



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Agenda

Police and Fire Commission

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

10:00 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:

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of October 20, 2021 meeting.

Agenda Items:

- I. [21-1636](#) October, 2021 Fire Personnel Report
 - A. *Promotion of Firefighter Corey Mathison to the position of Engineer.*
- II. [21-1637](#) October, 2021 Police Personnel Report
 - A. *Promotion of Sergeant Cory Brandl to the rank of Lieutenant.*
- III. Next Meeting Date: December 15, 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 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Guests: Chief Kudron, Chief Gilliam

Present: 3 - Douglas Happel, Bruce Jentz, Nese Nasif

Excused: 2 - Arminda Yutuc, Steven Kopp

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September 13, 2021 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jentz. Unanimous approval.

Agenda Items:

I. Police Personnel Report - September, 2021

Presented by: Chief Kudron

DISCUSSION:

-Chief noted that statistical reports are behind due to records management system upgrade. He's hopeful they will be caught up by the end of the year.

-Reviewed report.

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

A. Appointment of Alexander Scray to the position of probationary Police Officer.

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to approve the appointment of Alexander Scray to the position of probationary Police Officer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nasif. Unanimous approval.

II. Fire Personnel Report - September, 2021

Presented by: Chief Gilliam

DISCUSSION:

-Chief reviewed the written report with the Commission.

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

A. Appointment of Kale Pike to the position of probationary Firefighter.

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to approve the appointment of Kale Pike to the position of probationary Firefighter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jentz. Unanimous approval.

III. Next Meeting Date: November 17, 2021

A. Future Agenda Items

None suggested.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Happel at 10:34 a.m.



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November 17th, 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

October LCFD Highlights:

- October 3rd-9th was Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme was "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety". Additional details are available on page seven.
- October 4th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 432 South Second Street at 8:50pm. The initial report was of a smoke detector sounding and the smell of smoke. Nothing was showing upon arrival and it appeared the fire had extinguished itself. While searching the home, a deceased person was found, who was later identified as the home owner. This fire is still under investigation. Other agencies on scene were LCPD and TSA.
- October 8th, LCFD responded to a technical rescue at Miller Bluff at 7:10pm. The incident turned into a recovery effort that required extensive technical rescue. LCFD was assisted by the La Crosse County Sheriff's Office, LCPD, TSA, EDC, and the La Crosse County Medical Examiner's Office. A total of 14 firefighters responded to this incident.
- October 23rd, LCFD in partnership La Crosse County services, held a Drug Take Back Event. Additional details of this event and the outcome are on page seven.
- October 25th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 615 7th Street South at 12:08am. A person was reported to be trapped in a bedroom with a dog. Fire crews quickly gained access to the first floor apartment and located the person and their dog and both were evacuated safely. Two more people were located in a second floor apartment were also evacuated safely. The cause of fire is still under investigation. 20 firefighters responded to this incident along with assistance from LCPD, TSA, and EDC.



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Personnel Notes:

- Firefighter Cole Wiggert was promoted to Engineer
- Firefighter Kale Pike began employment October 25th
- Current Department Staffing Status:

Department Staffing Summary		
	Total Approved	Current
Sworn	97	94
Civilian	14	10
	111	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
- Acknowledgements and Items of Interest

2021 Maple Leaf Parade



Quint 2 visited our friends and neighbors at Schuh Homes



In honor of Fire Prevention Week, we visited our friends at Bethany Saint Joseph Care Center.





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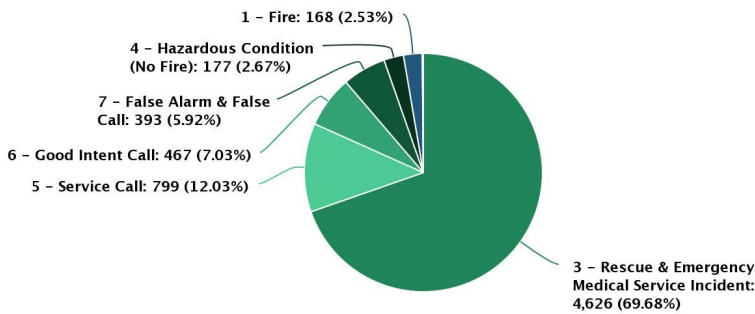
Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

Incident Data

October 1st, 2020 - September 30th, 2021

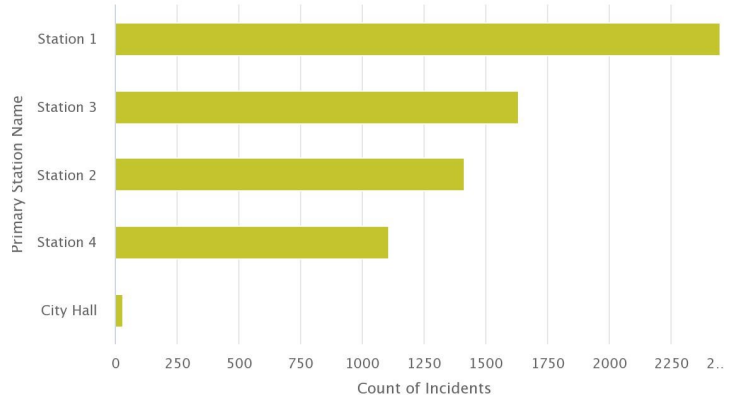
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Oct 01, 2020 to Sep 30, 2021

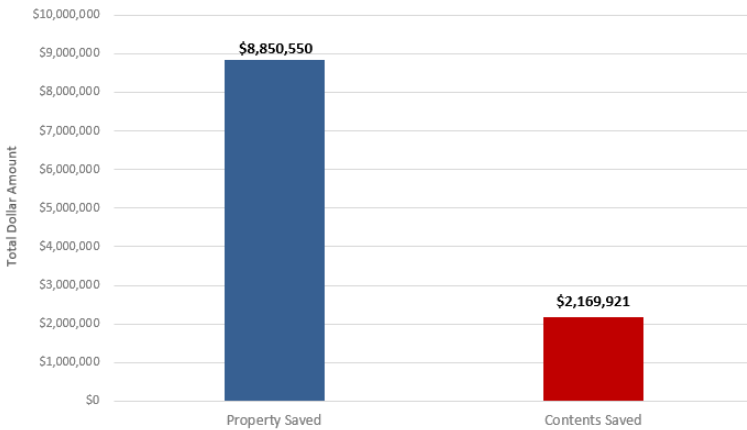


Incidents by Primary Station Name

Oct 01, 2020 to Sep 30, 2021

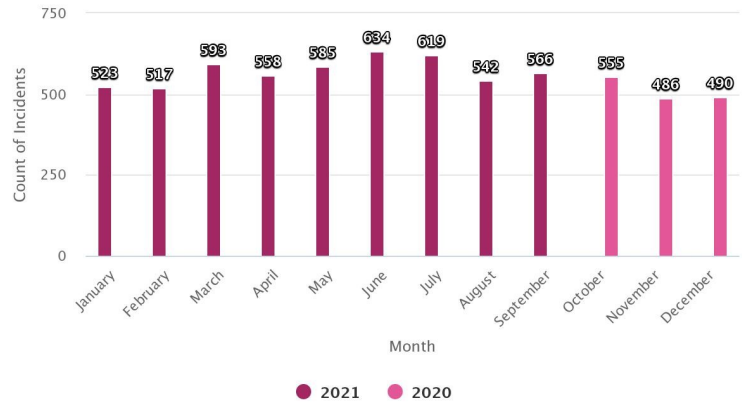


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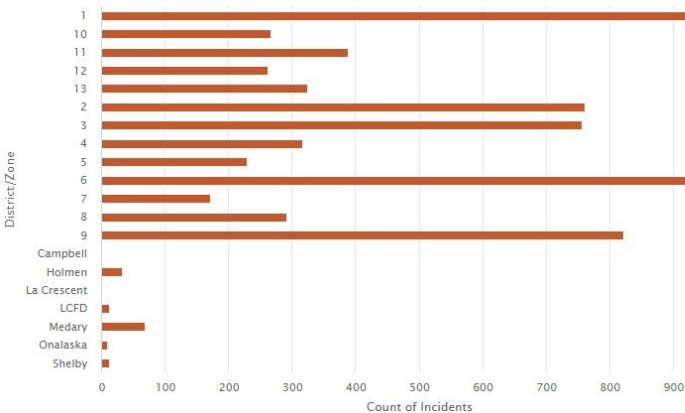
Incidents by Month

Oct 01, 2020 to Sep 30, 2021

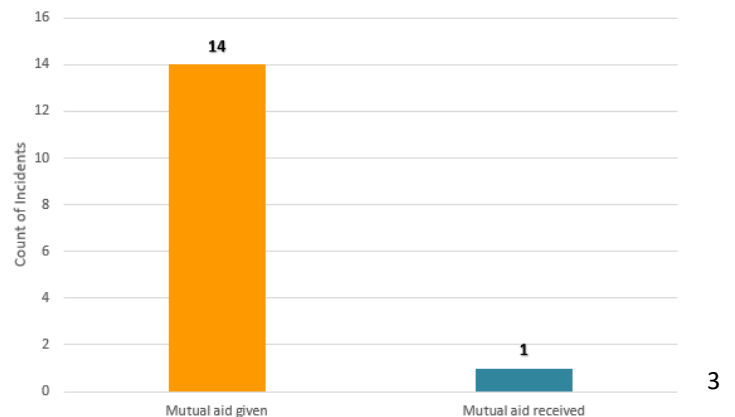


Incidents by District/Zone

Oct 01, 2020 12:00 AM to Sep 30, 2021 12:00 AM



Mutual Aid





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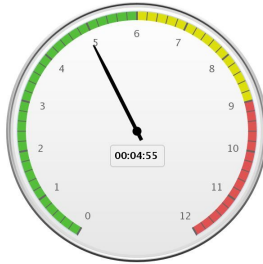


Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

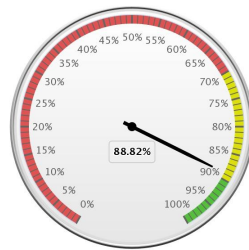
October 1st, 2020 - September 30th, 2021

Baseline Performance - Non EMS Calls

Unit Median Total Response Time (HH:MM:SS)
Oct 01, 2020 to Sep 30, 2021



Percentage of Unit Total Response Times Under 09:00 Minutes
Oct 01, 2020 to Sep 30, 2021



Median Total Response Time (MM:SS)
Date Reported: Oct 01, 2020 to Sep 30, 2021



Unit 90th Percentile Total Response Time (HH:MM:SS)
Oct 01, 2020 to Sep 30, 2021



Baseline Performance - EMS Calls

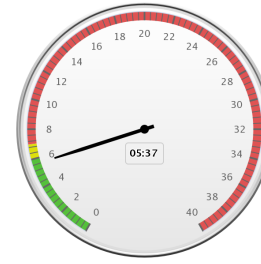
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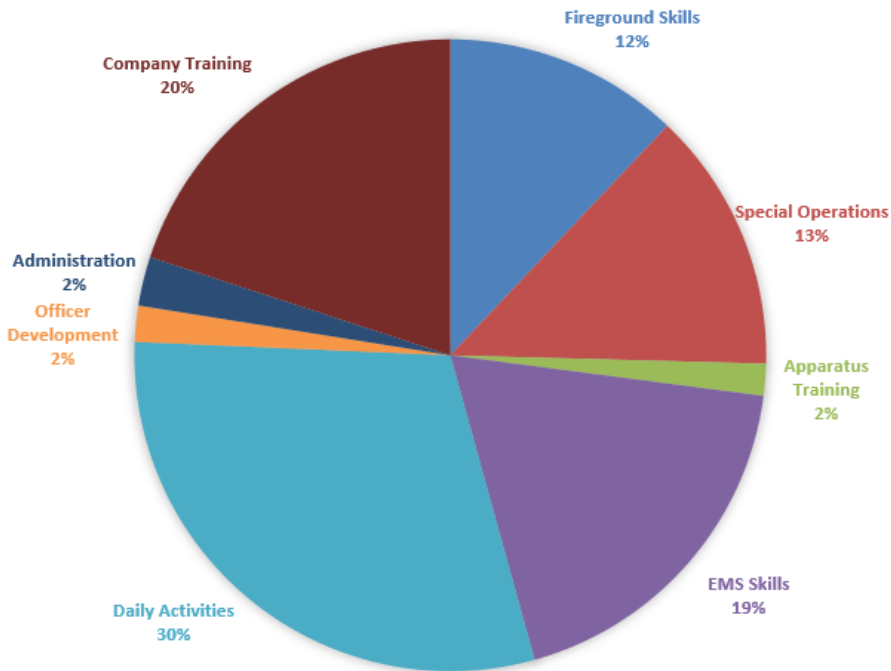
Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

October 1st, 2020 - September 30th, 2021

Average Training Totals

Average Personnel Hours	2,157.8
Average Participants	89
Class Types Given	135
Average Hours per Person	24.2

Training Hours by Category



Recruit Academy at the Training Tower



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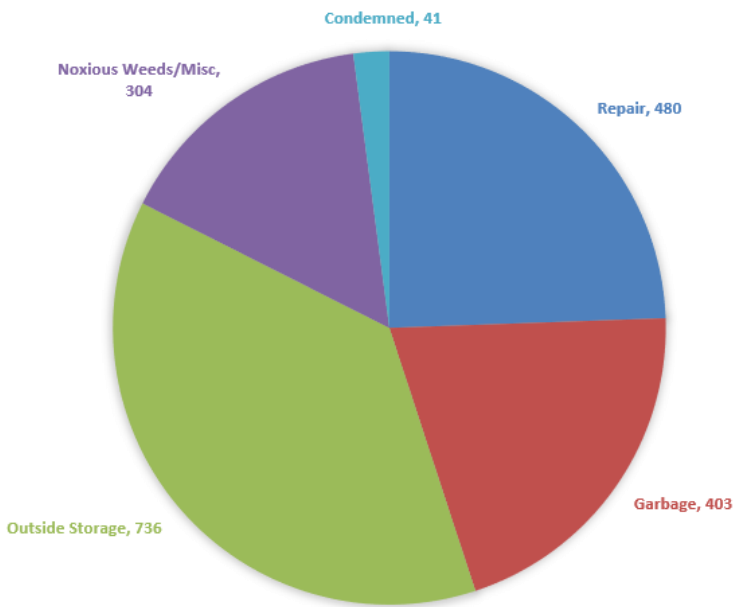


Division of Community Risk Management Summary

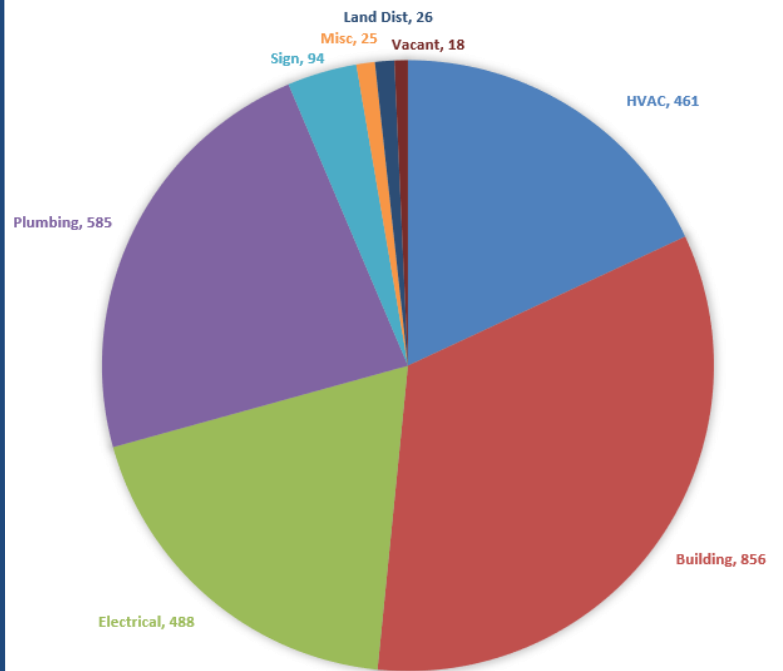
Year-to-Date (January 1st, 2021 - October 31st, 2021)

Building Inspection Statistics

Orders to Correct



Permits Issued



Fire and Life Safety Building Inspection Totals

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

Includes both Annual and Semi-Annual Fire Inspections

Total Occupancies	Completed	Follow-Up Required	Unresolved Violations	Resolved Violations	% of Occupancies Inspected	% of Occupancies Completed
2,871	2,040	205	494	276	78.20%	71.06%



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Division of Community Risk Management Summary

Community Risk Education Report

October 2021

Media Spots

- Two TV interviews for Fire Prevention Week
- Two TV interviews for Drug Take Back Day



Education/Outreach

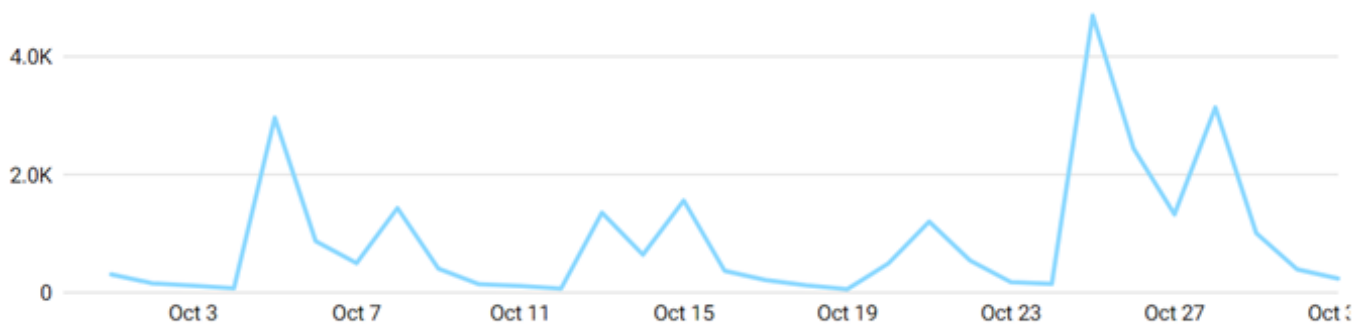
- Educated approximately 5,000 K-5th grade students during virtual Fire Prevention Week. Pre and Post tests were given to 4th & 5th graders, and we saw a 20% increase in test scores post-education
- Hosted Drug Take Back Day and accumulated 200 pounds of pills and hundreds more in ointments, gels, etc.
- Two Youth Fire Setting Educational interventions



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Acknowledgements and Items of Interest



October 26, 2021

Ken Gilliam
Fire Chief
La Crosse Fire Department
726 Fifth Ave. S.
La Crosse, WI 54601

Dear Chief Gilliam,

On behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals—PETA entities have more than 9 million members and supporters globally, many of whom live in Wisconsin—we'd like to thank your firefighters for coming to the aid of a dog and their guardian who were trapped in a burning home on October 25. Because of your team's actions, both of them were rescued from a terrifying and dangerous situation. Members of your community are lucky to have such kind first responders who don't hesitate to help humans or other animals in need.

Thank you for your compassion.

Very truly yours,

Ingrid Newkirk
President

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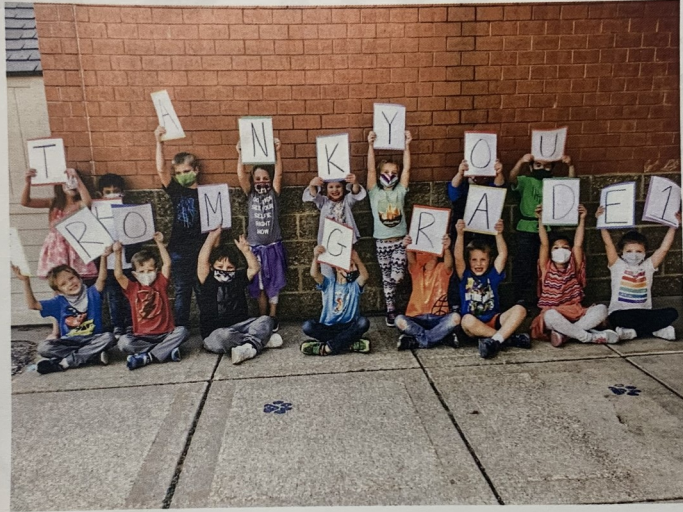
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You are our heroes!



We wanted to give a little message to you,
for all that you teach us and all that you do!

So we wrote some things down, we couldn't wait,
here's what we learned in room 108.

(Southern Bluffs)

Dear Captain Brian,

My class wrote the enclosed letter, and I typed it. The ideas are all from them. Thank you for keeping them engaged! I appreciate you taking the time to talk with my students.

Thanks again,

Mrs. Susan Kelm,
2nd grade teacher
State Road Elementary School

10/7/2021

Dear Captain Brian,
Thank you for telling us facts about fire safety. We are very thankful that you told us about fire safety. It made us feel like we could be brave if a fire happened. Thanks for teaching us what it would sound like if a firefighter came in the door. We liked that you said it sounded like Darth Vader. :o) You told us that if you are in your bedroom and there is a fire you could throw your toys out the window, so you know we are there. Thank you for telling us about matches and lighters and that we shouldn't play with them. They are **NOT** toys! We are happy that you taught us about smoke detectors, changing the batteries, and testing them. Now we know what to do if there is a real fire. We

are glad that we have firefighters like you in our world.

Your friends,
Mrs. Kelm's 2nd grade class
State Road Elementary School

PRINCE
tyh

Mrs. Kelm

Celia

Hank

Olivia Lehn

Nora

MISS

MADISON

Sophie

VINCENT

Erin

HUDSON MALAY

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Bonnie

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Autumn