



La Crosse Fire Department

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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.

Please find the following enclosed:

- Personnel Updates
- Department Highlights
- Training Updates
- Acknowledgements

Respectfully Submitted,

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Personnel Changes:

- Current Department Staffing Status as of January 31st:

Department Staffing Summary		
	Total Approved	Current
Sworn	101	98
Civilian	15	13
	116	111



Department Highlights:

- Cheddar checked in with our crew at Station 1. *Pictured above.*
- C-shift at Station 1 showing their support to State Road Elementary by participating in a fundraiser. *Pictured right.*
- Austin Ryan, a student from UWL studying Public Health, began his internship with our department on January 27. He will be working along side our Community Risk Educator, Molly McCormick.



Notable Incidents:

- January 27, LCFD responded to a house fire at 3:10 am at 344 28th Street South. Initial crews were on the scene within three minutes observing heavy fire conditions. The fire was completely extinguished at 5:39 am. A total of 24 firefighters and 11 apparatus were on the scene along with La Crosse Police Department, Xcel Energy, Gundersen Tri-State Ambulance, La Crosse Municipal Transit, and La Crosse Water Department. This incident is still under investigation.
- January 27, LCFD responded to an apartment fire at 2:13 pm at 809 Winneshiek Road. Initial crews were on the scene within three minutes finding smoke coming from the first and second floors. Crews extinguished the fire quickly and were able to contain the fire to the first floor with no extension to the neighboring apartments. A total of 19 firefighters were on scene of the fire along with La Crosse Police Department, Xcel Energy, and Gundersen Tri-State Ambulance. This incident is still under investigation.



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Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

January 2023—HazMat team collaborative training with City Brewing Company





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Posted in the La Crosse Tribune:

Thanks for response to house fire

We want to sincerely thank and acknowledge the Lacrosse Fire Department and all other first responders for their prompt and professional response to the house fire early morning on January 27.

We appreciate all that you do to keep our community safe as we were witness to your actions under the most of challenging conditions. The situation was handled with professionalism and compassion.

Again, thank you for all you do.

Ric and Resa Morton