



# 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
- Community Risk Management Updates

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jeff Schott*

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## Personnel Changes:

- Current Department Staffing status as of **October 31st:**

Department Staffing Summary		
	Total Approved	Current
Sworn	98	92
Civilian	16	14
	114	106



## Department Highlights:

- Kyle Soden retired after 24 years of service
- Our friend, Roger Bjorge, came to visit and take photos for our A-shift crew
- The City of La Crosse and LCFD received an award from the 7 Rivers Cardiac Arrest Preparedness and Education for the dedication put forth in getting La Crosse named a “Hearts Safe Community”.
- Fire Prevention Week took place between October 8th-14th.

## Notable Incidents:

- October 3rd, LCFD responded to a deck fire at 622 Rose Street at 8:21pm. Crews arrived on scene to the fire already extinguished but stayed on scene to investigate. Even though the incident took place outside of the residence, crews still assisted with clearing the smoke from inside the apartment. The cause of the fire was improperly discarded smoking materials.
- October 19th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 2010 14th Street South at 10:42pm. Crews arrived on scene to find a large amount of smoke coming from the back corner of the home. All residents were evacuated safely. The scene was cleared within an hour. The fire was caused by electrical arcing.
- October 21st, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 2522 Harvey Street at 10:18pm. Crews arrived on scene to find heavy smoke coming from the back of the home and basement. The fire was contained to the basement and all residents were evacuated safely. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.





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Division of Community Risk Management

Fire Prevention Week 2023—Cooking safety starts with you



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