



La Crosse Fire Department

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January 14th, 2020

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Gilliam

In the News:

- November 27th - January 1st, LCFD and other area fire departments participated in the **"Keep the Wreath Green"** fire prevention campaign. Additional details can be found on page 7.
- November 30th, LCFD responded within three minutes and 21 seconds to a **garage fire** at 231 Copeland Avenue at 3:36 pm. A total of 17 personnel and seven apparatus responded and were on location for approximately one hour. The building sustained moderate damage to the exterior and LCFD Investigators determined the cause to be the improper use of building materials.
- December 2nd, LCFD responded within three minutes and 15 seconds to a **garage fire** at 309 Rose Street at 3:11 pm. On arrival, crews observed heavy smoke and fire coming the interior of the garage. LCFD was on location for approximately one and a half hours, with a total of 22 personnel and eight apparatus responding. The garage sustained significant fire and heavy smoke damage which was determined to be caused from a spark.
- December 9th, LCFD was dispatched for a **person who had fallen off their bike and was injured** on the Grandad Bluff hiking/biking trails at 2:53 pm. Crews responded to the base of Grandad Bluff by 29th Street South and Ebner Coulee Road. The injured person was located within 14 minutes of arrival and extricated around 4:30 pm.
- In December, the Wisconsin Policy Forum completed their study on Fire and EMS opportunities in the La Crosse County region. This study, titled **"Something in Common: Exploring Fire and EMS Service Sharing Opportunities in La Crosse County"**, was funded through collaboration at the County's LAPC and with support from UWL. Multiple area Fire and EMS agencies participated, and this report is being submitted to the City of La Crosse Common Council on the February council agenda. The report can be found at: <https://wipolicyforum.org/research/something-in-common-exploring-fire-and-ems-service-sharing-opportunities-in-the-la-crosse-county-region/>



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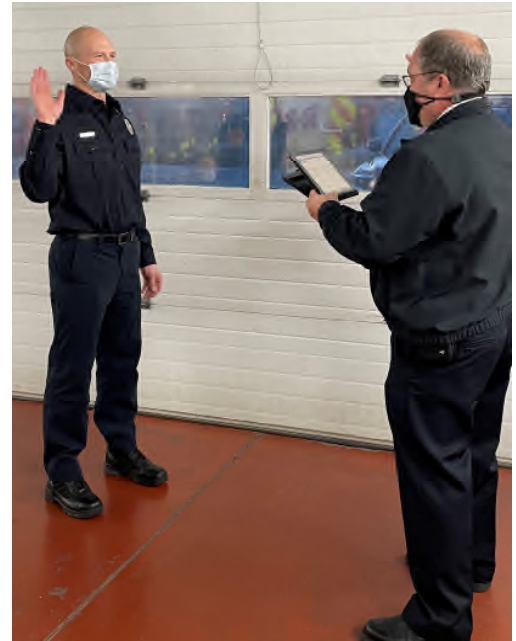
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Personnel Notes:

- December 11th, Firefighter Brian Everson was sworn in during a private ceremony at Station 1.
- Current Department Staffing Status:

Department Staffing Summary		
	Total Approved	Current
Sworn	98	95
Civilian	14	12
	112	107



The Following Reports are Attached:

- Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary
 - Incident Data Updates
 - Baseline Performance Updates
 - Special Operations Updates
- Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary
 - Training Goals and Achievement Updates
 - Health and Safety Updates
- Division of Community Risk Management Summary
 - Building Inspections and Code Enforcement Updates
 - Fire Investigation Updates
 - CR Education Updates
 - City Emergency Management Updates
- Acknowledgements and Items of Interest





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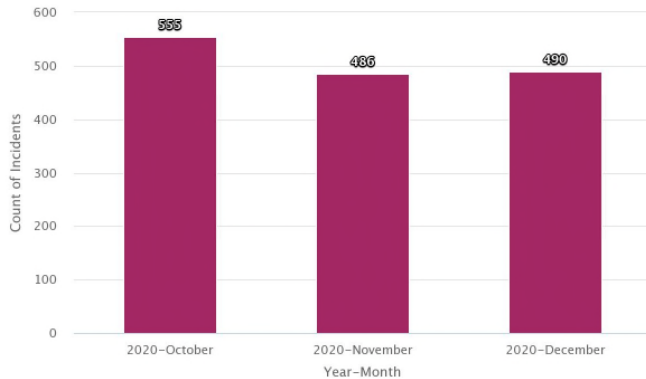


Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

Incident Data

Fourth Quarter 2020

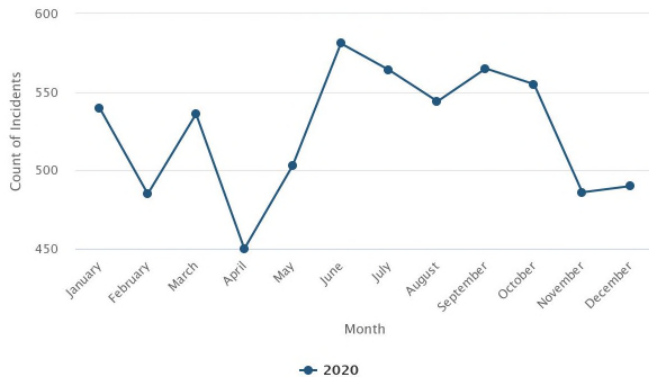
Incidents by Month



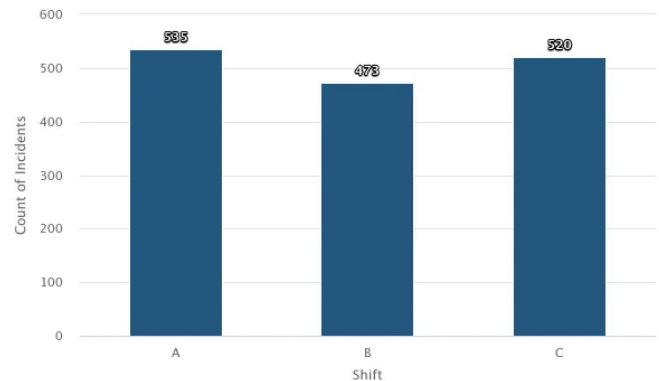
Incidents by Category and Year-Month

7 - False Alarm & False Call	25	20	23
6 - Good Intent Call	39	37	36
5 - Service Call	61	53	43
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	7	12	23
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	407	341	354
1 - Fire	16	20	10
	2020-October	2020-November	2020-December

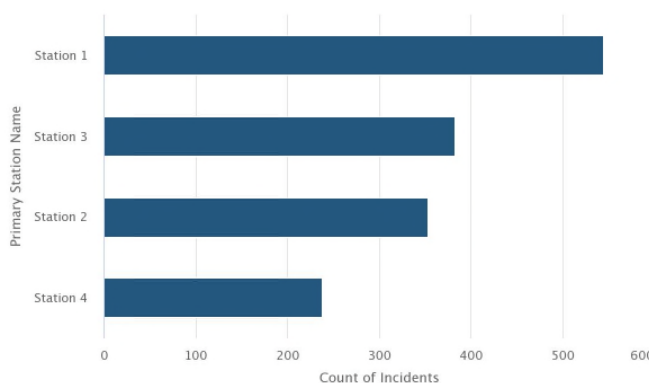
Fire Call Volume by Month - Year over Year



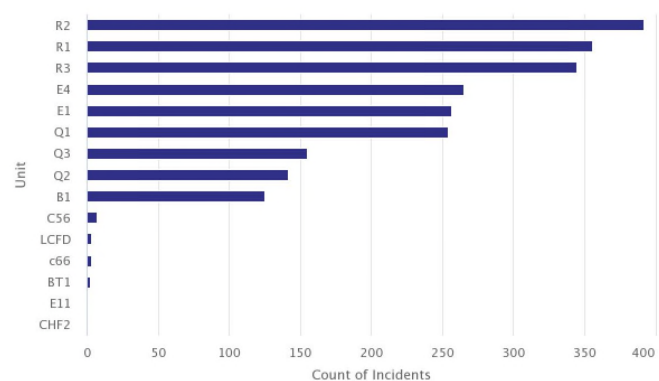
Incidents by Shift



Incidents by Primary Station Name



Incidents by Unit (Top 15)





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Baseline Performance

December 2020

Unit Average Turnout Time



Unit 90th Percentile Turnout Time



Apparatus Average Response Time (HH:MM:SS)



Apparatus 90th Percentile Response Time (HH:MM:SS)



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Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

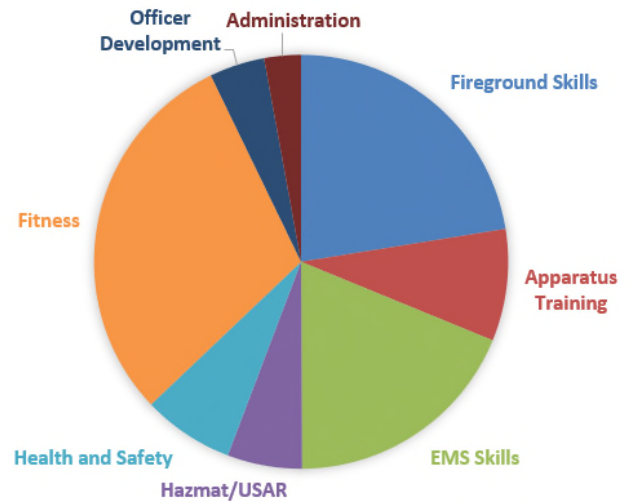
November & December 2020

Training Totals	November	December
Total Personnel Hours	1795.75	2,439.3
Total Participants	93	94
Total Classes Given	138	148
Average Hours per Person	19.31	25.9

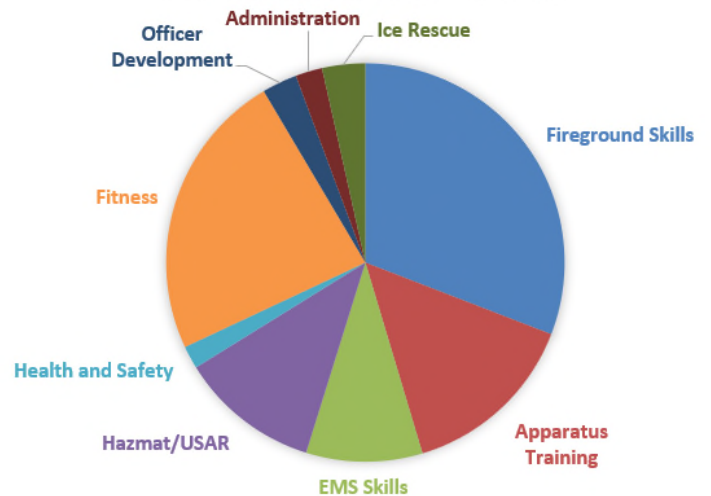


Extrication - Vehicle Stabilization and Patient Rescue

NOVEMBER TRAINING TOPICS



DECEMBER TRAINING TOPICS



Ice Rescue Training on the Black River



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Division of Community Risk Management Summary

November & December 2020

Fire and Life Safety Building Inspection Totals

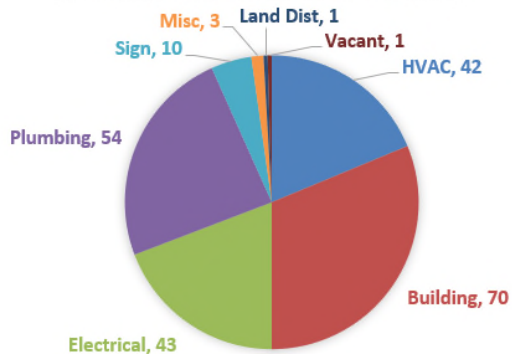
Building Inspections Completed by Fire Department Officers from 11/01/20-12/31/20

Total Occupancies	Completed	Follow-Up Required	Unresolved Violations	Resolved Violations	% of Occupancies Inspected	% of Occupancies Completed
1,121	1,116	5	145	263	100.00%	99.55%

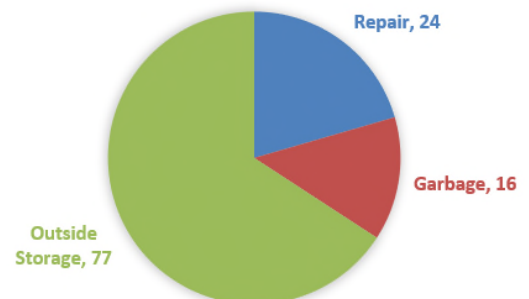
Total	November	December
Building Permits Issued	224	176
Orders to Correct Issued	117	263

Needle Pickup Service Calls	2020	2019
1-5 Needles Recovered	25	29
6-15 Needles Recovered	2	0
16+ Needles Recovered	1	1

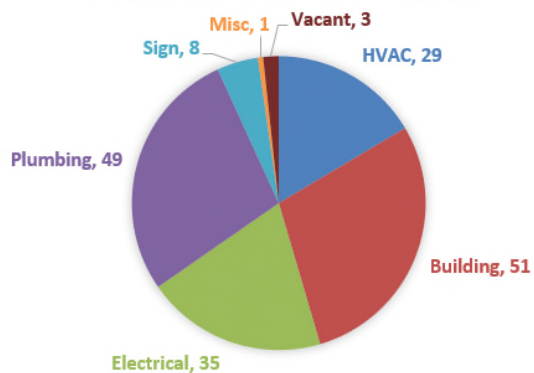
NOVEMBER BUILDING PERMITS



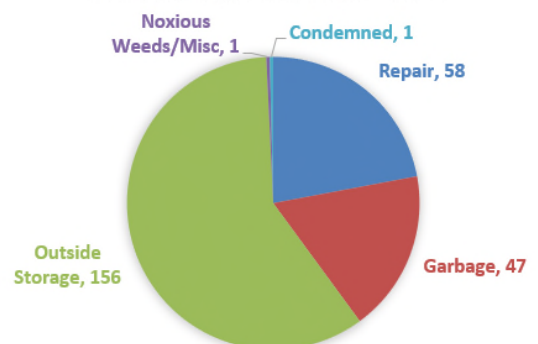
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Division of Community Risk Management Summary

Community Risk Education Report

Our Community Risk Educator did three TV interviews and one interview with the La Crosse Tribune, regarding the **"Keep the Wreath Green"** fire prevention campaign that ran from November 27th to January 1st. This is an annual campaign that the LCFD and other area fire departments participate in. Each department displays a large wreath that begins with all green light bulbs. If and when any of the communities suffer from a structure fire, a green light bulb is replaced with a red bulb. This campaign helps raise public awareness and encourages people to make smart fire safety decisions during the holiday season.

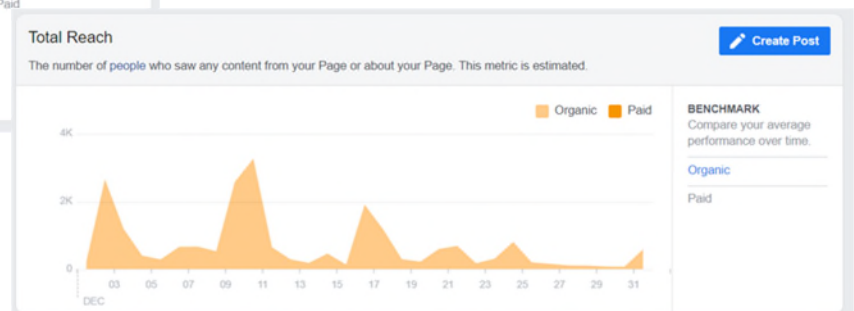
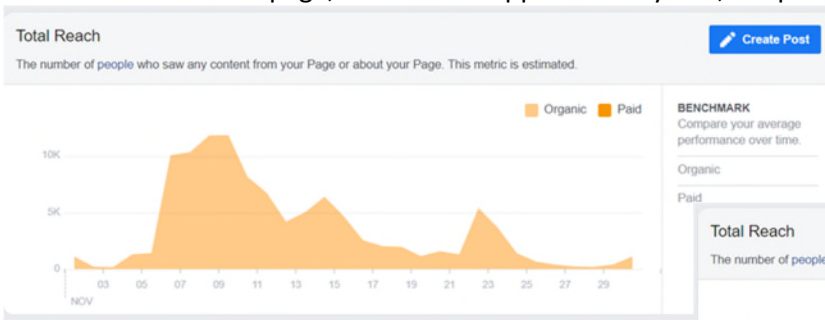


Education/Outreach Programs:

- Taught a WTC fire extinguisher training course for occupational safety students.
- Our first fire and home safety discussion with La Crosse County foster care families. **Very positive discussion and collaboration with community partners.**
- Comprehensive training with all LCFD crews and County Human Services on our **new referral process** for child protective services, adult protective services, and patients who sustain a fall.
- Working with the La Crosse School District on Stop the Bleed training for health educators. The training shows people how to control hemorrhage in trauma situations and we are likening it to life skill; just like CPR.
- Our Community Risk Educator completed the **What Do You Consider Lethal Impact Teen Driving** course and is now cleared to present on the dangers of distracted driving to teenagers. This is in conjunction with the Sheriff's department and Safe Kids. We are planning on hosting our first course by the end of first quarter.

Social Media

- On our Facebook page, we reached approximately 105,000 people in November and 21,000 in December.





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Acknowledgements and Items of Interest

From: Olson, Lori <OlsonL@westernnc.edu>

Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 11:14 AM

To: Corran, Patrick <corranp@cityoflacrosse.org>; Soden, Kyle <Sodenk@cityoflacrosse.org>

Subject: Presentation Last Week

Hi Kyle and Pat-

I just wanted to thank both of you for sharing your insights with our students last week. I waited to get more feedback from the online students, who were able to watch our class recording. The response from everyone was very positive, many saying they learned something new, and found ways to improve the safety of their homes and families. There are even a few people who went out and purchased devices (carbon monoxide detectors and home extinguishers) as a result.

I appreciate your continued participation in this worthwhile, classroom event!!

Have a great rest of the week,

Lori

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Pat and crew,

Thank you for being a guest speaker for our foster parents fire safety training. The event was a great success and we appreciated your time.

Jule Barlow
Foster Care Support



Thank You

for the city's (hidden trails) corn maze
I really liked the hamster wheels.



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Thank
you.

for the kvip trip free slushy



Winston



Thank You

for The Pop con
and ice cream
and drink coupons.

from Gillian



Thank you for

the t-shirt. I
really enjoy it.

Also thank you
for the coupons. I
hope to get a
lot of slushies.



Sincerely,
Clarence