



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Agenda

Police and Fire Commission

Wednesday, January 19, 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 November 17, 2021 meeting.

Agenda Items:

- I. Annual Code of Ethics Certification
- II. [22-0091](#) November & December, 2021 Fire Personnel Reports
 - A. *Promotion of Division Chief Steven Cash to Assistant Chief, Division of Community Risk Management*
- III. [22-0092](#) November & December, 2021 Police Personnel Report
 - A. *Promotion of Officer Cody Plenge to the rank of Sergeant.*
 - B. *Promotion of Officer Daniel Mandujano to the rank of Sergeant.*
 - C. *Appointment of Riley Carroll to the position of probationary Police Officer.*
 - D. *Appointment of Alexander Peterson to the position of probationary Police Officer.*
 - E. *Schedule Police Officer Interviews*
- IV. Information on WI Act 82
- V. Next Meeting Date: February 16, 2022
 - A. *Future Agenda Items*

Adjournment

NOTE: The Commission may convene in closed session relative to items II and III 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.

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

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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.

Chairperson Happel asked the Secretary to send the link for the meeting recording to those Commissioners unable to attend. He advised Commissioners and City staff to limit discussion, comments, and questions to meeting agenda items and suggested that specific questions or comments not pertaining to the agenda be directed to the appropriate Chief by other means.

Roll Call

Guests: Capt. Avrie Schott, Sgt. Cory Brandl, Chief Ken Gilliam

Present: 3 - Douglas Happel, Bruce Jentz, Arminda Yutuc

Excused: 2 - Nese Nasif, Steven Kopp

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of October 20, 2021 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2021 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.

Agenda Items:

I. October, 2021 Fire Personnel Report

Presented by: Chief Gilliam

DISCUSSION:

-Chief reviewed the monthly personnel report, statistics and training.

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

A. Promotion of Firefighter Corey Mathison to the position of Engineer.

Motion by Commissioner Yutuc to approve the promotion of Firefighter Corey Mathison to the position of Engineer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jentz. Unanimous approval.

II. October, 2021 Police Personnel Report

Presented by: Capt. Schott

DISCUSSION:

-Capt. Schott reviewed the monthly personnel report, statistics, and training. The department is still waiting on updated statistical reports following the records management system upgrade.

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

A. Promotion of Sergeant Cory Brandl to the rank of Lieutenant.

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to approve the promotion of Sergeant Cory Brandl to the rank of Lieutenant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.

III. Next Meeting Date: December 15, 2021

A. Future Agenda Items

None requested.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Jentz. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Happel at 10:24 a.m.



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December 16th, 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

November LCFD Highlights:

- November 5th, LCFD responded to a deck fire at 1328 Johnson Street at 2:30am. The fire was extinguished quickly, preventing spread to the main structure. All people and pets were also safely evacuated. Investigators determined the fire was started by careless use of smoking materials.
- November 7th, LCFD responded to a basement fire at 2210 Barnabee Road at 12:00pm. The fire was quickly extinguished and the occupant and her pet were able to evacuate safely prior to LCFD arrival.
- November 12th, LCFD and HAFD unveiled the new fire safety simulator. It is a 26-foot-long unit that has multiple simulation rooms that mimic a residential unit. It demonstrates escape procedures once a fire starts, kitchen safety tips, and how to engage with 911 dispatchers. In addition to fire safety, it covers what steps to take during extreme weather. *(Photos on next page)*
- November 17th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 2257 14th Street South at 8:45pm. All residents were evacuated safely prior to LCFD arrival. The fire was quickly extinguished and the structure sustained minor smoke and water damage. Twenty firefighters responded to the incident which is still under investigation.
- During the week of November 22nd, LCFD and La Crosse Housing Authority began replacing traditional coil element burners with SmartBurners in over 550 of the housing authority's units. The project was funded with a \$105,000 Federal Emergency Management Agency grant, with a required 5% city match.



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Personnel Notes:

- Assistant Chief Craig Snyder retired & his last day in office was November 24th
- Building Inspector Andrew Berzinski began employment November 15th
- 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
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New Fire Safety Simulator Trailer





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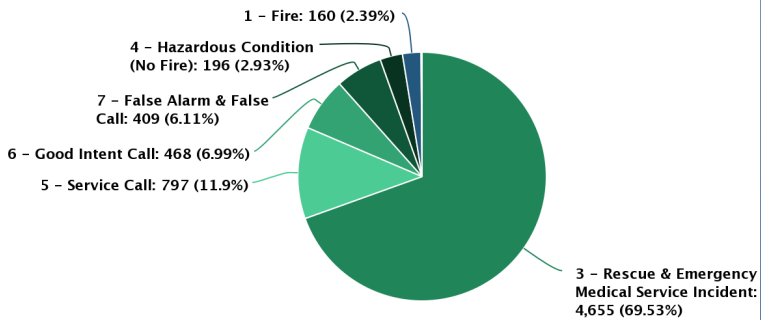
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Incident Data

November 1st, 2020 - October 31st, 2021

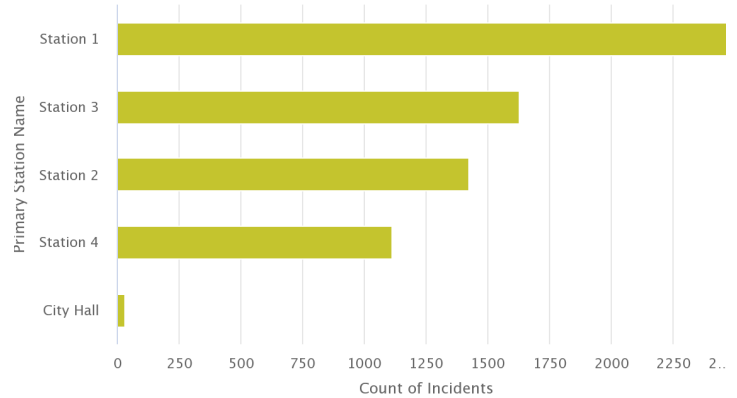
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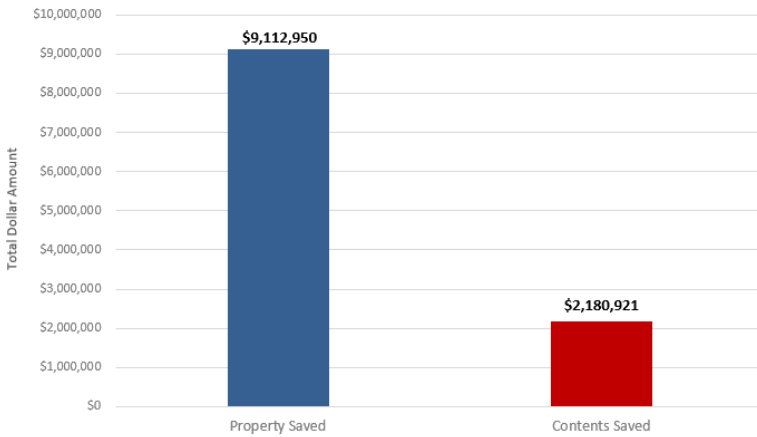


Incidents by Primary Station Name

Nov 01, 2020 to Oct 31, 2021

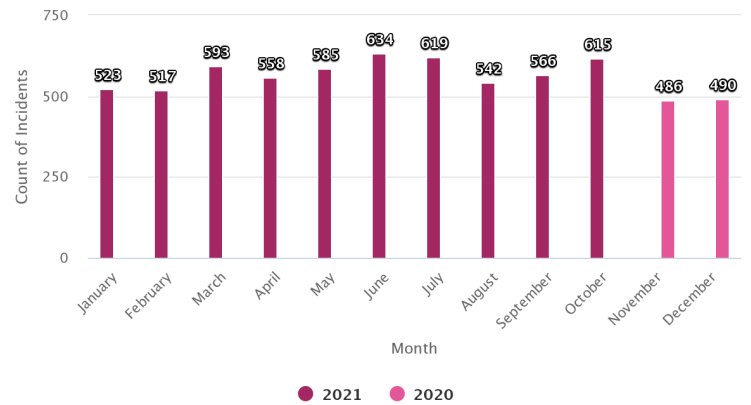


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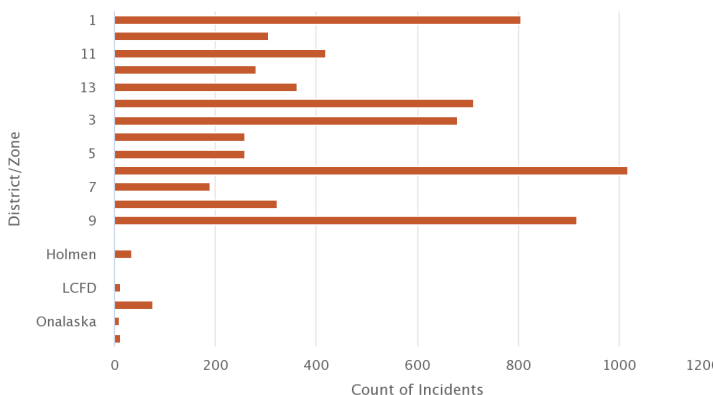
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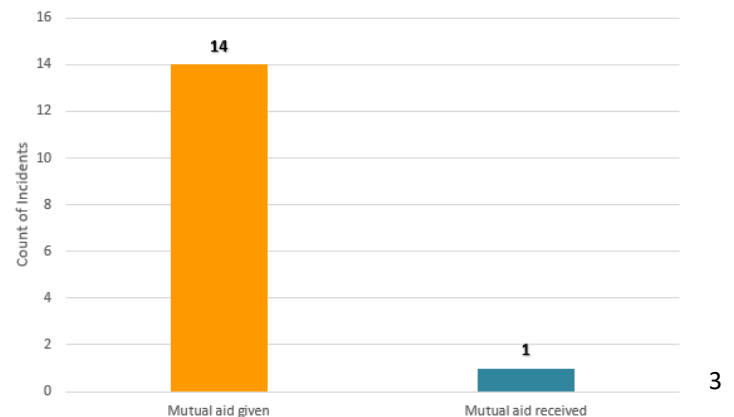


Incidents by District/Zone

Nov 01, 2020 to Oct 31, 2021



Mutual Aid





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Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

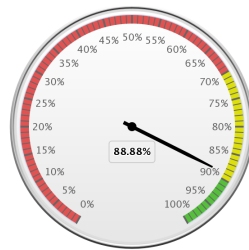
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Baseline Performance - Non EMS Calls

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



Percentage of Unit Total Response Times Under 09:00 Minutes
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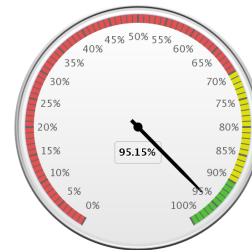


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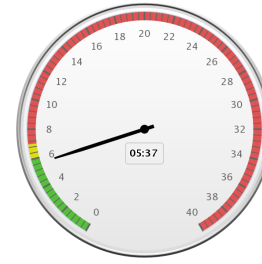
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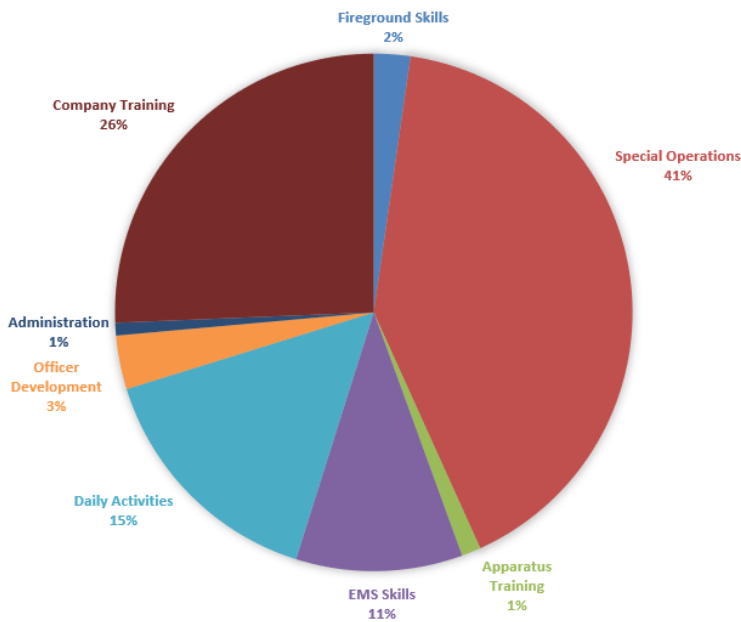
Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

November 1st, 2020 - October 31st, 2021

Average Training Totals

Average Personnel Hours	3299.70
Average Participants	92
Class Types Given	144
Average Hours per Person	35.90

Training Hours by Category



LEFT: EMS training (impaled patient)

BOTTOM LEFT: Kale Pike probationary training

BOTTOM RIGHT: Roof Ventilation Training





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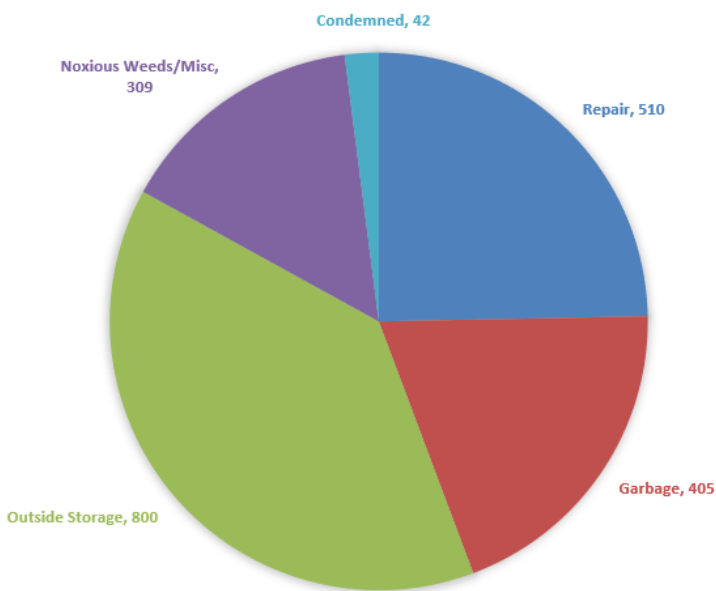


Division of Community Risk Management Summary

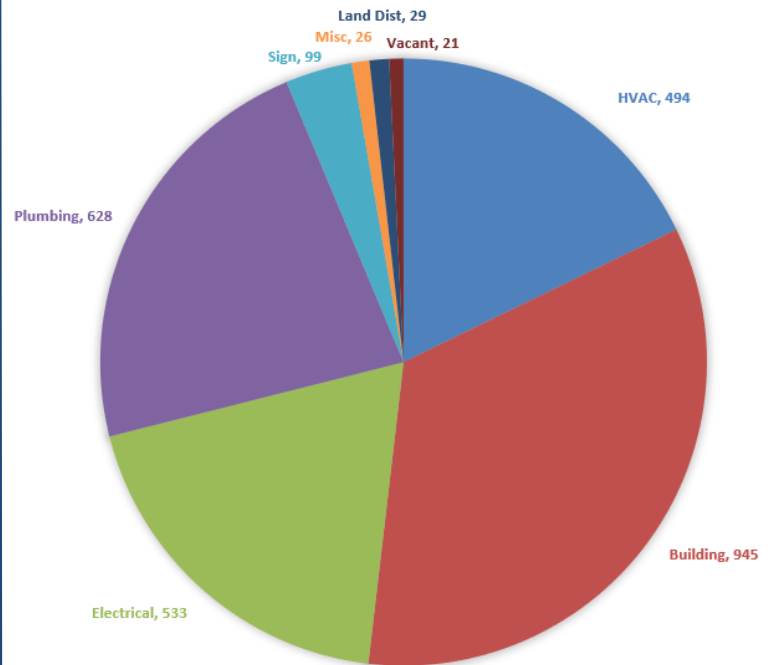
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Building Inspection Statistics

Orders to Correct



Permits Issued



Fire and Life Safety Building Inspection Totals

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Includes both Annual and Semi-Annual Fire Inspections

Total Occupancies	Completed	Follow-Up Required	Unresolved Violations	Resolved Violations	% of Occupancies Inspected	% of Occupancies Completed
2,865	2,579	223	439	371	97.80%	90.02%



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Division of Community Risk Management Summary

Community Risk Education Report

November 2021

Media Spots

- Two TV interviews for daylight savings and checking smoke alarms
- Three TV & one newspaper interview for the new fire safety simulator
- Three TV & one newspaper interview for the Housing Authority SmartBurner installation Program
- One TV interview regarding fire safety during the holidays



Education/Outreach

- Fire extinguisher training for WTC students
- We gave away two bicycles to elementary students for Fire Prevention Week - Home Safety contest (pictured right)
- Installed 2,200 SmartBurners within 550 Housing Authority of La Crosse properties
- One Youth Fire Setting Educational intervention



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December LCFD Highlights:

- December 7th, LCFD responded to a house fire at 1102 Liberty Street at 4:05pm. Crews arrived within three minutes to find a small, two-story residential building with a small fire on the exterior, second floor. The fire was quickly extinguished and prevented further damage. No injuries were reported and the fire is still under investigation. LCFD was assisted by LCPD and GTSA.
- December 15th, LCFD responded to a house fire at 2026 Onalaska Court at 1:18am. Crews arrived within five minutes to find heavy fire showing from the front of a single-family residential structure. The fire had extended to the second story of the structure (attic) and an extensive overhaul was performed to gain fire control. Two canines were found at the scene and removed from the home. One was deceased and the other resuscitated and turned over to animal control. One occupant had been in the residence as well and was transported to a hospital to be treated for injuries. This fire was caused by the act of arson, which is under investigation by both the LCPD and LCFD. Other agencies assisting with this incident are: GTSA, Xcel Energy, and Coulee Region Humane Society Animal Control.
- December 16th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 1803 Onalaska Avenue at 3:15pm. Crews arrived within three minutes to find heavy smoke coming from the kitchen of a second story apartment. The fire was extinguished quickly which prevented it from spreading to the other units. All occupants were able to evacuate safely and no injuries were reported. A total of six apparatus and 16 firefighters responded to the scene. Assistance was also provided from the LCPD, GTSA, and Xcel Energy. The fire was determined to be caused by the accidental use of a flammable liquid.
- December 24th, LCFD responded to a garage fire at 1249 Adams Street and 2:14am. Crews arrived within five minutes to a single-family home with an attached garage on fire. Although the garage sustained heavy fire and smoke damage, LCFD was able to prevent the fire from extending to the home. LCFD was assisted by LCPD, Xcel Energy, and LCED. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.



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Firefighters and their families visited area hospitals to drop off donations to pediatric patients

Personnel Notes:

- Corey Mathison was promoted to Engineer December 31st.
- Dominick Mellick and Craig Scheel were assigned to the Paramedic Team on December 24th.
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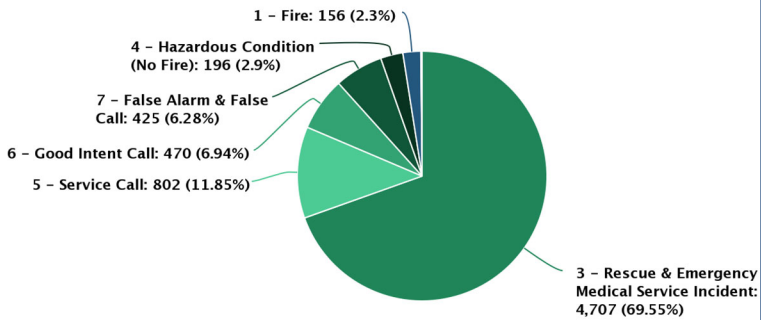
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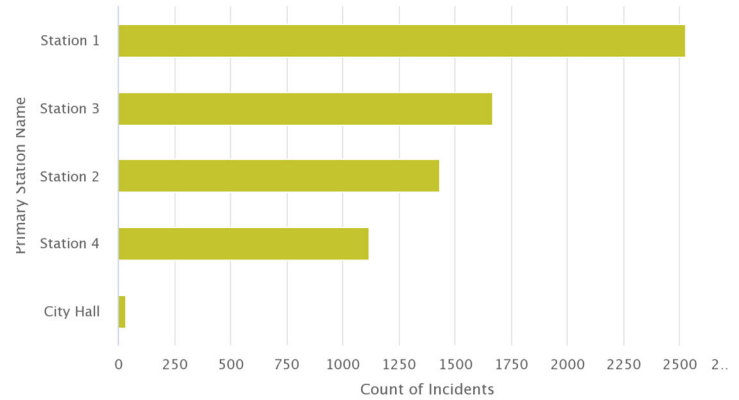
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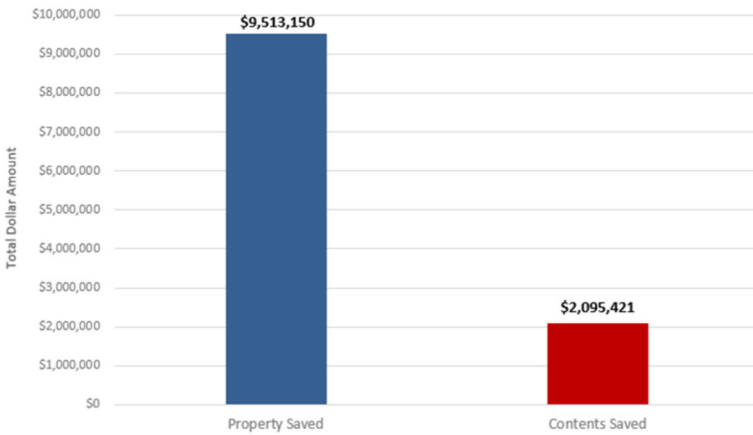


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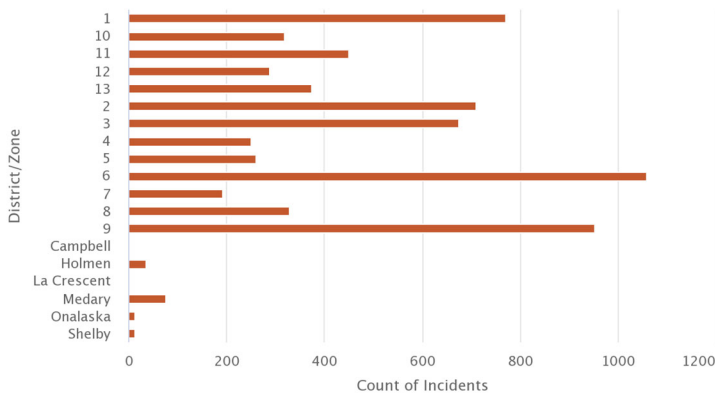
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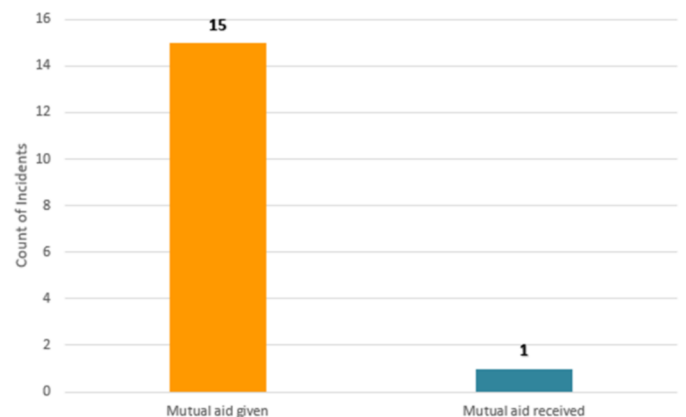


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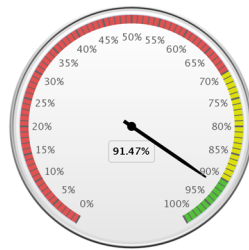
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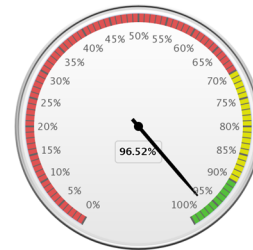


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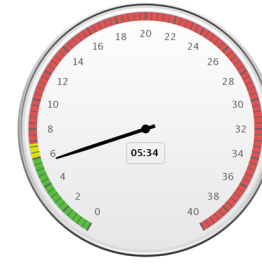
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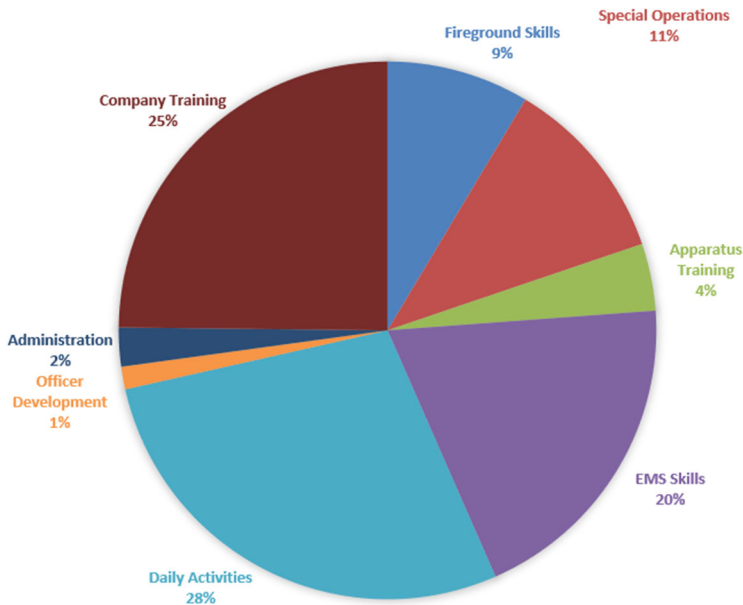
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Average Training Totals

Average Personnel Hours	2900.35
Average Participants	91
Class Types Given	150
Average Hours per Person	31.8

Training Hours by Category



Last month in blizzard conditions, the LCFD Urban Search and Rescue team used a 3:1 rigging system, stokes basket and litter wheel to safely evacuate a patient off a steep slope near Hwy 16 and Gillette Street. [photos below]

This is a perfect demonstration of our *mission* in action and why we continuously improve our training and skills annual. "We promote safety, reduce risks, and response to calls for fire suppression, emergency medical services, and **all-hazards rescue**. We earn the community's trust through preparedness, professionalism, and dedication to service."





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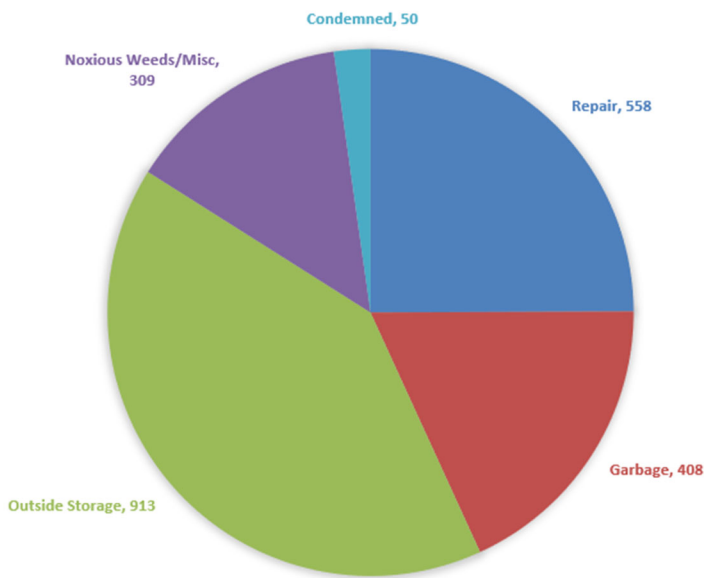


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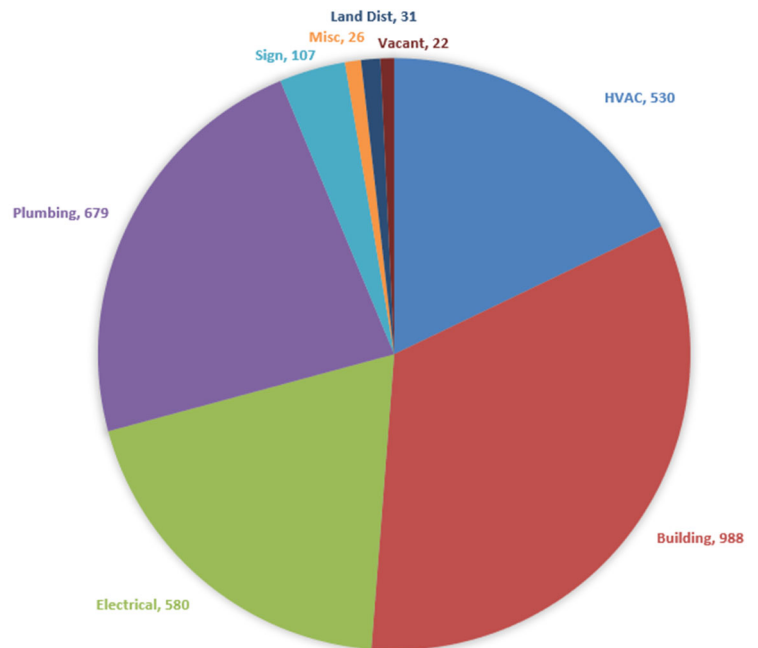
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Division of Community Risk Management Summary

Community Risk Education Report

December 2021

Media Spots

- One TV interview regarding fire safety during the holidays

Education/Outreach

- Fire drill at Southern Bluffs Elementary
- One youth successfully completed our Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program
- Washburn Neighborhood Association fire safety discussion
- “Keep the Wreath Green” holiday fire safety program. At each one of our fire stations, a wreath is illuminated with green light bulbs November 26th through January 2nd. For every structure fire that occurs within La Crosse County, a green light bulb is replaced with a red one to help raise fire awareness for area residents. One white bulb is also on the wreath to represent firefighters who have passed away in the line of duty.



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