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**Police & Fire Commission**  
**Fire Department Monthly Report**  
**August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>**

**In the News:**

- 8/4 The La Crosse Fire Department responded at 2:34am to reports of a porch fire at 1017 7<sup>th</sup> St S. Crews arrived to find smoke coming from the enclosed porch of a two-story, single-family home. A bystander had already used a dry chemical extinguisher to minimize the flames for the fire department's arrival. The damage was considered minor and all of the occupants were evacuated safely.
- 8/8 The La Crosse Fire Department has been re-accredited for another five years. La Crosse is one of 33 departments to be accredited and only one of two from Wisconsin.
- 8/8 The La Crosse Fire Department was dispatched to the mall about 1:50pm for a fire in the mulch outside the store. While the mulch fire was put out, the callers were concerned the fire may have spread from the mulch into the building. Fire crews arrived and found no visible smoke or fire outside; however, the strong smell of smoke led to the discovery of wisps of smoke coming from the window casement ledge inside the store.
- 8/8 Active shooter drills are becoming more common in workplaces and schools and La Crosse holds at least one per year. Due to the low frequency and high intensity of these situations, Fire, EMS and law enforcement practice these scenarios, in tandem, as often as we can. The La Crosse Fire Department can provide with assistance or information about training like Stop the Bleed or active shooter civilian response training.
- 8/9 Shortly before 7am, La Crosse Fire Department was called just a few feet away for a broken gas line. The apartment building, at which the line was located in front of, was evacuated as a safety precaution.
- 8/23 Firefighters were called to Shimmy's, a bar and restaurant on West Ave for a fire outside, near a window. The fire was caused by discarded smoking materials. Patrons were safely evacuated and no injuries were reported. The business was able to reopen later that same day.
- 8/25 The La Crosse Fire Department responded to an apartment building at 7:22am where there was heavy smoke and fire visible. Around 17 people were displaced by the fire, but there were no injuries reported. Investigation determined the fire was caused by an unattended candle.

**Personnel:** Andrew Barnhardt was hired as a firefighter August 5, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fire Chief Ken Gilliam





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## Activity/Performance Summary

### August 2019

Performance Measures	Aug-19	Aug-18	Difference
August Incidents	644	581	11%
August Fire Prevention Activities	-	262	-
August Call Processing Time	1:34	1:29	6%
August Turnout Time	1:44	1:53	-9%
August Travel Time	4:53	4:32	8%
August 90th Percentile Total Response Time <sup>1</sup>	7:17	6:43	8%
August Achievement of Response Goal <sup>2</sup>	82%	85%	-4%
	2019	2018	Difference
YTD Incidents	4,612	4,436	4%
YTD Fire Prevention Activities	-	3,525	-
YTD Call Processing Time	1:31	1:31	0%
YTD Turnout Time	1:49	2:02	-12%
YTD Travel Time	5:01	4:36	9%
YTD 90th Percentile Total Response Time <sup>1</sup>	7:16	7:03	5%
YTD Percent Achievement of Response Goal <sup>2</sup>	82%	85%	-4%

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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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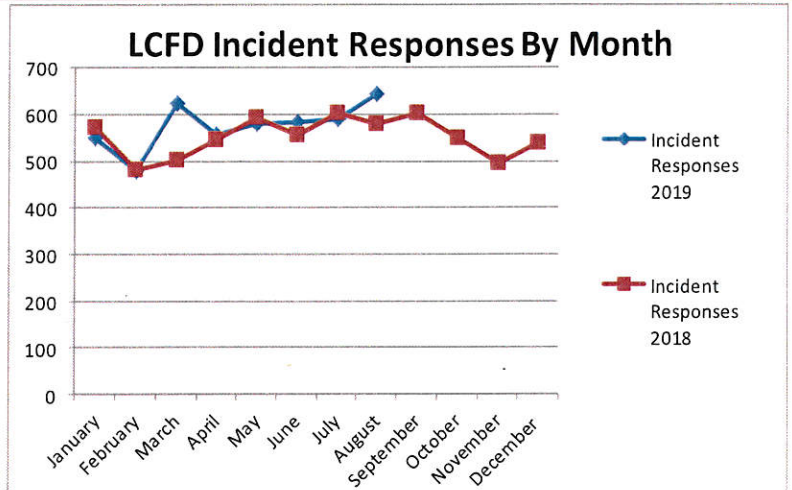
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## LCFD Statistical Analysis

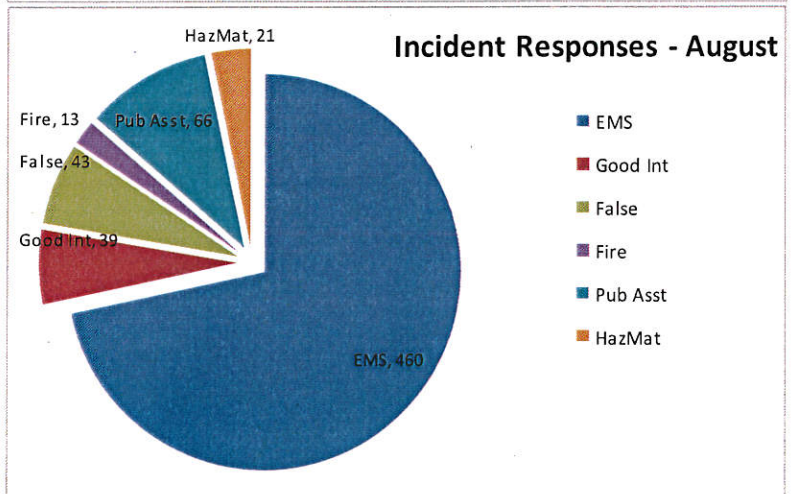
August 2019

LCFD Incident Responses	YTD	YTD
	2019	2018
Total	4,612	4,436
Percent Change	3.97%	



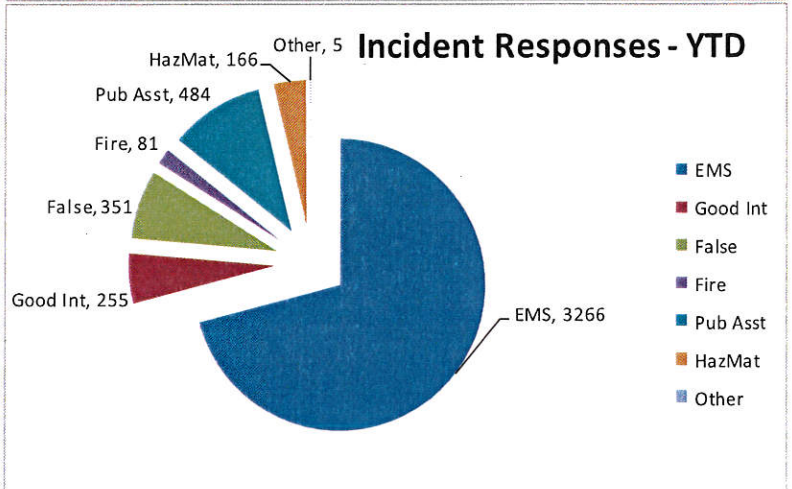
### 2019 August Response By Incident Type

Incident Type	Incident Responses
EMS	460
Good Int	39
False	43
Fire	13
Pub Asst	66
HazMat	21
Other	2
Total	644



### 2019 YTD Response By Incident Type

Incident Type	Incident Responses
EMS	3266
Good Int	255
False	351
Fire	81
Pub Asst	484
HazMat	166
Other	5
Rupt/Exp	4
YTD Total	4,612





Division of Fire Prevention & Building Safety

La Crosse Fire Department

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**Police & Fire Commission  
Fire Prevention & Building Safety  
August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Monthly Stats:**

Inspections.....  
Violations.....  
Corrections.....  
Referrals.....

Complaints.....  
Citations.....  
Permit Fee Totals.....\$57,326.64  
Building OTCs.....550

**Fires Investigated:**

- 7/2 1423 Winneshiek Rd, kitchen fire, caused by unattended material on stove  
7/3 2600 Hemstock St, commercial fire, caused by bad piece of equipment  
7/3 3030 Berlin Dr, commercial fire, caused by sparks from a machine

**Monthly Activities:**

- 8/1 Fire Alarm Testing UWL, Laux Hall

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 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>

### 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	1,804
Number of LCFD Staff Attending	86
Average Training Hours per Staff	21



# Thank you from the Coulee Kids Summer Camp!



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La Crosse Fire  
Station # 1,  
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Thank you for letting us visit  
and learn about the fire department!  
We had so much fun seeing all the tools  
and getting to sit in the truck! ☺

August 11, 2019



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 black ink, appearing to read "S. Adams", written in a cursive style.

Susan Adams

Program Coordinator

Camp Send a Kid



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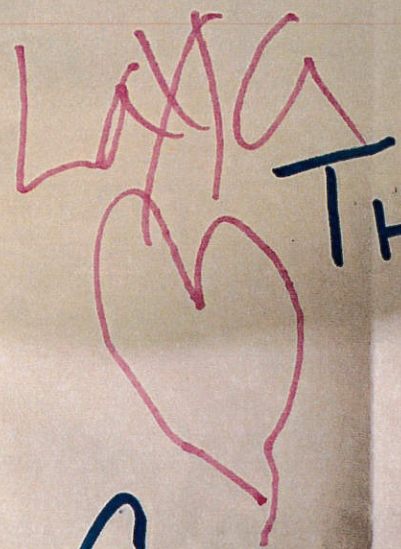
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**From:** Kudron, Shawn  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 4, 2019 11:16 AM  
**To:** Gilliam, Ken  
**Cc:** Abraham, Robert  
**Subject:** Thank You

Chief Gilliam,

Please pass along a sincere "Thank You!" to your staff that responded and provided care to Officer Darling yesterday. Additionally, please thank them for responding again to assist us with looking for evidence at the scene. Our agencies close working relationship is assuring.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

**Captain Shawn Kudron**  
**Investigative Services Bureau**  
**La Crosse Police Department**  
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