



# 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
- Training Updates

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jeff Schott*

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## Personnel Changes:

- Current department staffing status as of February 28th:

Department Staffing Summary		
	Approved	Current
Sworn	98	93
Civilian	2	2
	100	95

## Notable Incidents:

- February 18th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 3235 Cliffside Drive at 6:48 pm. Upon arrival, crews found heavy fire throughout the garage that had extended into the home and exterior of the structure. Due to the volume of fire and the conditions observed on arrival, crews initiated a defensive fire attack, meaning firefighters fought the fire from the exterior of the building to protect surrounding property and prevent further spread.

During the incident, one individual was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation and care. No injuries to fire department personnel were reported. Firefighters were advised by bystanders and the homeowner of multiple hazards within and around the structure, which crews addressed while operating on scene. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

- February 20th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 3010 Losey Boulevard South at 11:55 am. Crews arrived on scene within four minutes to find smoke and flames coming from a first story bedroom window. Firefighters immediately entered the house and extinguished the fire while performing a search for possible victims. All residences and one pet were able to safely evacuate prior to the crews' arrival. The residence sustained moderate fire, smoke, and water damage. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is still under investigation.



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Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

Company Training - Rescue Task Force with La Crosse Police Department

