



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Agenda

Police and Fire Commission

Wednesday, October 20, 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 the September 13, 2021 meeting.

Agenda Items:

- I. [21-1478](#) Police Personnel Report - September, 2021
 - A. *Appointment of Alexander Scray to the position of probationary Police Officer.*
- II. [21-1487](#) Fire Personnel Report - September, 2021
 - A. *Appointment of Kale Pike to the position of probationary Firefighter.*
- III. Next Meeting Date: November 17, 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

Police and Fire Commission

Monday, September 13, 2021

9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting via Lifesize

Draft until approved at Commission's October 20, 2021 meeting.

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Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Guests: Chief Ken Gilliam, Asst Chief Jason Melby

Present: 5 - Douglas Happel, Bruce Jentz, Nese Nasif, Arminda Yutuc, Steven Kopp

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of July 26, 2021 meeting

Minutes of July 8, 2021 meeting

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to approve the minutes of the July 8 and 26, 2021 meetings. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Commissioners Kopp and Nasif abstained. Unanimous approval.

Agenda Items:

I. Fire Personnel Report - July and August, 2021

Presented by: Chief Gilliam

DISCUSSION:

-Chief reviewed the monthly report and statistics with the Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to accept and file the July and August, 2021 Fire Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kopp. Unanimous approval.

A. Promotion of the following to the position of Engineer:

- 1. Firefighter Erin Statz*
- 2. Firefighter Cole Wiggert*

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to approve the promotions of Firefighters Erin Statz and Cole Wiggert to the position of Engineer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nasif. Unanimous approval.

B. Appointment of the following to regular status following successful completion of introductory period:

- 1. Lieutenant Steven Kramer*
- 2. Lieutenant Jay Lindahl*
- 3. Engineer Steven McCluskey*

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to approve the following appointments to regular status upon successful completion of introductory period: Lieutenant Steven Kramer, Lieutenant Jay Lindahl, and Engineer Steven McCluskey. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kopp. Unanimous approval.

II. Police Personnel Report - July and August, 2021

Presented by: Assistant Chief Melby

DISCUSSION:

-The Assistant Chief reviewed the monthly report and statistics with the Commissioners and answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to accept and file the July and August, 2021 Police Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kopp. Unanimous approval.

A. Schedule Police Lieutenant interviews

The Commission scheduled these interviews for 10/20/21 beginning at 10:30 or 10:45.

III. Discuss meeting time.

A new meeting time was set for the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. beginning on October 20th, 2021.

IV. Future Agenda Items

None requested.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Happel at 10:04 a.m.



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October 20th, 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

September LCFD Highlights:

- September 8th, LCFD and surrounding fire departments participated in Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual "Fill the Boot" fundraising campaign. Around \$6,500 was collected this year by the Local 127.
- September 16th, LCFD responded to a vehicle fire (garbage truck) at 2850 Larson Street at 5:33pm. The fire was reported to be spread to a building, which was evacuated prior to LCFD arrival. Crews found heavy smoke and fire coming from the northside of the building, which was extinguished quickly. No injuries were reported. Other agencies on scene to assist were Onalaska FD, Shelby FD, LCPD, Xcel Energy, and TSA. [top photo next page]
- September 18th, LCFD responded to water rescue call on the La Crosse River shortly before 8:00pm. Upon arrival, crews found five people who had been canoeing, clinging to a tree in the water. Two inflatable boats were used to reach the canoeists. No injuries were reported.
- September 19th, LCFD responded to an EMS call for a bicyclist who injured himself on a bluff trail by Highway FA. Members of our Urban Search and Rescue team evacuated the patient from the bluff and he was transported to TSA to Gundersen Medical Center for treatment.
- September 20th, LCFD responded to a gas leak at 13th and Jackson Streets along with Xcel Energy. Crews isolated area, evacuated nearby residential buildings and assisted Xcel Energy with stopping the leak. LCFD continued to monitor air levels until it was safe for residents to return to the area. TSA was also on scene on stand-by.
- September 20th - 25th, LCFD in partnership with La Crosse County Falls Prevention Coalition recognized Falls Prevention Week. At the Falls Prevention Awareness Day event, LCFD along with TSA walked attendees through the protocol of managing patients who have fallen. [middle photo next page]



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Personnel Notes:

- Firefighter Erin Statz was promoted to Engineer
- Engineer Todd Bina retired 09/30/21
- Current Department Staffing Status:

Department Staffing Summary		
	Total Approved	Current
Sworn	97	90
Civilian	14	13
	111	103

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

Vehicle fire at 2850 Larson Street



Falls Prevention Awareness Day



Kitchen Fire Trailer Demo @UWL's Eagle Fest





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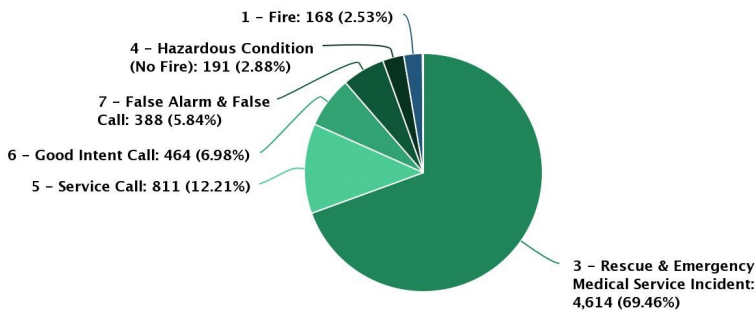
Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

Incident Data

September 1st, 2020 - August 31st, 2021

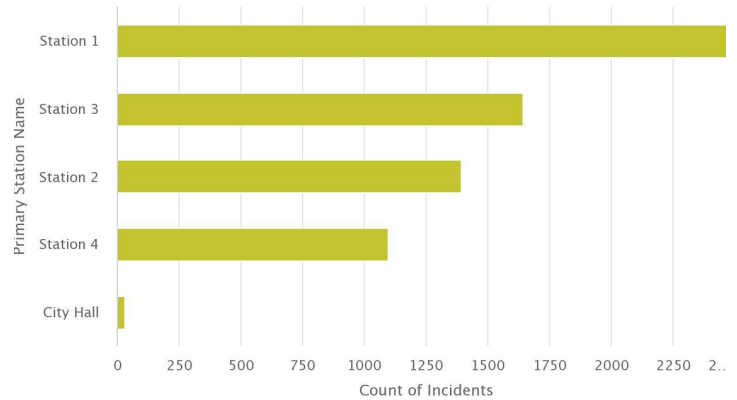
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Sep 01, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021

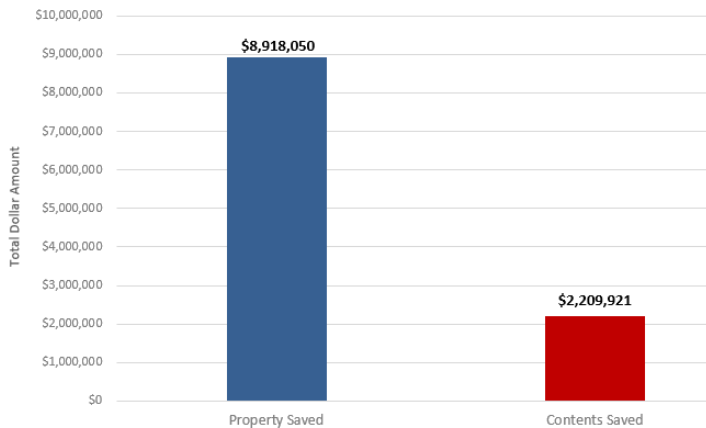


Incidents by Primary Station Name

Sep 01, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021

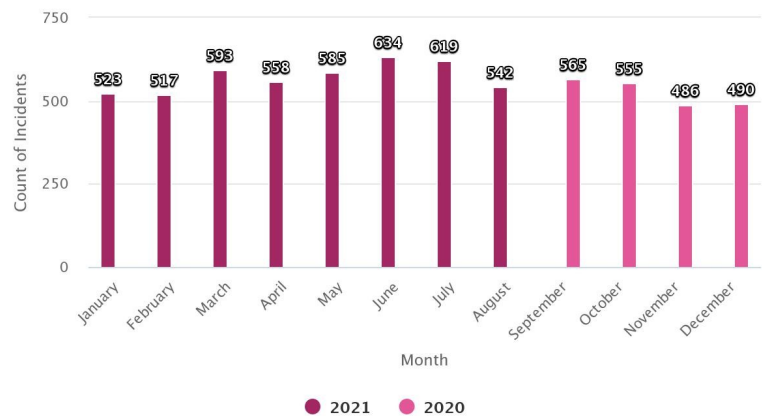


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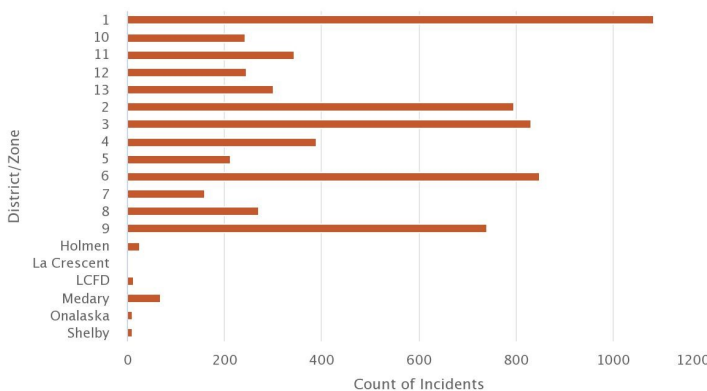
Incidents by Month

Sep 01, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021

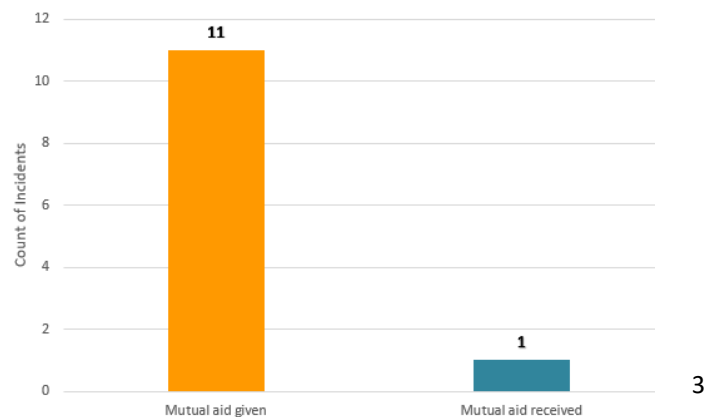


Incidents by District/Zone

Sep 01, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021



Mutual Aid





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Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

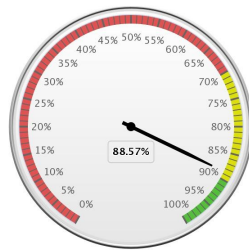
September 1st, 2020 - August 31st, 2021

Baseline Performance - Non EMS Calls

Unit Median Total Response Time (HH:MM:SS)
Sep 01, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021



Percentage of Unit Total Response Times Under 09:00 Minutes
Sep 01, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021



Median Total Response Time (MM:SS)
Date Reported: Sep 01, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021



Unit 90th Percentile Total Response Time (HH:MM:SS)
Sep 01, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021

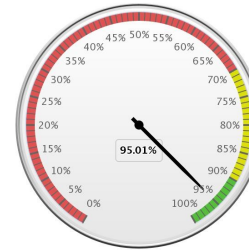


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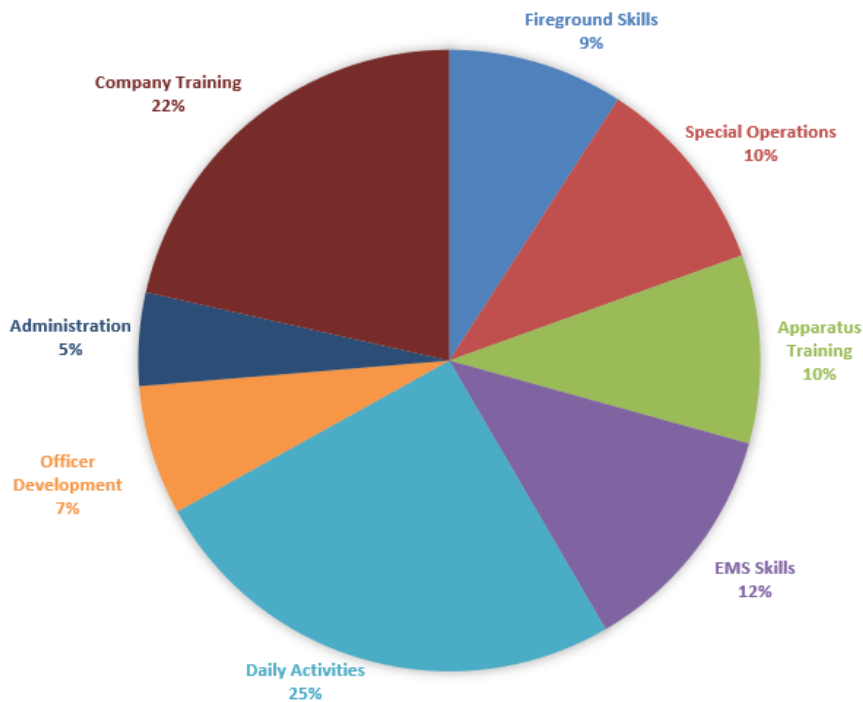
Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

September 1st, 2020 - August 31st, 2021

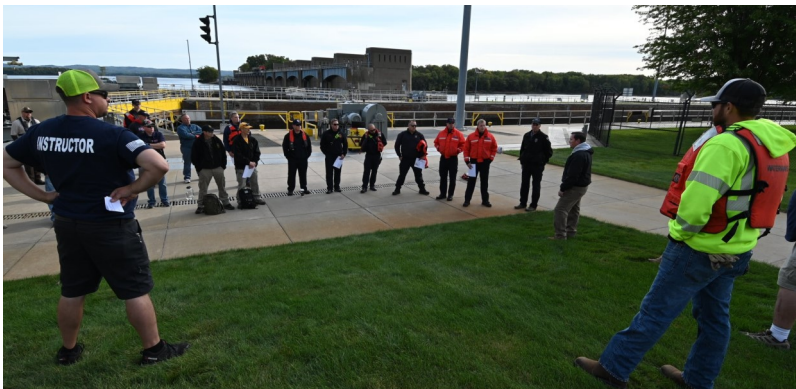
Average Training Totals

Average Personnel Hours	2711
Average Participants	93
Total (not average) Classes Given	508
Average Hours per Person	29.15

Training Hours by Category



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (St. Paul District) conducted an on-water orientation and demonstration September 25th, 2021. LCFD participated in this training along with other EMS responders that might be called upon to respond to a disabled boater at a lock and dam. [photos]





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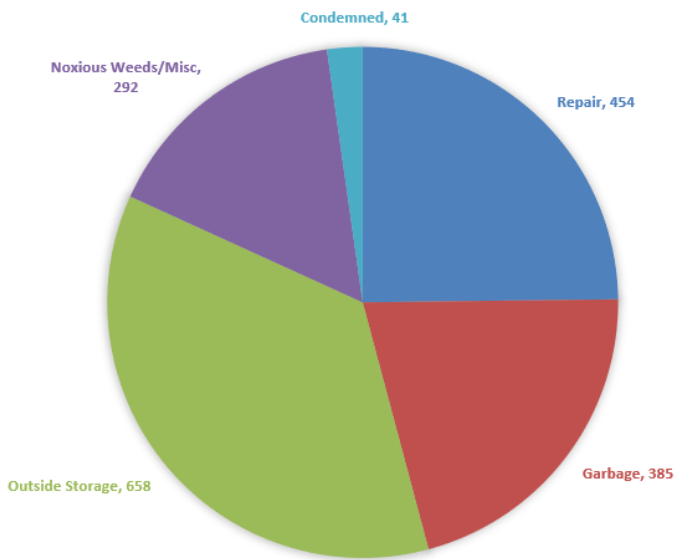


Division of Community Risk Management Summary

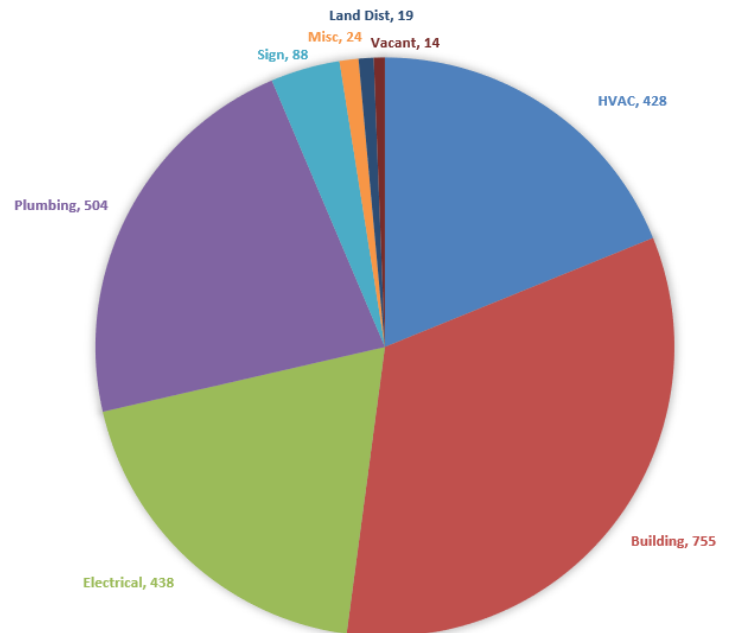
Year-to-Date (January 1st, 2021 - September 30th, 2021)

Building Inspection Statistics

Orders to Correct



Permits Issued



Fire and Life Safety Building Inspection Totals

Year-to-Date (January 1st, 2021 - September 30th, 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	1,716	101	475	235	63.29%	59.77%



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Division of Community Risk Management Summary

Community Risk Education Report

September 2021

Media Spots

- One TV interview regarding the award of a **\$100,000 Fire Prevention & Safety grant** to install SmartBurners in Housing Authority of La Crosse residences



Education/Outreach

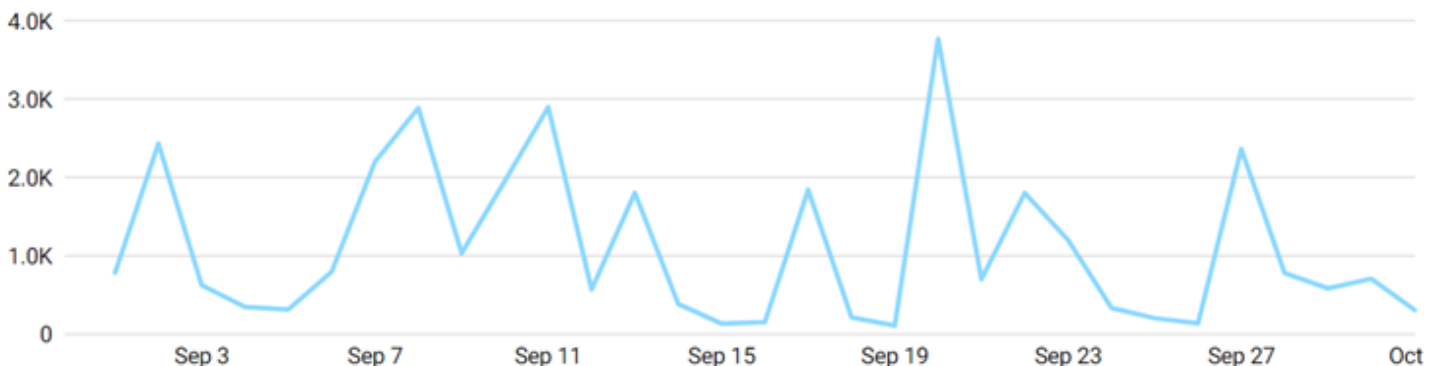
- Installed five alarms in La Crosse homes (122 total for 2021)
- UWL: presented at both "It Make\$ Cents" (renter's safety) & Eagle Fest (kitchen fire demonstration) [page 2 bottom photo]
- Viterbo: booth at farmer's market with information on fire & renter's safety
- Four individuals referred to the ADRC for fall prevention education & resources
- One youth was referred and is now currently enrolled in our Youth Fire Prevention and Intervention Program
- Participated in La Crosse Area High School's Health Science Academy; education & engagement on fire & EMS careers [photos]



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Acknowledgements and Items of Interest



Hi, Pat.

I would like to thank the deCrosse Fire Department and the community education team for attending the first ever Eagle Fest.

We had a wonderful turn-out and we were very grateful to have members of our community join us.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,
Alicia Klein

ps. Feel free to email me with feedback if you'd like.