



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Agenda

Police and Fire Commission

Thursday, July 8, 2021

9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting via Lifesize

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:

<https://stream.lifesizecloud.com/extension/7205012/0278898c-6543-4aee-9c6b-46ec400de0b9>.

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of June 10, 2021 meeting.

Agenda Items:

- I. [21-1007](#) June, 2021 Fire Personnel Report
 - A. *Appointment of Lieutenant Matthew Miller to regular status following successful completion of introductory period.*
- II. [21-1008](#) June, 2021 Police Personnel Report
 - A. *Promotion of Captain Jason Melby to the rank of Assistant Chief.*
 - B. *Scheduling Police Officer Interviews*
- III. Discuss meeting time
- IV. Next Meeting Date: August 12, 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.

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Meeting Minutes - Final

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Happel at 9:33 a.m.

Roll Call

Guests: Chief Kudron, Chief Gilliam, Asst. Chief Murphy, David Buroker

Present: 4 - Douglas Happel, Bruce Jentz, Arminda Yutuc, Steven Kopp

Excused: 1 - Nese Nasif

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of May 13, 2021 meeting

Motion by Commissioner Kopp to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2021 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.

Agenda Items:

I. May, 2021 Fire Personnel Report

Presented by: Chief Gilliam

DISCUSSION:

--Reviewed monthly reports and statistics.

--Chief noted that department is fully staffed for fire service and has one civilian vacancy.

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to accept and file the May, 2021 Fire Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.

A. La Crosse/Holmen Fire Department negotiations

B. Appointment of Division Chief Steven Cash to regular status following successful completion of introductory period.

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to approve the appointment of Division Chief Steven Cash to regular status following successful completion of introductory period. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.

II. May, 2021 Police Personnel Report

Presented by: Chief Kudron

DISCUSSION:

--Reviewed monthly report and statistics

--Chief noted the department has two sworn vacancies that are currently on hold.

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to accept and file the May, 2021 Police Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.

A. Appointment of Officer Hayden Halverson to regular status following successful completion of probationary period.

Motion by Commissioner Yutuc to approve the appointment of Officer Hayden Halverson to regular status following successful completion of probationary period. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kopp. Unanimous approval.

III. Discuss meeting time

Commissioner Happel noted this will be discussed at a future meeting when all Commissioners are present.

IV. Next Meeting: July 8, 2021

A. Future Agenda Items

Meeting time

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Kopp. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jentz. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Happel at 10:00 a.m.



La Crosse Fire Department

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July 8th, 2021

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

June LCFD Highlights:

- June 6th, LCFD responded to a house fire at 620 Car Street around 4:00pm. Crews arrived within two minutes to find smoke coming from a window and residents attempting to extinguish the fire with a garden hose. Firefighters finished extinguishing the blaze and were able to safely locate and return two of the owner's cats. LCFD had six apparatus and 15 personnel on scene.
- June 9th, Engineer Bryon Stein was selected by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels as a "Key Influencer" after being nominated by the Deke Slayton Airfest for his work helping to educate local school kids during last year's virtual Fire Prevention Week. Bryon flew with the Blue Angels during one of their demonstrations and summed it up as, "It was a once in a lifetime experience I will be forever grateful for. The Blue Angels set the standard of excellence in aviation and I am so proud to have been able to experience flying with them."
- June 9th, LCFD responded to a fire alarm at the City Brewery complex at 4:45am. Upon arrival flames coming through the roof of the brewery's wastewater treatment plant on 2nd Street. Crews determined that flammable vapors from the treatment plant had ignited through the roof. The incident was isolated to a small area and surrounding areas were monitored for gas vapors until safe. LCFD had 15 personnel responded and were assisted by several City Brewery employees. No injuries were reported.
- June 9th, LCFD responded to a building fire at 1117 11th Street South at 6:49pm. Crews arrived to find smoke pushing out of the attic of a duplex. The fire was quickly extinguished and the downstairs occupants were able to evacuate safely. Search crews were able to locate and evacuate a dog from the upstairs unit. LCFD had 15 personnel on scene and assistance was received from LCPD, TSA, HAFD, and Xcel Energy.
- June 10th, LCFD celebrated two classes of firefighter probationary program graduates (2020 & 2021) as well as 2020 promotions with an in-person ceremony.
- June 11th, LCFD responded to building fire at 1717 Taylor Street at 12:15pm. Crews arrived to the duplex with no signs of smoke or fire. After entering the premises, a fire was discovered and quickly contained to the upstairs bathroom. All occupants exited safely and no injuries were reported. LCFD had 16 personnel and were assisted by LCPD, TSA, and Xcel Energy.
- June 28th, LCFD responded to a fire at Hydrite Chemicals, 701 Sumner Street shortly after 3:00pm. Crews arrived within four minutes to large amount of smoke from a fire that started in a trailer next to the chemical bin. All buildings were evacuated, no injuries were reported, and the trailer was reported as a total loss. LCFD had 21 personnel respond to the incident; which is still under investigation.



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Personnel Notes:

- Current Department Staffing Status:

Department Staffing Summary		
	Total Approved	Current
Sworn	96	96
Civilian	12	11
	108	107



City Clerk Nikki Elsen swearing in 2020 & 2021 Firefighter Academy Graduates

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

Pictures from Bryon Stein's flight with the U.S. Navy Blue Angels





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Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

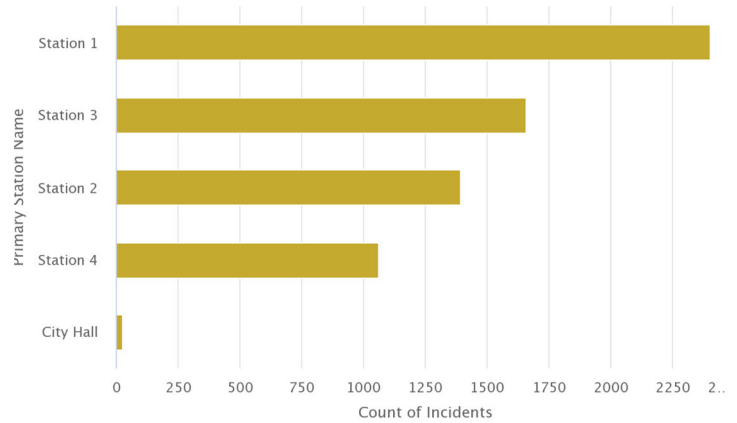
Incident Data

June 1st, 2020 - May 31st, 2021

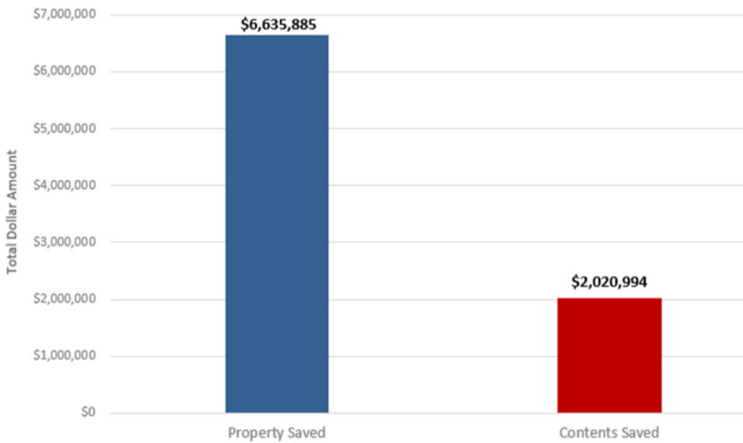
Incidents by Category and Year-Month

Incident Type Category	2020-June	2020-July	2020-August	2020-September	2020-October	2020-November	2020-December	2021-January	2021-February	2021-March	2021-April	2021-May
1 - Fire	14	16	12	8	16	20	10	12	12	9	19	15
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explo...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical...	383	387	409	387	407	342	354	354	376	399	366	378
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	45	18	12	26	7	12	23	15	9	12	18	18
5 - Service Call	67	63	59	70	61	53	44	70	48	88	85	90
6 - Good Intent Call	34	43	23	41	39	37	36	42	25	38	42	41
7 - False Alarm & False Call	38	37	28	33	25	20	23	28	39	44	26	41
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Dis...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9 - Special Incident Type	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

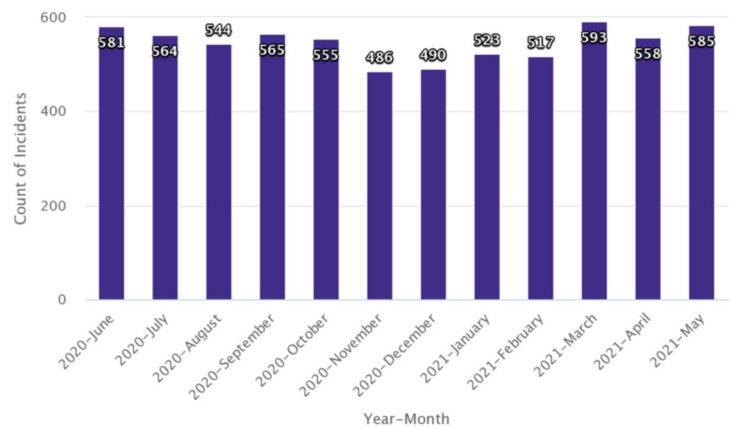
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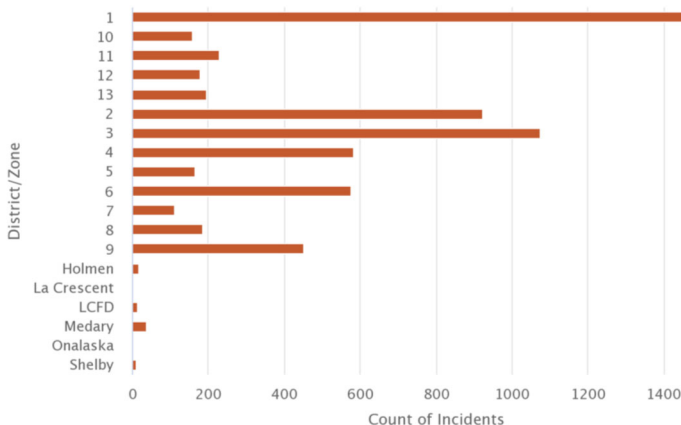
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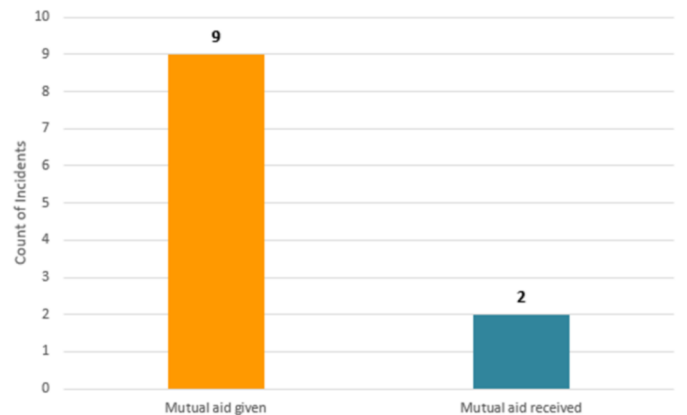
Incidents by Month



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 - June 1st, 2020 - May 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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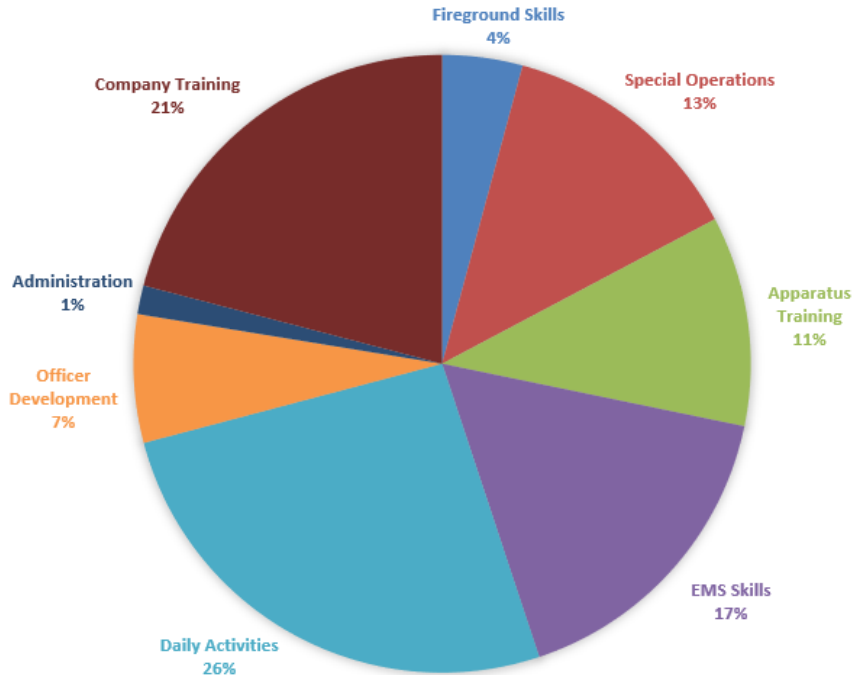
Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

June 1st, 2020 - May 31st, 2021

Average Training Totals

Average Personnel Hours	2,824.3
Average Participants	93
Total (not average) Classes Given	494
Average Hours per Person	31.7

Training Hours by Category



Photographs taken during 2021 Probationary Academy





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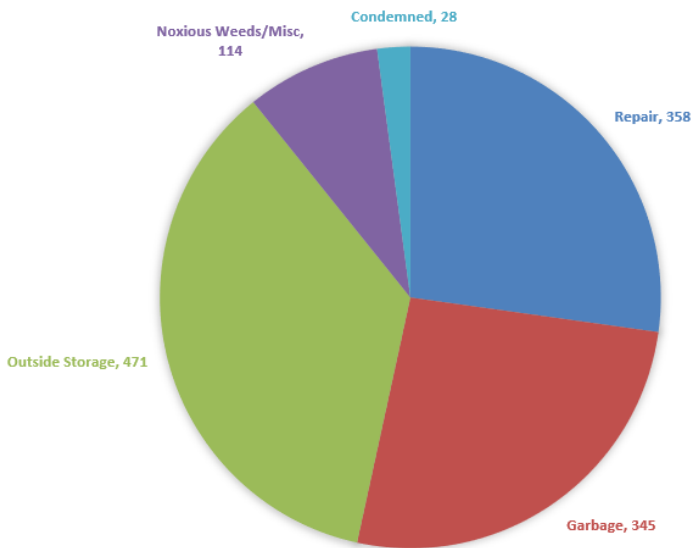


Division of Community Risk Management Summary

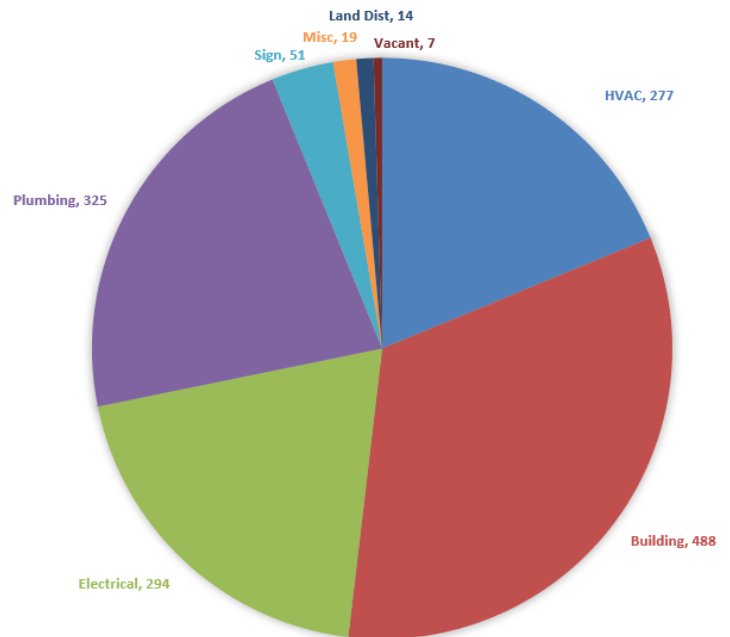
Year-to-Date (January 1st, 2021 - June 30th, 2021)

Building Inspection Statistics

Orders to Correct



Permits Issued



Fire and Life Safety Building Inspection Totals

June 2021

Total Occupancies	Completed	Follow-Up Required	Unresolved Violations	Resolved Violations	% of Occupancies Inspected	% of Occupancies Completed
510	419	91	150	222	98.99%	90.36%



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Division of Community Risk Management Summary

Community Risk Education Report

June 2021

Media Spots

- Three TV interviews
One for CPR/AED Awareness Week
Two for fireworks safety concerns

Education/Outreach

- Installed ten smoke alarms in three separate homes
- Attended Youth Firesetting Course at the National Fire Academy
- One fall referral patient to the ADRC
- Led fire safety discussion at Park & Recreations' Pettibone Day Camp (photo)



Total Reach via Facebook (76,500 people)

Total Reach

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



Subject: Fwd: Thank You



Hi Jesse,

I know you and your fellow firefighters have supported the MDA for years through your "Fill the Boot Campaign." Our family wants to send a heartfelt thank you!

Our grandson Clive (mom Kelly 2004 Central High) was born with Lama2 Muscular Dystrophy. There is no cure for this rare progressive disease. RESEARCH and AWARENESS are so important!

Clive is now almost 2 1/2 years old and lives in Stillwater, MN where he receives excellent care and therapy from Gillette Children's. Thanks to the advocacy of his parents and Gillette, he was one of the youngest children to ever get approved for a power wheelchair which is so important for inclusion and independence. He is cognitively right on track and attends a regular daycare.

Although his life journey will be difficult, his parents are committed to giving him the best life possible.

Sometimes putting a face to a cause makes it more meaningful.

Please feel free to share with your fellow firefighters and once again
THANK YOU!

Mark and Kelly (Stanek) Terhaar
John and Karla Stanek