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Police & Fire Commission
Fire Department Monthly Report
August 1st through August 31st

In the News:

8/1/18 La Crosse HazMat, Zeman's Towing & Recovery, C.L. Chase Towing and Recovery, Juneau County Sheriff's Department, New Lisbon Fire Department, New Lisbon EMS, Mauston Police and New Lisbon Police Departments assisted at the scene of an accident that involved six vehicles on Interstate 90/94. The multi-crash involved three semi-trucks, two SUVs and a motorcycle. Officials estimate more than 6,000 gallons of diesel fuel spilled at the crash scene.

8/3/18 A fire broke out at the Xcel Energy Plant at 200 Bainbridge Street early Thursday morning. No injuries were reported. LCFD arrived at the scene at 3:03am and found heavy flames coming from the top of the containment bin. The fire was contained to the bin and conveyor belt. Crews worked on the scene for about four hours to extinguish the fire. The damage level has been listed as moderate and the cause is still under investigation.

8/20/18 Overload wiring is the cause of an early morning fire at a home in La Crosse. At 6:30am, LCFD was called to 1330 Nakomis Ave for a home full of smoke. Crews from three stations arrived at the home and quickly put out the fire. No one was hurt in the incident.

8/24/18 Two families were displaced Thursday after a fire damaged a duplex on La Crosse's South Side. The fire at 1622 14th St S was reported at about 6:30pm and smoke was visible from the roof when firefighters arrived. The fire was contained to the attic. Investigators say the cause was overheated electrical wiring.

8/27/18 A focus group study of LCFD released. The focus group was held earlier this year to gauge how the department is working for its community members.

8/29/18 Several members of the LCFD were deployed throughout the region to assist with the catastrophic flooding. The members were deployed as part of the Wisconsin Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 1 Team (WI-TF1). Members of the team are trained to technician levels in many areas of rescue and are also certified in Rescue Boat Operations.

Personnel:

Andrew Servais was promoted to Engineer.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Gilliam".

Fire Chief Ken Gilliam



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Activity/Performance Summary

August 2018

Performance Measures	Aug-18	Aug-17	Difference
August Incidents	581	565	3%
August Fire Prevention Activities	262	473	-81%
August Call Processing Time	1:29	1:30	-1%
August Turnout Time	1:53	1:47	6%
August Travel Time	4:32	4:17	6%
August 90th Percentile Total Response Time ¹	6:43	6:19	6%
August Percent Achievement of Response Goal ²	85%	90%	-6%
	2018	2017	Difference
YTD Incidents	4,450	4,187	6%
YTD Fire Prevention Activities	3,525	3,543	-1%
YTD Call Processing Time	1:31	1:31	0%
YTD Turnout Time	2:02	1:55	6%
YTD Travel Time	4:35	4:31	1%
YTD 90th Percentile Total Response Time ¹	7:03	6:49	3%
YTD Percent Achievement of Response Goal ²	85%	88%	-7%

Notes

¹ 90th percentile response is a measure of quality and reliability; only 10% of the responses will exceed this time. Priority responses are included when calculating response times.

² The total response time goal is to respond to 90% of all calls for service within 6:20 or less. This number reflects the percentage of time we achieve this total response time goal.



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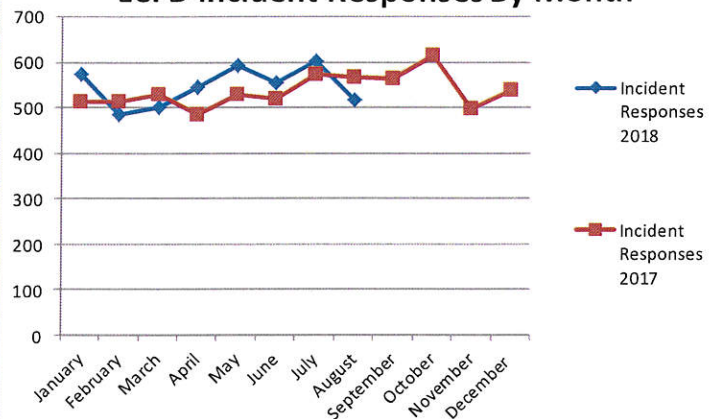


LCFD Statistical Analysis

August 2018

LCFD Incident Responses	YTD 2018	YTD 2017
Total	4450	4187
Percent Change	6.28%	

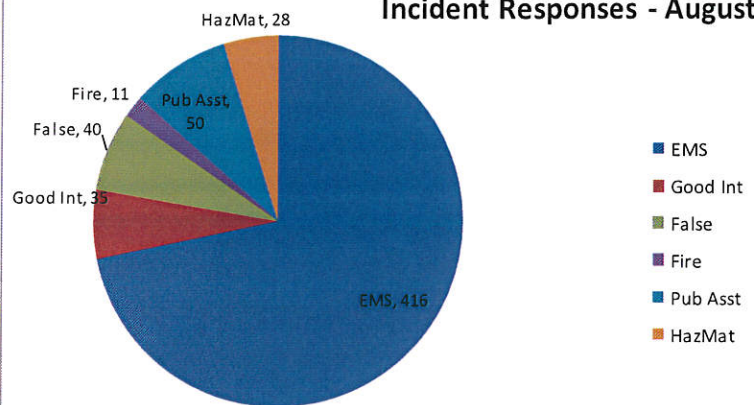
LCFD Incident Responses By Month



2018 August Response By Incident Type

Incident Type	Incident Responses
EMS	416
Good Int	35
False	40
Fire	11
Pub Asst	50
HazMat	28
Other	1
August Total	581

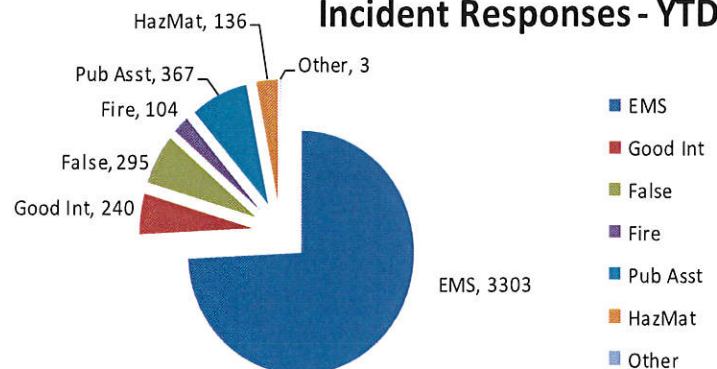
Incident Responses - August



2018 YTD Response By Incident Type

Incident Type	Incident Responses
EMS	3303
Good Int	240
False	295
Fire	104
Pub Asst	367
HazMat	136
Other	3
Rupt/Exp	2
YTD Total	4450

Incident Responses - YTD





Division of Fire Prevention & Building Safety

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**Police & Fire Commission
Fire Prevention & Building Safety
August 1st through August 31st**

Monthly Stats:

Inspections.....227
Violations.....103
Corrections.....76
Referrals.....0

Complaints.....1
Citations.....0
Permit Fee Totals.....\$116,366.98
Building OTCs.....156

Fires Investigated:

8/9/18 1500 La Crosse St, dorm fire, caused by portable fan
8/23/18 1622 14th St S, house fire, contained to attic caused by arcing
8/28/18 1512 31st St S, vehicle fire, still under fire investigation

Monthly Activities:

Festival and Tent Inspections: 8/10 Irish Fest & Riverside Park, 8/13 Trinity Lutheran, 8/17 The Charmant Hotel, 8/22 Kane Street Gardens, 8/24 & 8/31 Riverside Park, 8/31 American Legion

Fire Alarm Installations: 8/14 415 6th St N, The Hub & 8/24 Apartments at 1031 La Crosse St

Kitchen Fire Suppression Installations: 7/10/18 & 7/16/18 933 Ferry St, Coulee Region Recovery Center

Occupancy Inspections: 8/2 Apartments at 2017 Vine St & 2024 Campbell Rd, 8/15 415 6th St N, The Hub, 8/21 1024 19th St S, Baby Beluga, 8/24 Apartments at 1031 La Crosse St & 400 7th St N, WTC, 8/31 2970 Luoyang Ave, Advanced Fiber Products

Clean Agent Fire Suppression System: 8/31 2970 Luoyang Ave, Advanced Fiber Products

Sprinkler System Installation: 8/7 & 8/14 415 6th St N, The Hub, 8/8 & 8/13 1801 Elm St, Kwik Trip Bakery, 8/16 1601 Badger St UWL, 8/24 Apartments at 1031 La Crosse St

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Snyder
Assistant Chief of Fire
Prevention & Building Safety

Kyle Soden
Captain of
Inspection

Steve Cash
Lieutenant of
Inspection



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Police & Fire Commission Training Report August 1st through August 31st

Training Events

Fire Ground Operations
EMS
Extrication
Technical Rescue
Water Rescue
Haz Mat
Apparatus Operations
Recruit Academy
Tactical EMS
Management / Officers
Fire Prevention / Public Education

Total Training Hours for August	1,857
Number of LCFD Staff Attending	97
Average Training Hours per Staff	19.9

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank G. Devine".

Frank Devine
Division Chief of Training
La Crosse Fire Department

Dear Mr. Devine & Firemen of LaCrosse,

Thank you so much for your time
and collaboration with our Health for
the Generations' camp youth & leaders.
They were very excited about the
presentation & demonstration. Many thanks,

Dan Dugnette

Kelly

Ellie

Brooke

Jedib

Elroy

Cross

Cason

Will

Rosip

Pring V

Chandra

Sage W

Rev. M.
S.D.

THANK YOU!



Ken -

Thank you for your support
for our first Annual National Night
out. Your fire truck was a hit!

Lee

August 12, 2018



Dear La Crosse Fire Department,

Thank you so much for helping make Camp Send a Kid a HUGE success! Thanks to your help, we were able to make our emergency services night educational and fun for the campers. The excitement and the joy you helped give the kids will be a lifelong positive memory for them.

Thanks for helping our campers have a positive outdoor experience!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Adams".

Susan Adams

Program Coordinator

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August 9, 2018

Chief Ken Gilliam
City of La Crosse Fire Department
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Dear Chief Gilliam:

On behalf of the Lakota Village Home Owners Association, I would like to thank you and your fire fighters for attending our National Night Out Picnic on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. Our home owners were so pleased that you could attend. They enjoyed talking with all of you.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobbie Cowgill".

Bobbie (Barbara J.) Cowgill
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August 13, 2018

La Crosse Fire Department
Attn: Captain Kyle Soden
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This letter is to thank you for sending the fire sprinkler save to our attention. This article was posted on the NFSA Facebook site, Daily Dispatch, NFSA WI Facebook and website, and sprinklersave.com. BC Walerich's statement was that 'luckily, there was a sprinkler head above the device that malfunctioned'. Later you stated 'It reinforces the importance of sprinklers in dormitories'.

We appreciate your mention of fire sprinklers as additional protection for occupants and fire personnel. Your comments make a difference to educating the public regarding engineering solutions to protect lives and property.

During my 36+ years in the fire service I have seen the affects that fire has not only on the fire victims, but also to the other occupants affected by the fire, smoke and water damage that cause them to be relocated for days, weeks or months.

Please accept the enclosed LED Flashlight as a small token of our appreciation for being a community risk reduction advocate by mentioning fire sprinkler advantages.

Stay Safe.


Marty King
NFSA WI State Coordinator

Bartle, Amber

From: Gilliam, Ken
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 6:24 AM
To: ZZ Fire All Users; ZZ Inspection
Subject: Thank You E4C -----FW: Your staff

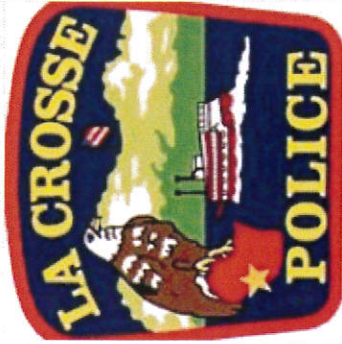
When we make time, people do notice. (Nice job, E4C crew 8/12/18)
Everyone keep up the great work.
kg

From: sarah peterson [mailto:freesierra_121@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2018 12:50 AM
To: Gilliam, Ken
Subject: Your staff

I attended an event at a church in La Crosse today with 3 kids. One of my daughters is a bit different than her peers and can be quite inquisitive as well as knowledgeable. I wanted to let you know how impressed I was with the Engine 4 C shift that were there today. Two of those men spent time with her displaying a patience that I know I can sometime run out of with her. Many times she is blown off and not given as much time and attention to answer her questions diligently like they did. As I took a deep breath to caution her about boundaries (AKA not setting a finger or more on the roof of the truck) the guy stepped in and seemed to understand her curiosity but talking to her about the top of the truck and the hoses they store at top. When I was growing nervous as she likes to touch EVERYTHING, he patiently let her safely explore and was there to answer questions. I was able to relax a bit knowing these men didn't seem "bothered" by her and were very capable of handling her needs. Another thing she was given today was another example of what great men can truly be like. I wanted to make sure I passed along that info to you as I was so impressed. Thank you for training your men to be outstanding in their interactions with children (Or preteen she would say to correct me in her case as she turned 12 last Saturday).

Thanks for making both a parent and "preteen" happy today,
Sarah (and Jenna)

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UPDATE: Margaret Gramling has been located and is safe. Thank you for all the shares!

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Max Gramling Our family will be forever grateful to the La Crosse Police Dept., the Fire and Rescue Dept., Keith and Mary Carson of Houghton's, the Houghton's waitstaff, and all the unknown countless volunteers who helped us through our ordeal last night. The compassion and dedication was truly amazing. THANK-YOU so very much.

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Jeff Ferguson I hope to see both of you on the Rummage Sale Trail soon.

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Brevin Terpstra thank you Jesus for prayers answered thank you for allowing maratet to be found

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Linda Wagner Meyer Thank goodness!! Great work whoever found her!!

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