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La Crosse Fire Department

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

In the News:

1/1 No one was injured in a fire early Tuesday on the city's North Side. Firefighters were dispatched to 1410 Liberty St. at 4:22 a.m., according to the La Crosse Fire Department, and were on scene within three minutes. The fire was confined to the attic and the interior walls of the second floor. The La Crosse Fire Department's Inspection Bureau determined the cause of the fire to be electrical. The La Crosse Police Department, Tri-State Ambulance and the American Red Cross assisted at the scene.

1/4 The La Crosse Fire Department hopes to add a new piece of equipment to their arsenal in the coming months. It's the result of prioritizing needs and optimizing their budget in response to a decrease in capital funding. They now focus on replacing a vehicle purchased in 1985 with a Fire Tender/Pumper able to fulfill multiple roles. Fire departments use a variety of vehicles. Their outdated water tender transports 2,500 gallons to emergencies in areas without a nearby hydrant. The tender surpasses the 700 gallons typically available in engines meant to connect to hydrants. The outdated tender must be accompanied by a vehicle able to pump the water. They plan to purchase a new tender with pumping capabilities, a decision that would allow them to use it as a reserve engine for stations across the city. "What's nice about this option is that when we're using it as a reserve engine it can still be used as a single source to hook up to that hydrant and still be used to pump water to fight the fire," Assistant Chief Jeff Murphy of the La Crosse Fire Department explains. A new tender would also be available to the surrounding communities when mutual aid is needed. "It's an efficiency in the long run because we're eliminating two apparatus to get one, more reliable apparatus," Assistant Chief Murphy adds. "We're constantly looking for ways to run more efficiently but still be able to accomplish the job that we have to do every day." To make funds available they postponed projects like decontamination rooms in stations. Something Assistant Chief Murphy says can be put off to the future. The department will ask for final approval from the city council next week. If approved they will meet with vendors to start the purchasing process

1/14 The La Crosse Fire Department responded to a call 10:45 a.m. Monday after construction work in the basement of a downtown apartment complex caused carbon monoxide levels to skyrocket, according to fire battalion chief David Snow. The fire department was called after CD Smith construction workers used a gas-powered saw that caused carbon monoxide levels to reach as high as 200 parts per million to flood the building, Snow said. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas produced when fuels are burned. The gas is fatal at high concentrations because red blood cells bind more tightly to carbon monoxide than to oxygen. Each year, more than 400 Americans die from unintentional CO poisoning not linked to fires, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health has a recommended exposure limit of 35 parts per million over an eight hour window. In-home levels of carbon monoxide should not exceed 10 parts per million, Snow said. The fire department responded with three fire trucks and closed down the section of State Street between Second and Third streets outside the building. A city bus was provided for residents to wait in until they could return, Snow said. The fire department unlocked apartment doors, opened windows, and blew air through the building to

dissipate the carbon monoxide, Snow said, and will do a final building check before residents are allowed back in the building. Snow said he expected the carbon monoxide to clear up by 1:15 p.m. The street was reopened to the public by midafternoon.

1/16 If you're struggling to keep your sidewalks clear of ice the city of La Crosse may be able to help. The La Crosse Fire Department has a salt-sand mixture available to all city residents. You can find the free salt-sand mixture at three locations in La Crosse: Fire Station number 4, Isle La Plume and Erickson Field. Just make sure you bring your own bucket to get the mix home.

1/18 The La Crosse Fire Department is taking over emergency response at the La Crosse Regional Airport. Now a firefighter will be stationed at the airport taking over job duties previously held by an airport operations team employee. "We're focusing on our mission of fire and rescue and public safety," said Chief Ken Gilliam. The La Crosse Regional Airport is focusing on their mission by re-structuring and improving services. Because of additional federal regulations and an increased workload, the operations team is delegating emergency response to the fire department.

The airport fire and rescue vehicle is specially designed so only one firefighter is needed to both drive and pump water or foam at the same time. "The real capability in this truck is its foam capability. Fuel fires are prominent with aircraft and require different suppression techniques," said Airport Director Clint Torp. This position also adds medical response to the airport as the firefighter on staff is also EMT certified. Chief Gilliam said by the third week of April the vehicle will be 100% staffed by the department.

1/18 Nobody was injured in a fire Friday at a North Side apartment. The La Crosse Fire Department arrived at about 10 a.m. at 1441 Avon St. The fire was contained to a rear apartment on the second floor. The cause of the fire was unattended cooking, according to fire officials. The Red Cross is assisting a resident and her pets who were displaced because of the fire. The residents of the other units were not affected.

1/25 Nobody was injured in a fire that damaged a house early Friday in La Crosse. The fire was called in at 5:41 a.m., and firefighters arrived to find smoke coming from the second story of the structure at 1933 Main St. The home sustained minor smoke and fire damage on the second floor, and overheated electrical wiring was determined to be the cause. The Salvation Army is assisting the displaced residents. Fire officials remind people to be "aware of electrical heating appliances that over extend a home's electrical circuits." The La Crosse Fire Department was assisted by the La Crosse Police Department, Tri-State Ambulance and Xcel Energy.

1/31 Crews from the La Crosse Fire Department spent at least an hour battling a fire on the 600 block of Winnebago Street on Wednesday night. The department's Facebook page posted several photos from the blaze. According to fire officials, everyone got out of the house safely. Temperatures in La Crosse late Wednesday night hovered around 18 degrees below zero, which a wind chill factor of minus 30.

Personnel:

Respectfully Submitted,

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Fire Chief Ken Gilliam



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Activity/Performance Summary

January 2019

Performance Measures	Jan-19	Jan-18	Difference
January Incidents	551	573	-4%
January Fire Prevention Activities	113	288	-155%
January Call Processing Time	1:29	1:25	5%
January Turnout Time	1:56	2:11	-13%
January Travel Time	5:02	4:47	5%
January 90th Percentile Total Response Time ¹	7:11	7:21	-2%
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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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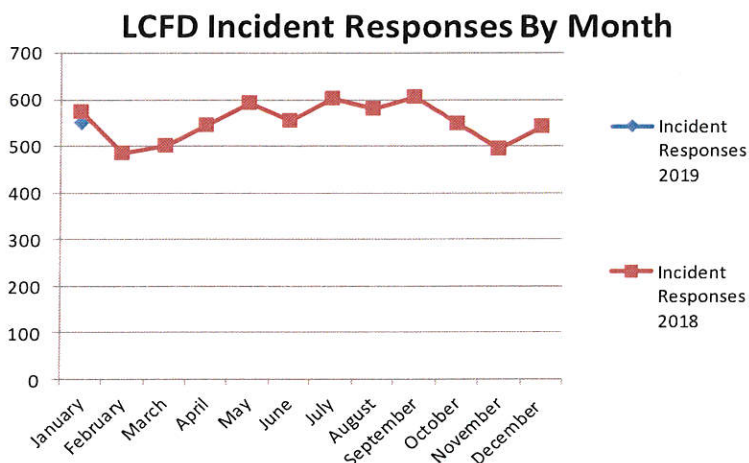
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LCFD Statistical Analysis

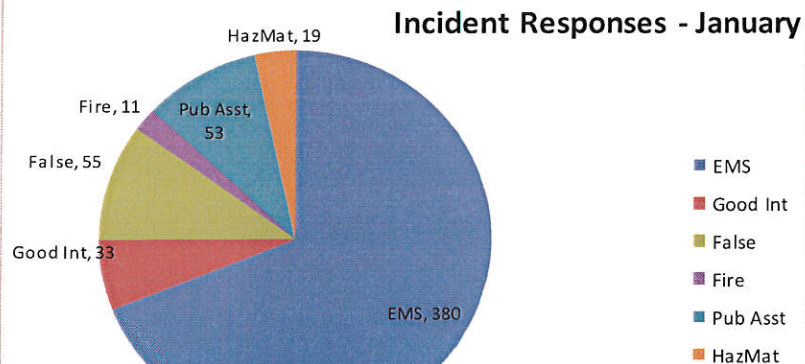
January 2019

LCFD Incident Responses	YTD 2019	YTD 2018
Total	551	573
Percent Change	3.99%	



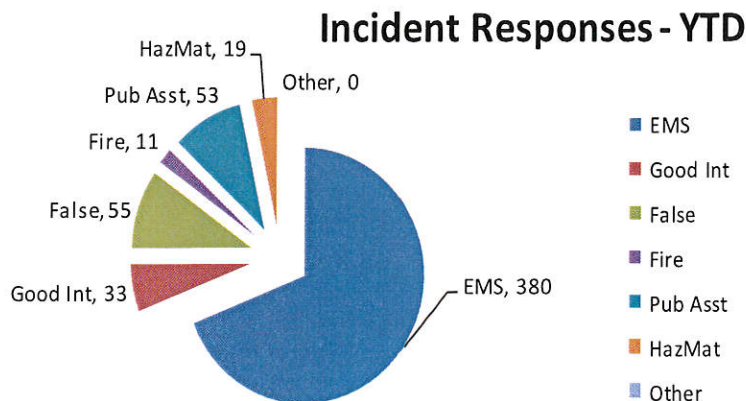
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**Police & Fire Commission
Fire Prevention & Building Safety
January 1st through January 31st**

Monthly Stats:

Inspections.....55
Violations.....19
Corrections.....10
Referrals.....0

Complaints.....1
Citations.....0
Permit Fee Totals.....\$51,491.36
Building OTCs.....485

Fires Investigated:

1/18 1441 Avon St, residential fire confined to room of origin, cooking fire
1/25 1933 Main St, residential fire, electrical failure
1/30 612 Winnebago St, residential fire, still under investigation

Monthly Activities:

Community Based Residential Facility:
1/10 Bethany Eagle Crest, 622 Benora Lee Ct

Sprinkler System Installation:
1/8 Bethany Eagle Crest, 622 Benora Lee Ct & 1/14 Menards, 223 Lang Dr

Occupancy Inspection:
1/4 Health Direct, 1721 Miller St, 1/9 Gundersen Lutheran Heritage Building, 1910 South Ave, 1/17
Fowler & Hammer, 313 Monitor St & 1/25 Borton Construction, 2 Copeland Ave

Spray Booth Installation:
1/17 Valley View Mall (Gymboree), 3800 State Rd 16 #108

Fire Alarm Installation:
1/25 Borton Construction, 2 Copeland Ave

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Snyder
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Training Report
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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 January	1,896
Number of LCFD Staff Attending	96
Average Training Hours per Staff	19.8

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frank G. Devine".

Frank Devine
Division Chief of Training
La Crosse Fire Department

The Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23 GNT

Dear Firefighters,
Thank-you for all
that you do! We are
So Blessed to have
you.
Watching you work last
night in extreme cold so
humbling. Thank-you

Some people have a special way
of making our lives a little nicer,
a little happier, and a whole lot brighter.

You're one of those people!

Thank you for your dedicated work last night
1-30 at 612 Winnebago putting the house
fire out in frigid weather.
God bless you all.

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