



La Crosse Fire Department

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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

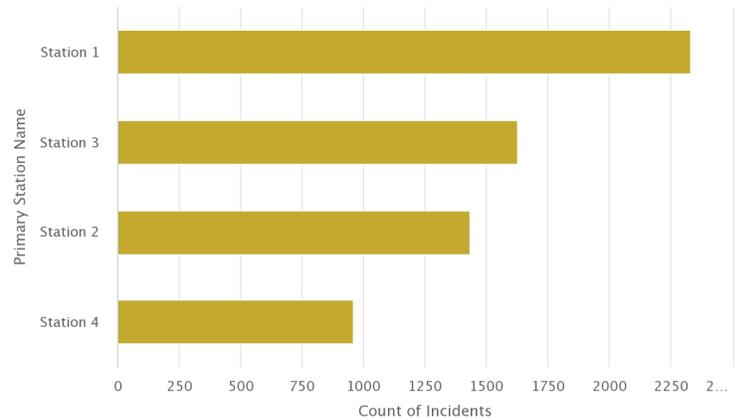
Incident Data

April 1st, 2020 - March 31st, 2021

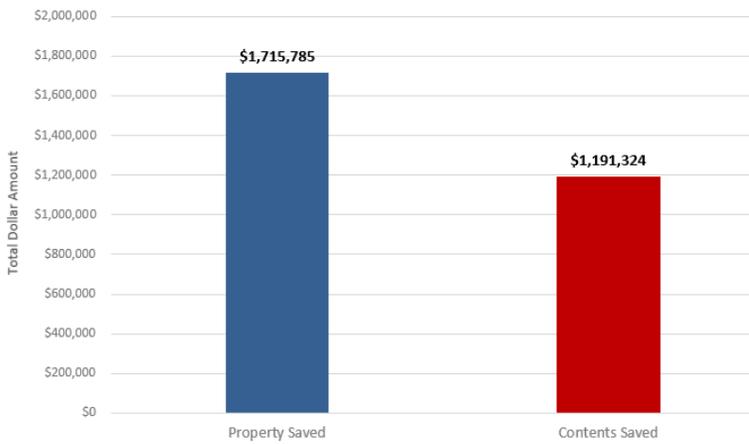
Incidents by Category and Year-Month

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

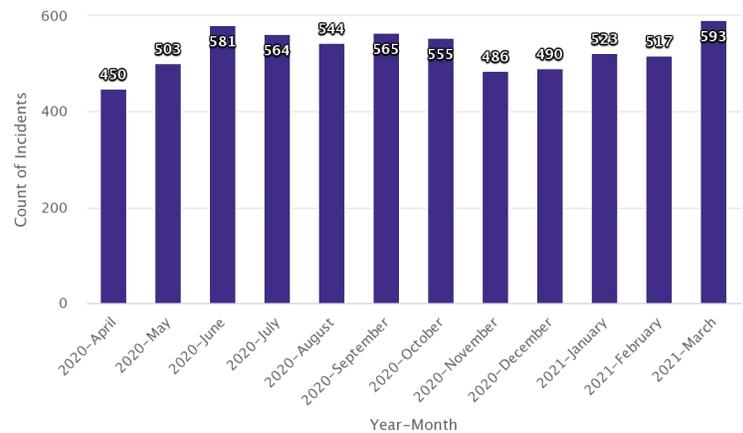
Incidents by Primary Station Name



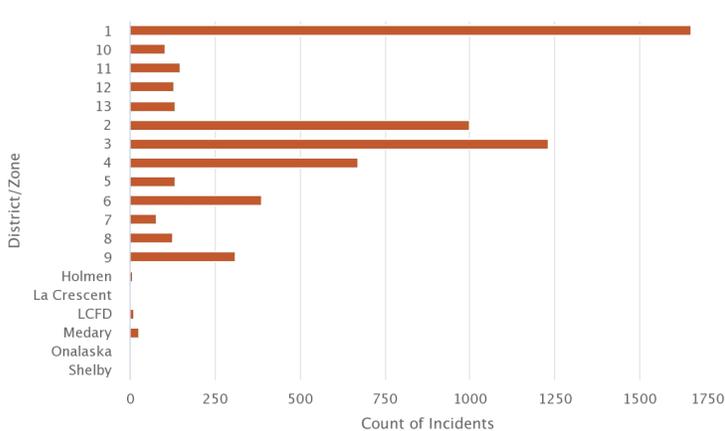
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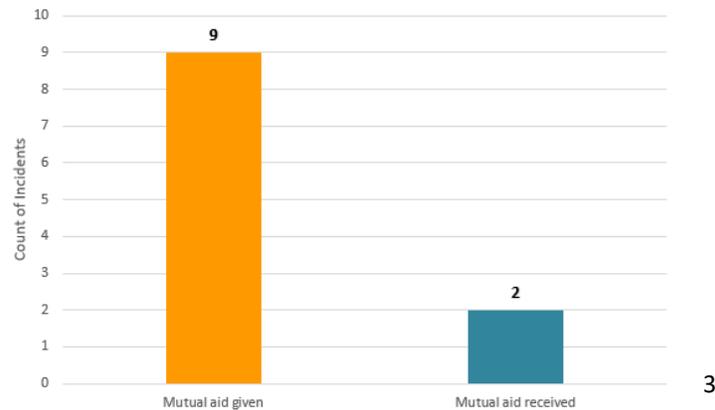
Incidents by Month



Incidents by District/Zone



Mutual Aid





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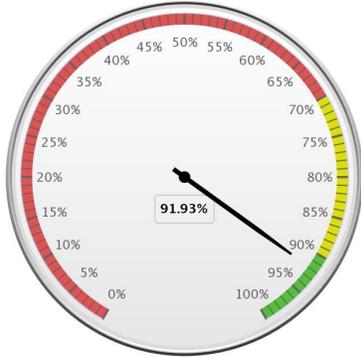


Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

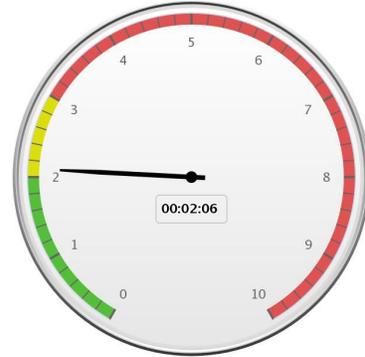
Baseline Performance

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

Percentage of Apparatus Response Times Under 9 Minutes



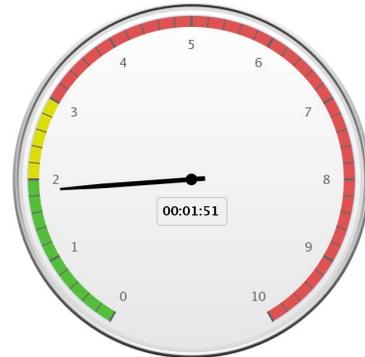
Unit 90th Percentile Turnout Time



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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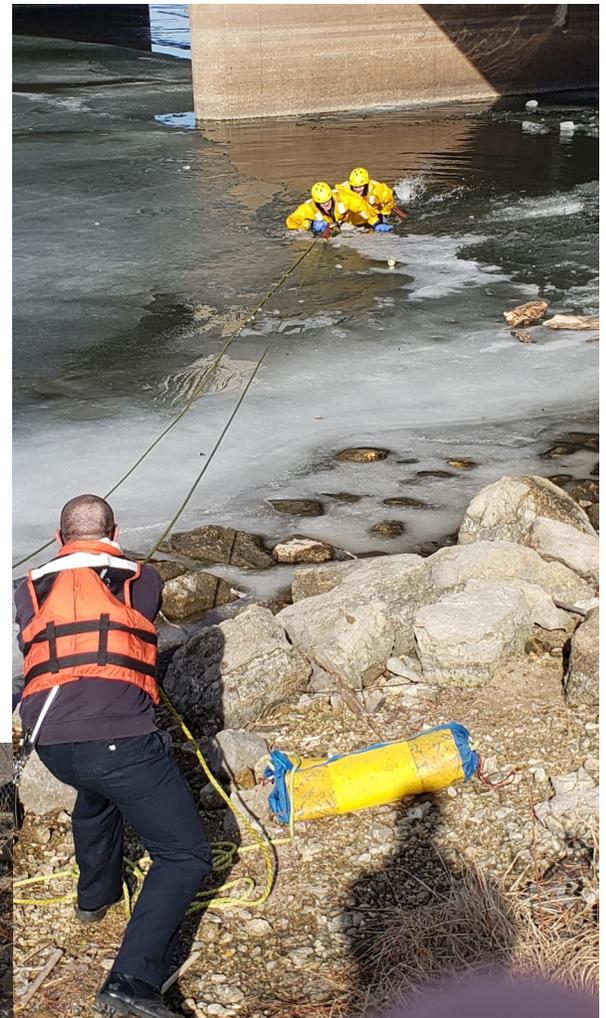
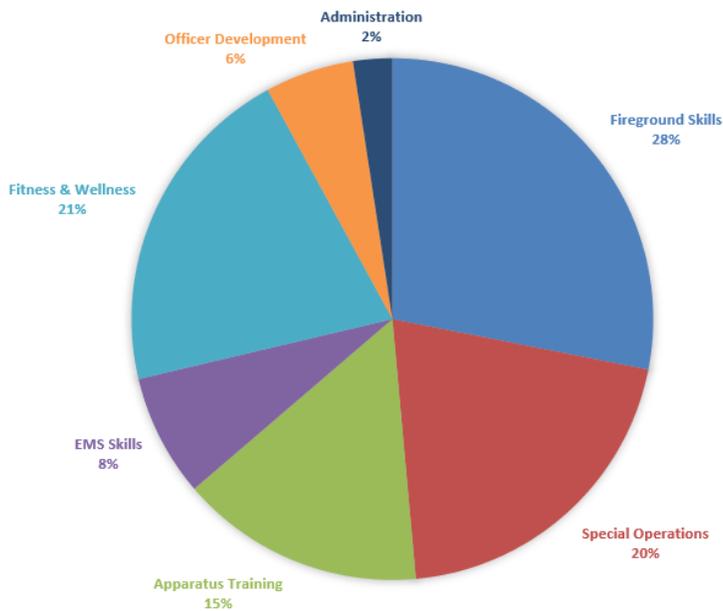
Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

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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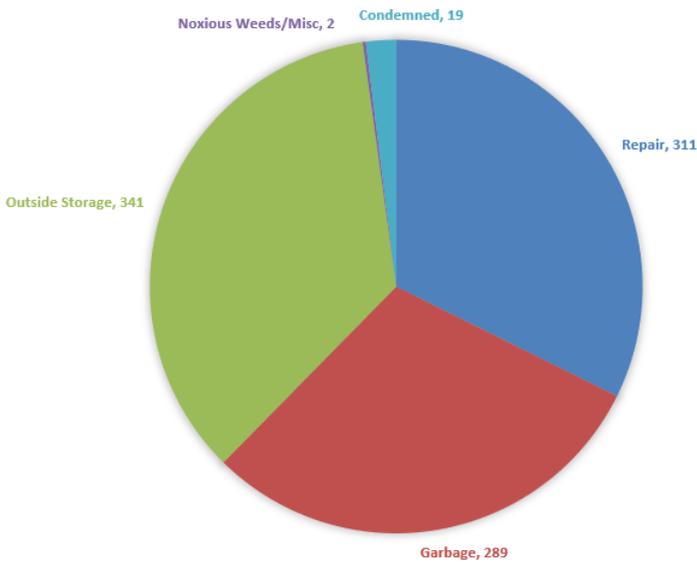


Division of Community Risk Management Summary

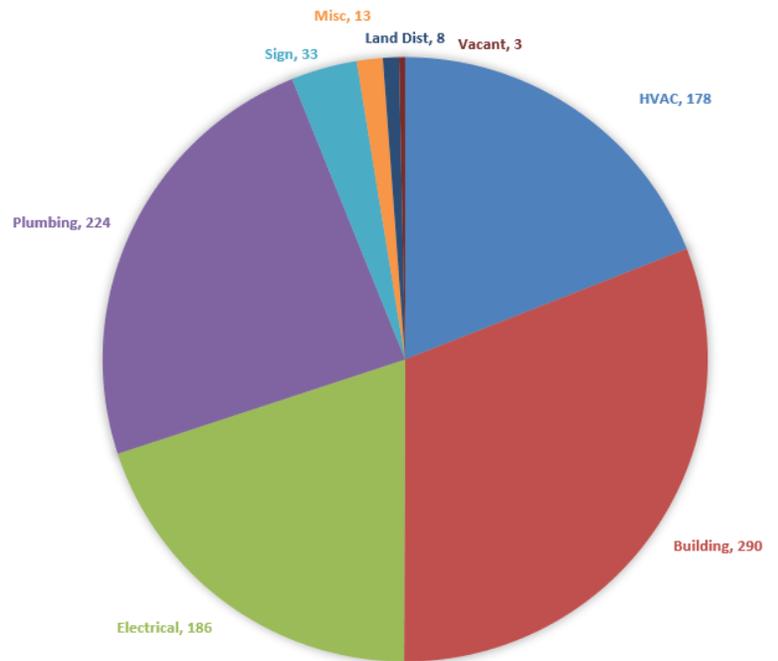
Year-to-Date (January 1st, 2021 - April 30th, 2021)

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.

