



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Agenda

Police and Fire Commission

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

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 February 16, 2022

Minutes of March 1, 2022

Agenda Items:

I. [22-0416](#) Fire Personnel Report - February, 2022

II. [22-0421](#) Police Personnel Report - February, 2022

A. Appointment of Officer Matthew Lee Baker to regular status following successful completion of probationary period.

III. Fire Chief Recruitment Process

IV. Next Meeting Date: April 21, 2022

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 Chairperson Happel at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Guests: Chief Gilliam, Chief Kudron, Assist. Chief Murphy

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

Commissioner Jentz stepped away from meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of January 19, 2022 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.

Agenda Items:

Commissioner Jentz rejoined meeting during the Police Personnel Report.

I. January, 2022 Police Personnel Report

Presented by: Chief Kudron

DISCUSSION:

-Chief summarized the monthly written reports and statistics.

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to accept and file the January, 2022 Police Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kopp. Unanimous approval.

A. Appointment of the following to regular status upon the successful completion of probationary period:

- 1. Officer Colt Lang*
- 2. Officer Jesse Cotto*

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to approve the appointment of Officers Colt Lang and Jesse Cotto to regular status upon the successful completion of probationary period. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kopp. Unanimous approval.

II. January, 2022 Fire Personnel Report

Presented by: Chief Gilliam

DISCUSSION:

-Chief summarized the monthly report and statistical look at 2021.

-Chair Happel asked the Chief to provide an update to the Commission on the Holmen FD agreement and continue to include this update as part of the monthly report to the Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to accept and file the January, 2022 Fire Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kopp. Unanimous approval.

A. Promotion of Captain Greg Temp to the position of Battalion Chief.

Motion by Commissioner Yutuc to approve the promotion of Captain Greg Temp to the position of Battalion Chief. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nasif. Unanimous approval.

B. Schedule special meeting to consider the appointment of Firefighter candidates.

The Commission agreed to meet on March 1st at 10:00 a.m.

III. Next Meeting Date: March 16, 2022

A. Future Agenda Items

None requested.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Happel at 10:20 a.m.



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Tuesday, March 1, 2022

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Call to Order

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Roll Call

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

Excused: 1 - Nese Nasif

Agenda Items:

I. Fire Personnel Matters

- A. *Promotion of Lieutenant Cory Westpfahl to the rank of Captain.*
- B. *Promotion of Engineer/Squad Driver Brandon Gritt to the rank of Lieutenant.*
- C. *Promotion of Firefighter Thomas Bagniefski to the position of Engineer.*

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to approve the following promotions:

- 1. **Lieutenant Cory Westpfahl to the rank of Captain**
- 2. **Engineer/Squad Driver Brandon Gritt to the rank of Lieutenant**
- 3. **Firefighter Thomas Bagniefski to the rank of Engineer**

Motion seconded by Commissioner Kopp. Unanimous approval.

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

1. *Captain David Duchrow*
2. *Lieutenant Blake Hundt*
3. *Engineer Jacob Lincoln*
4. *Engineer Joseph Albrecht*

Motion by Commissioner Kopp to approve the appointment of the following to regular status upon successful completion of introductory period:

1. **Captain David Duchrow**
2. **Lieutenant Blake Hundt**
3. **Engineer Jacob Lincoln**
4. **Engineer Joseph Albrecht**

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.

E. Appointment of the following to the position of probationary firefighter:

1. *Matthew Kramer*
2. *Adam Clements*
3. *Paul McGettigan*
4. *Shane Ives*
5. *Kyle Dahmen*
6. *Collin Webster*
7. *Brett Kenner*
8. *Daniel Mannigel*
9. *Ryan Lange*

Motion by Commissioner Yutuc to approve the appointment of the following to the position of probationary firefighter:

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2. **Adam Clements**
3. **Paul McGettigan**
4. **Shane Ives**
5. **Kyle Dahmen**
6. **Collin Webster**
7. **Brett Kenner**
8. **Daniel Mannigel**
9. **Ryan Lange**

Motion seconded by Commissioner Kopp. Unanimous approval.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Happel at 10:06 a.m.



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March 16th, 2022

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

Personnel Changes:

- Assistant Chief Steven Cash received his badge during a small ceremony January 25th
- Current Department Staffing Status: see table.

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



Department Staffing Summary		
	Total Approved	Current
Sworn	98	92
Civilian	15	13
	113	105



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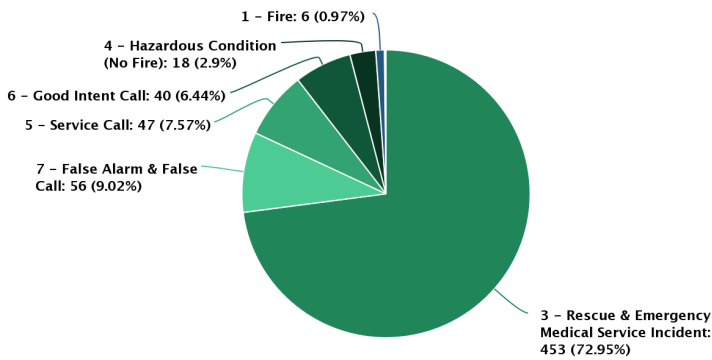
Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

Incident Data

January 1st, 2022 - January 31st, 2022

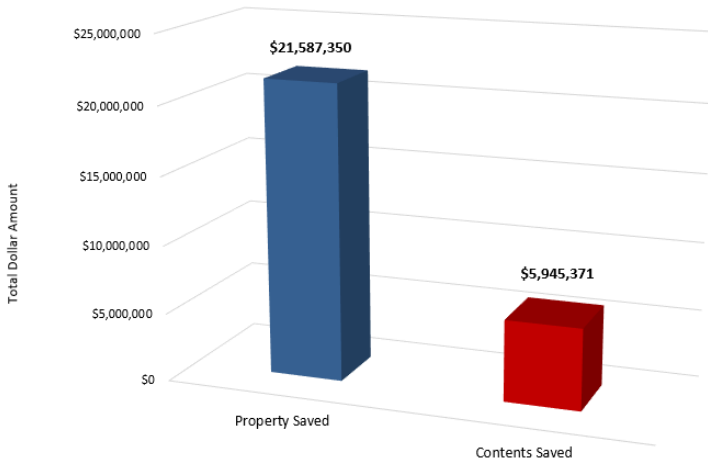
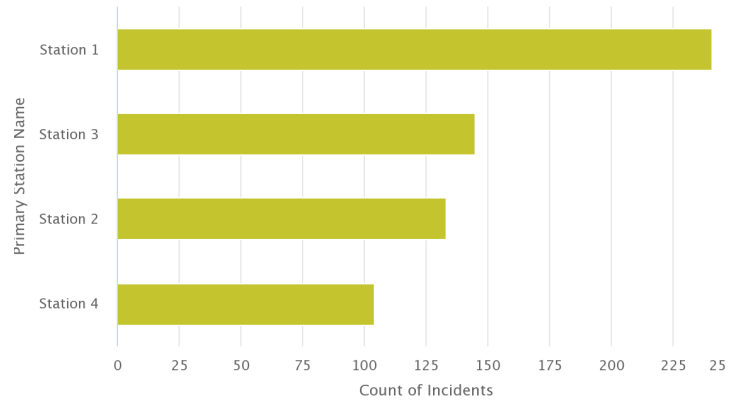
Incident Type Categories

Jan 01, 2022 to Jan 31, 2022



Incidents by Primary Station Name

Jan 01, 2022 to Jan 31, 2022



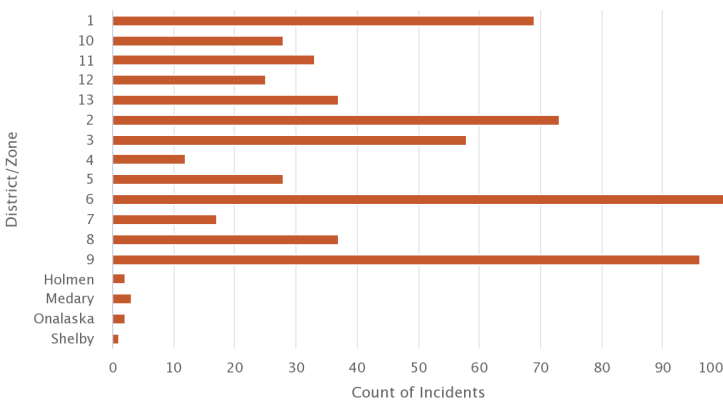
Incidents by Month

March 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022

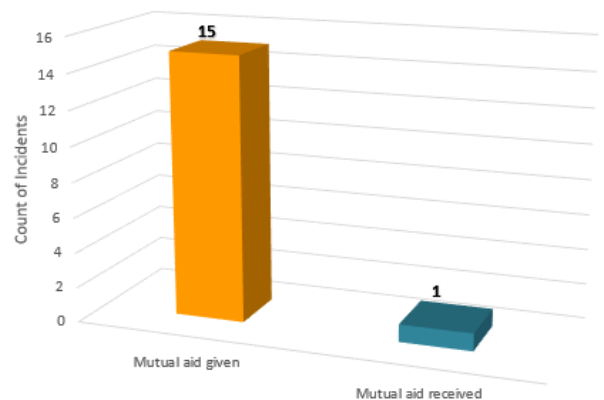


Incidents by District/Zone

Jan 01, 2022 to Jan 31, 2022



Mutual Aid





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Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

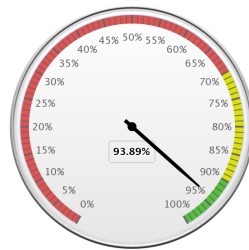
January 1st, 2022 - January 31st, 2022

Baseline Performance - Non EMS Calls

Unit Median Total Response Time (HH:MM:SS)
Jan 01, 2022 to Jan 31, 2022



Percentage of Unit Total Response Times Under 09:00 Minutes
Jan 01, 2022 to Jan 31, 2022



Median Total Response Time (MM:SS)
Date Reported: Jan 01, 2022 to Jan 31, 2022



Unit 90th Percentile Total Response Time (HH:MM:SS)
Jan 01, 2022 to Jan 31, 2022

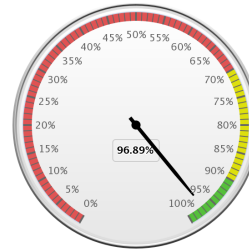


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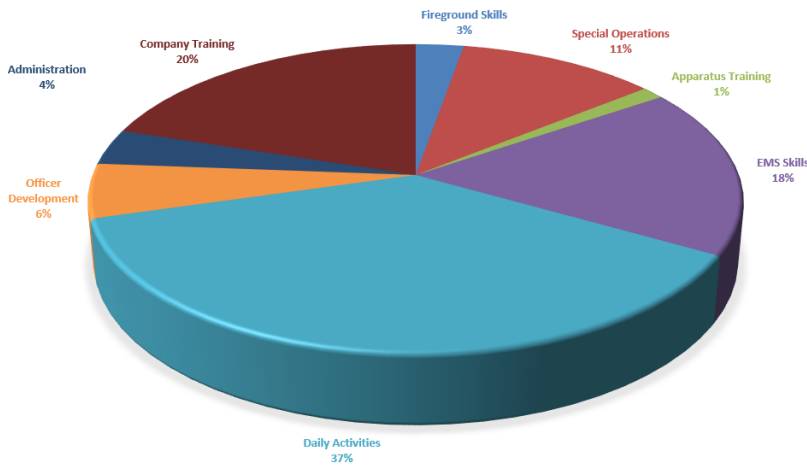
Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

January 1st, 2022 - January 31st, 2022

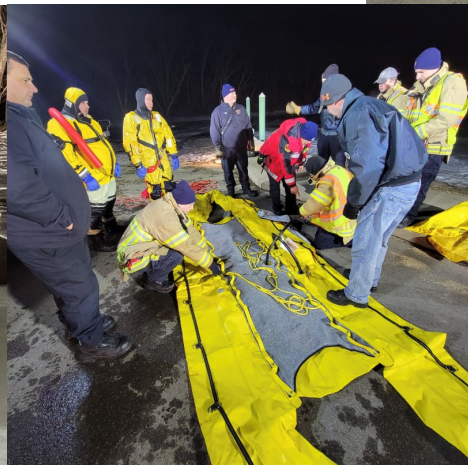
Average Training Totals

Total Personnel Hours	2,193.30
Average Participants	79
Class Types Given	16
Average Hours per Person	27.76

Training Hours by Category



Water Rescue Training with HAFD



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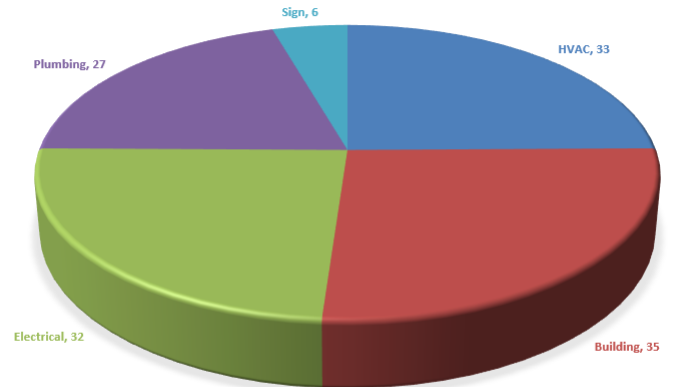
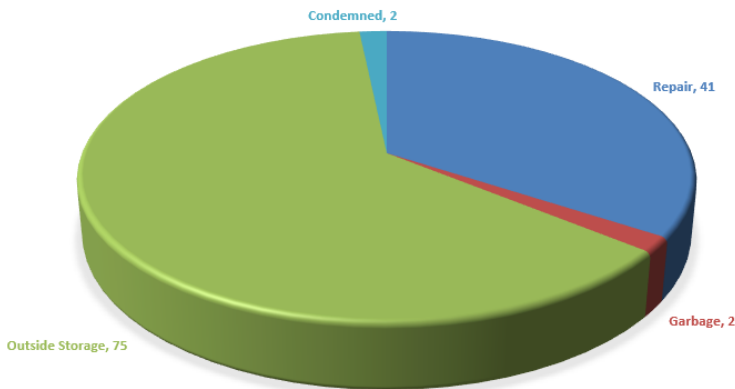
Division of Community Risk Management Summary

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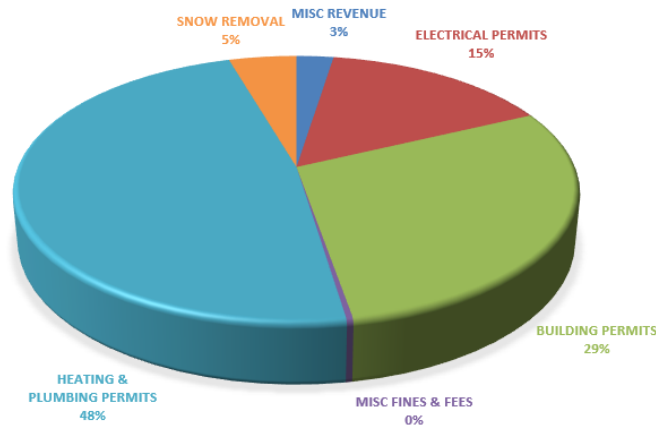
Building Inspection Statistics

Orders to Correct

Permits Issued



Monthly Fee Summary



Fire and Life Safety Building Inspection Totals

Includes both Annual and Semi-Annual Fire Inspections

# of Total Inspections	# of Total Completed Inspections	Follow-Up Required	# of Unresolved Violations	# of Resolved Violations	% of Occupancies Inspected	% of Occupancies Completed
2,601	64	0	304	9	2.48%	2.48%



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Division of Community Risk Management Summary

Community Risk Education Report

January 1st, 2022 - January 31st, 2022

Media Spots

- One TV interview regarding space heater safety

Education/Outreach

- Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention for college student
- Planning for 7 Rivers Cardiac Arrest Preparedness & Education



Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

HEATER CHECKLIST

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Types of electric space heaters

Oil or water-filled radiator
Heated oil or water travels through the heater.

Fan-forced heater
A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

Ceramic heater
Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

Infrared heaters
Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

Fact

Two in five deaths in space heater fires involve portable electric space heaters.

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