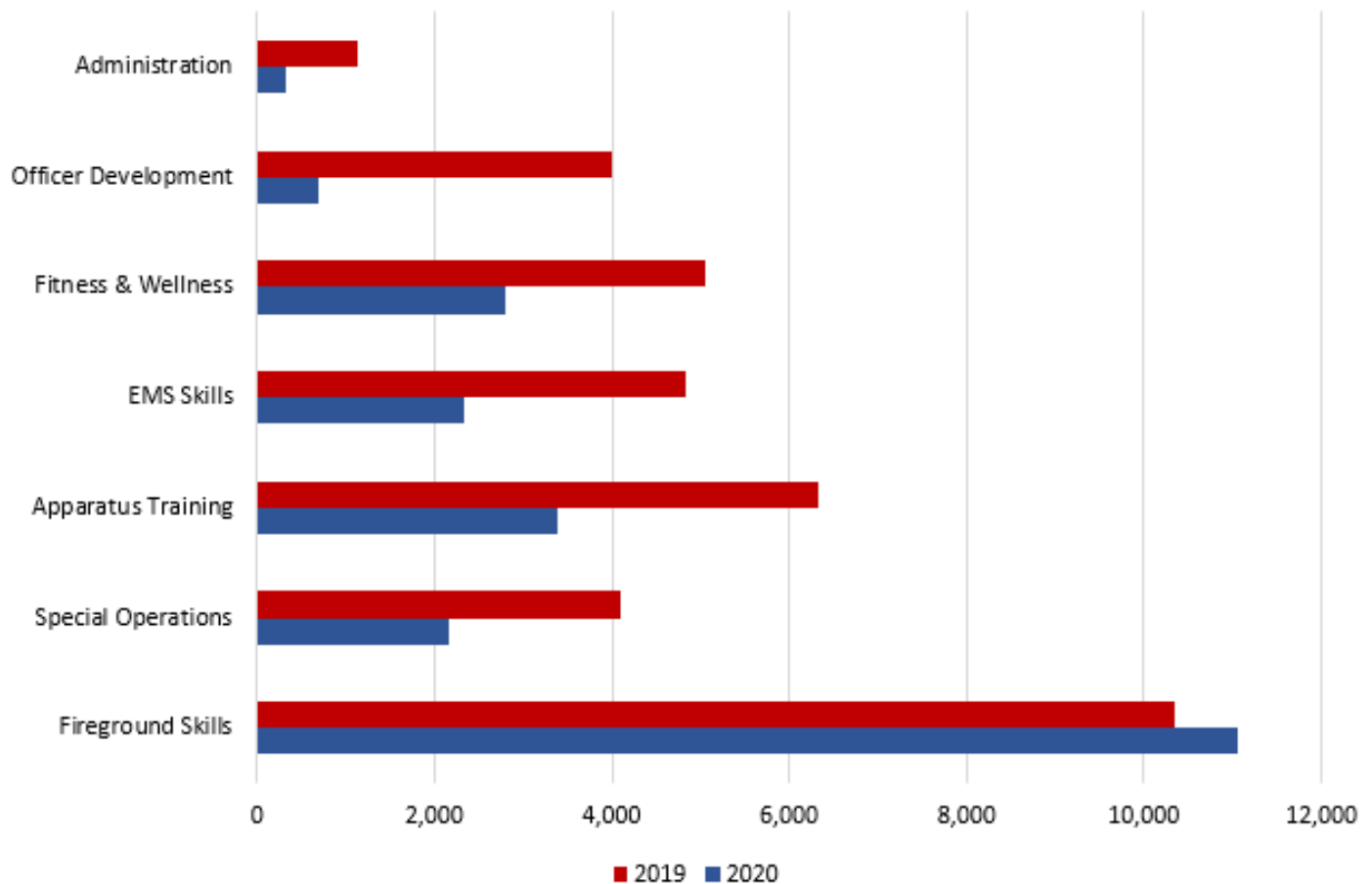


Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

2019 vs. 2020

Training Totals	2019	2020
Total Personnel Hours	22,772.00	35,766.20
Total Participants	91	96
Total Classes Given	507	544
Average Hours per Person	250.20	372.60
Total Hours invested in the inspection of PPE, Apparatus, and Life Safety Equipment	3,799	4,445
Total Number of LCFD Personnel Utilized as Instructors	59	62
Total Number of External Instructors	12	5

Total Training Hours 2019 vs. 2020 By Category





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Division of Community Risk Management Summary

2019 vs. 2020

Fire and Life Safety Building Inspection Totals

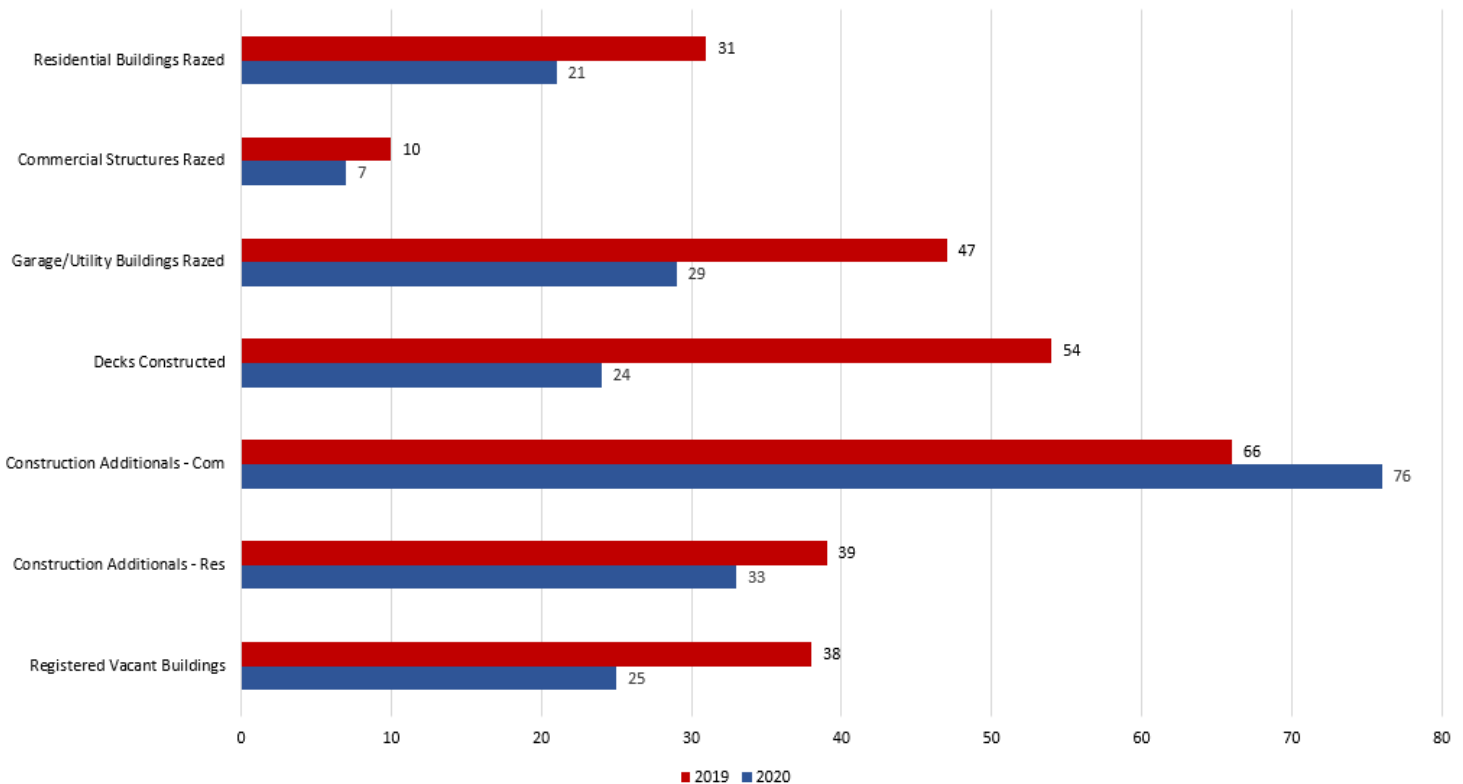
Building Inspections Completed by Fire Department Officers from 01/01/20-12/31/20

Total Occupancies	Completed	Follow-Up Required	Unresolved Violations	Resolved Violations	% of Occupancies Inspected	% of Occupancies Completed
2,892	2,880	38	369	361	99.86%	99.59%

Totals	2019	2020
Building Permits Issued	3,376	3,115
Orders to Correct Issued	5,432	3,483
Annual Fee Summary	\$964,664.53	\$797,468.41

Needle Pickup Service Calls	2019	2020
1-5 Needles Recovered	29	25
6-15 Needles Recovered	0	2
16+ Needles Recovered	1	1

Construction-Related Statistics





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Division of Community Risk Management Summary

Community Risk Education Report

Community Risk Education Notable 2020 Events

Date	Event	Outreach	Amount of People
Feb 4th	Washburn on the Park—Safety Talk	Older adult education & outreach	25 facility residents
Feb 27th	Speak on CRM at UWL public health class	Improved relations with UWL	50 students & 1 internship
March 8th	Washburn Neighborhood Garden Expo	Increased community involvement	500 people
March 10th	UWL ERT Discussion	Improved relations with UWL	10 people
Aug 11th	City of La Crosse Mask Handout	COVID prevention	10,000 masks distributed
Aug 19th	Viterbo RA	Improved education and outreach	40 RAs
Sept 9th	Fire Extinguisher Training Family & Children's Center	Improved education & outreach	5 learners
Sept 22nd	UWL Rent Smart	Increased safety for rental properties	30 students
Sept 25th	Cooking Safety (media day)	Public outreach & education	3 media interviews
Oct 4th-10th	Virtual Fire Prevention Week	Public outreach & education	8,000 students & adults
Oct 17th	City of La Crosse Mask Handout	COVID prevention	2,500 masks distributed
Nov 4th	WTC Fire Extinguisher Training	Public outreach & education	30 students
Nov 8th	LCC Foster Home Fire Safety	Public outreach & education	25 foster families

2020 Total Facebook Views

Total Views

By Section



Total Views

