



# 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, April 8, 2021

9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting via Lifesize

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In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Police and Fire Commission meeting will be conducted through video conferencing. The meeting is available to the public for viewing at the following link:

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#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

#### Approval of Minutes

*Minutes of February 11, 2021 meeting.*

#### Agenda Items:

- I. [21-0495](#) Fire Personnel Report - February and March, 2021
- 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*
- B. *Promotion of Firefighter Clayton Anderson to Engineer.*
- C. *Schedule special meeting for appointment of new firefighters.*
- II. [21-0496](#) Police Personnel Report - February and March, 2021
- A. *Schedule Police Officer Interviews*
- III. Update on Criminal Justice Management Council Subcommittee for Police Oversight
- IV. Next Meeting: May 13, 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*

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

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#### Call to Order

*Meeting called to order by Commissioner Happel at 9:31 a.m.*

#### Roll Call

*Guests: Chief Gilliam, Chief Kudron, Lt. Avrie Schott, David Buroker*

**Present:** 4 - Douglas Happel, Nese Nasif, Arminda Yutuc, Steven Kopp

**Excused:** 1 - Bruce Jentz

#### Approval of Minutes

*Minutes of January 14, 2021 meeting.*

**Motion by Commissioner Kopp to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.**

#### Agenda Items:

I. January, 2021 Police Personnel Report

*Presented by: Chief Kudron*

*DISCUSSION:*

*-Highlights of monthly report*

*-year end 2020 training report and statistical analysis*

**Motion by Commissioner Nasif to accept and file the January, 2021 Police Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.**

*A. Appointment of Sergeant Christopher Oates to regular status following successful completion of introductory period.*

**Motion by Commissioner Nasif to approve the regular placement of Sergeant Christopher Oates following successful completion of probationary period. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.**

*B. Promotions as follows:*

- 1. Lieutenant Avrie Pretasky-Schott to Captain*
- 2. Sergeant Linnea Miller to Lieutenant*
- 3. Investigator Cory Brandl to Sergeant*
- 4. Investigator Brooke Pataska to Sergeant*

**Motion by Commissioner Kopp to approve the promotion of Lieutenant Avrie Pretasky-Schott to Captain. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.**

**Motion by Commissioner Kopp to approve the promotion of Sergeant Linnea Miller to Lieutenant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.**

**Motion by Commissioner Yutuc to approve the promotion of Investigator Cory Brandl to Sergeant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nasif. Unanimous approval.**

**Motion by Commissioner Yutuc to approve the promotion of Investigator Brooke Pataska to Sergeant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kopp. Unanimous approval.**

II. January, 2021 Fire Personnel Report

*Presented by: Chief Gilliam*

*DISCUSSION:*

*-Reviewed highlights of monthly report.*

*-Reviewed year end 2020 statistics.*

**Motion by Commissioner Kopp to accept and file the January, 2021 Fire Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.**

*A. Promotions as follows:*

- 1. Lieutenant David Duchrow to Captain*
- 2. Assistant Mechanic Blake Hundt to Lieutenant*
- 3. Firefighter Jacob Lincoln to Engineer*
- 4. Firefighter Joseph Albrecht to Engineer*

**Motion by Commissioner Yutuc to approve the promotion of Lieutenant David Duchrow to Captain. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kopp. Unanimous approval.**

**Motion by Commissioner Kopp to approve the promotion of Assistant Mechanic Blake Hundt to Lieutenant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.**

**Motion by Commissioner Kopp to approve the promotion of Firefighter Jacob Lincoln to Engineer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.**

**Motion by Commissioner Yutuc to approve the promotion of Firefighter Joseph Albrecht to Engineer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kopp. Unanimous approval.**

III. Commission interview procedures

*DISCUSSION:*

*-Commissioner Yutuc asked about extending interview time to allow more time with each candidate.*

*-Commissioner Nasif noted longer interviews would require an additional time commitment from the Commission and that the Commission may want to look at the evaluation and scoring being used.*

*-Commissioner Happel asked the Commissioners to give the discussion some thought and notify the Secretary if they would like further discussion at a future meeting.*

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

*Update provided by: Commissioner Nasif*

*Commissioner Nasif noted they have received lots of survey responses and intend to make the data public. The intent of the survey is to analyze the responses and use them to make recommendations from the subcommittee.*

*Chief Kudron recently met with the subcommittee.*

*Commissioner Nasif asked other Commissioners to consider future interest and involvement in the subcommittee.*

V. Next Meeting Date: March 11, 2021

*A. Future Agenda Items*

*None requested.*

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Kopp. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nasif. Unanimous approval.**

**Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Happel at 10:32 a.m.**



# La Crosse Fire Department

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April 8th, 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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## March LCFD Highlights:

- March 4th, LCFD responded to a call of someone who appeared to have fallen through the ice behind Lauderdale Place shortly after 5:00pm. The first LCFD unit was on scene with five minutes. On arrival, crews observed some fishing gear next to a hole in the ice where it appeared someone had fallen through. After searching with water rescue divers and under water cameras along with the assistance of LCPD, it was determined that two individuals had fallen through the ice but were able to get themselves out and left the scene. 17 personnel and seven pieces of apparatus responded to this emergency with assistance from the LCPD, TSA, the La Crosse County Dive Team and the DNR.
- March 8th, LCFD responded to an apartment fire at 1208 Avon Street around 7:00am. Fire trucks were on scene under four minutes and were met with thick black smoke coming from a second story apartment. All building tenants were able to exit safely and there were no injuries to report. The cause and origin of this fire has not yet been released. A total of 22 personnel responded to this fire along with TSA, Xcel Energy, LCPD, and the American Red Cross.
- March 12th, LCFD presented Logan Middle Schooler, Sam King, with the Lifesaver Award. During a house fire on February 22nd, Sam recognized that something was wrong in his house, remained calm, notified the adults, and called 911. Thankful to his quick thinking and reacting, his family was able to extinguish the fire and evacuate safely.
- March 22nd, Spectrum News out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin published a story covering current and former LCFD members. Current LCFD Battalion Chief Bee Xiong and former LCFD firefighter Xiong Yang are the only two Hmong firefighters within the State of Wisconsin. "I've always been pretty proactive trying to recruit Hmong people into the fire service. Whenever we get into family fathers and stuff and people ask what I do for a living and I tell them I am a firefighter, you see the younger kids perk up and I say, you can be one too, this is what you need to do" says Battalion Chief Xiong.
- March 25th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 106 10th Street South at 12:52pm. The structure is a two-story house that is split into four residential units. LCFD arrived on scene within four minutes to find heavy smoke coming from the front and side of the first floor apartment. The fire was contained to a single apartment unit and no injuries were reported. A total of 21 personnel and ten apparatus responded to the fire along with TSA, LCPD, and Xcel Energy.
- March 25th, LCFD presented three women with Lifesaver Award at the La Crosse YMCA. Madisyn, Angie, and Laura performed CPR and helped to save a man's life earlier this month.
- March 29th, LCFD responded to a structure fire 3101 Lauderdale Court at 1:03pm. The first unit was on scene within five minutes to find smoke coming from first floor and the chimney of the house. A total of 23 personnel and 18 apparatus responded to the fire along with Shelby Fire Department, Holmen Area Fire Department, LCPD, TSA, and Xcel Energy.





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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
- David Foster was hired February 15th as the Division of CRM's Code Enforcement Technician
- Engineer Thomas Stange retired on March 15th after 28 years of service
- Current Department Staffing Status:

Department Staffing Summary		
	Total Approved	Current
Sworn	95	93
Civilian	12	12
	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
  - Community Risk Education Updates
  - City Emergency Management Updates





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## Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

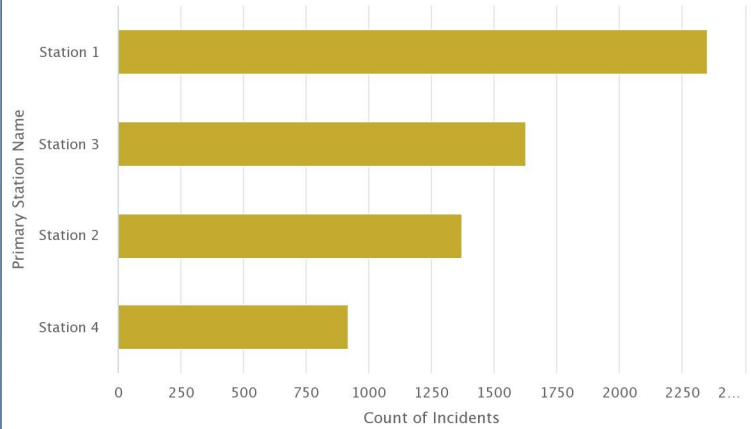
### Incident Data

March 1st, 2020 - February 28th, 2021

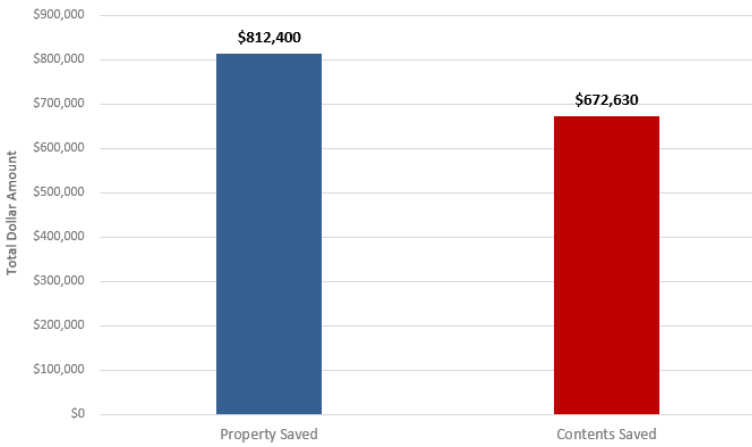
Incidents by Category and Year-Month

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
1 - Fire	12	13	20	18	14	16	12	8	16	20	10	12
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explo...	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical...	354	366	285	329	383	387	409	387	407	342	354	354
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	16	8	16	12	45	18	12	26	7	12	23	15
5 - Service Call	45	93	66	68	67	63	59	70	61	53	44	70
6 - Good Intent Call	30	29	42	45	34	43	23	41	39	37	36	42
7 - False Alarm & False Call	28	27	20	30	38	37	28	33	25	20	23	28
9 - Special Incident Type	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

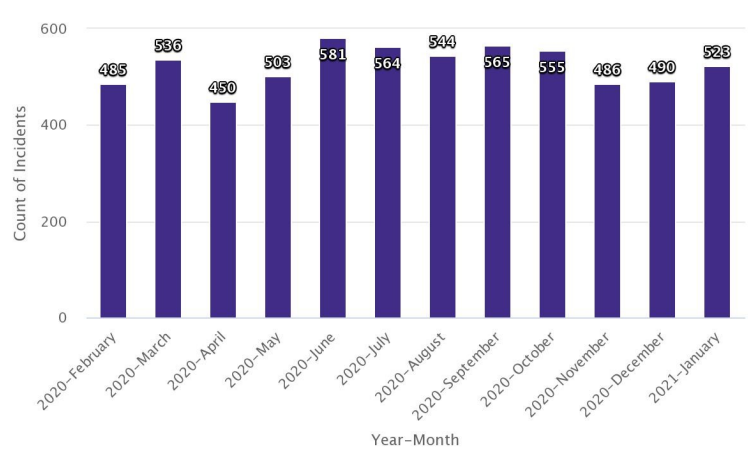
Incidents by Primary Station Name



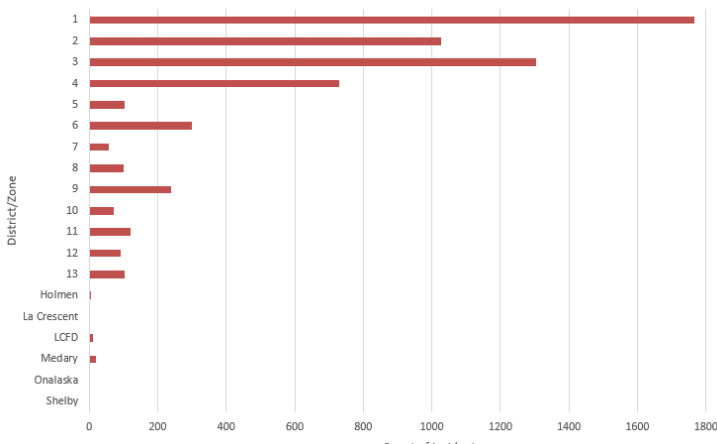
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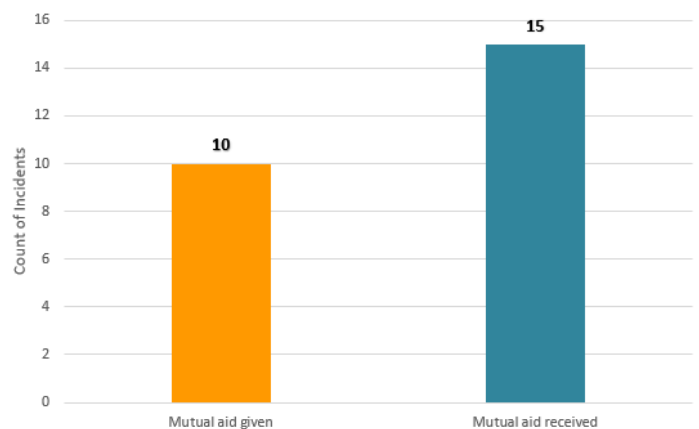
Incidents by Month



Incidents by District/Zone



Mutual Aid





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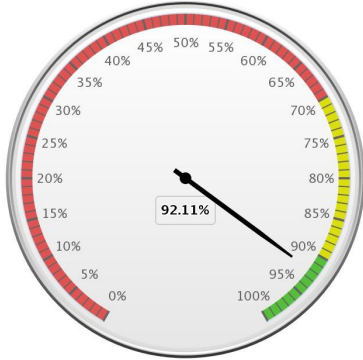


## Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

### Baseline Performance

#### Response Times for All Call Types - March 1st, 2020 - February 28th, 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

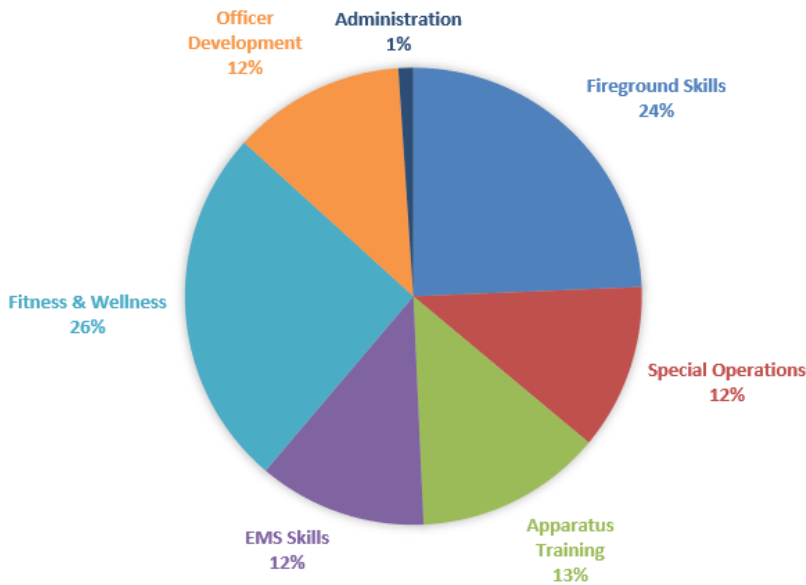
March 1st, 2020 - February 28th, 2021

### Average Training Totals

Average Personnel Hours	2,801.8
Average Participants	88
Total (not average) Classes Given	527
Average Hours per Person	31.8

### Training Hours by Category

January 1st - February 28th, 2021



Firefighter Christensen & Captain Elsen created a training video on how to perform daily SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) checks.

Remodeling the Fire Station #1 workout/fitness room. Here are a few pictures of the work and progress. New floor is up next!





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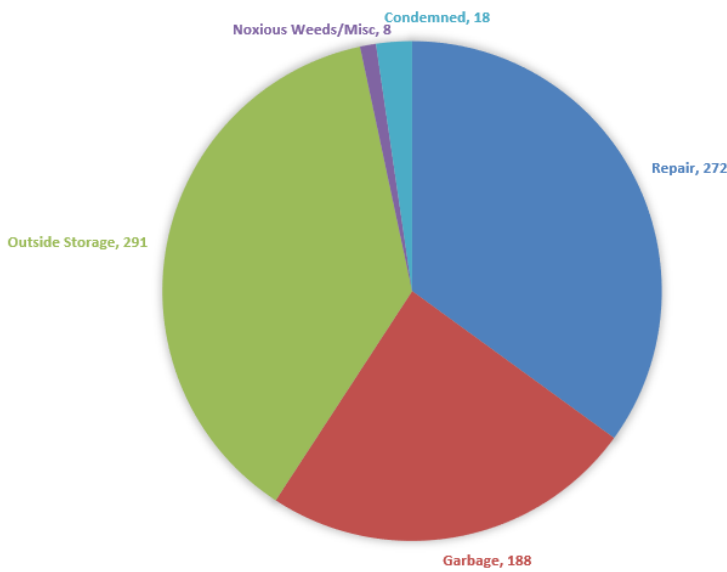


## Division of Community Risk Management Summary

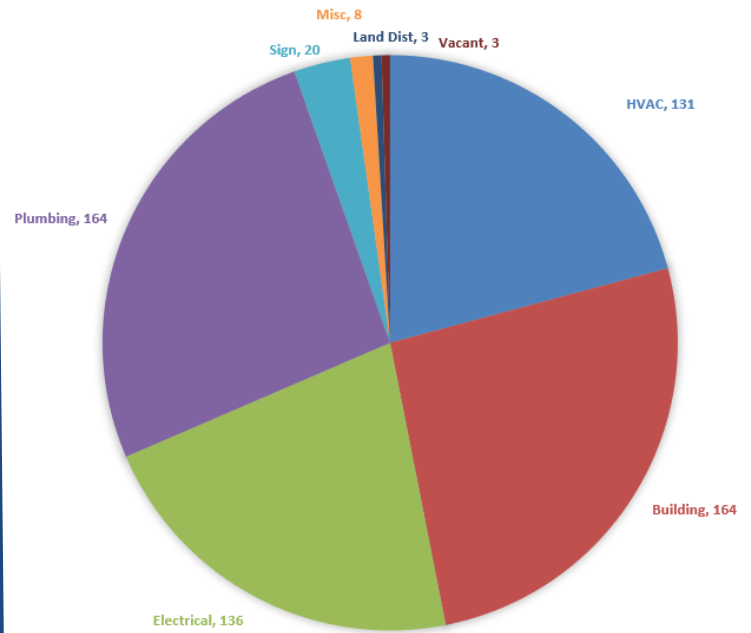
Year-to-Date (January 1st, 2021-March 31st, 2021)

### Building Inspection Statistics

#### Orders to Correct



#### Permits Issued



#### Fire and Life Safety Building Inspection Totals

March 2021

Total Occupancies	Completed	Follow-Up Required	Unresolved Violations	Resolved Violations	% of Occupancies Inspected	% of Occupancies Completed
458	413	45	162	106	25.84%	21.34%



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## Division of Community Risk Management Summary

### Community Risk Education Report

February & March 2021

#### Media Spots

**February:** Four Media Interviews - one on space heaters, two on oven fires, and one for Myrick Park mask handout

**March:** One Media Interview - smoke alarms; importance and maintenance

#### Education/Outreach

- *First Impact Teen Driving, Distracted Driving Course* was held in partnership with Gundersen Health System & La Crosse County Sheriff's Office. 30 families attended the virtual event.

#### 2,500 masks handed out at Myrick Park giveaway



#### Lifesaver Award at Emerson Elementary



**Total Reach via Facebook (148,000 people)**

#### Total Reach

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

