

## 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,

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#### **Personnel Changes:**

Current department staffing status as of <u>April 30th</u>:

Department Staffing Summary		
	Approved	Current
Sworn	98	93
Civilian	2	2
	100	96



#### **Department Highlights:**

• The Annual LCFD Awards Ceremony was held Friday, April 4th at Station #4. We recognized Erin Statz as the Firefighter of the Year and celebrated promotions, probationary graduates, and the recent class of new hires.



#### **Notable Incidents:**

- On April 5th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 1237 East Avenue South at 11:05 pm. Crews arrived on scene under five minutes and found flames coming from the roof on the back side of the home. Hose lines were quickly deployed to the rear of the structure to contain the fire. Simultaneously, a search of the home was conducted. No residents were home at the time of the fire. Unfortunately, a pet succumbed to smoke inhalation from the fire.
- On April 18th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 1444 Caledonia Street at 10:44 pm. Crews arrived on scene within two minutes of the alarm to find the residence with heavy smoke coming from the roof line. Firefighters quickly made entry to the residence and began applying water to the fire while performing a simultaneous search for occupants. Fortunately, the home was cleared by thorough searches and found to be in vacant status. Extensive work and coordination were needed to locate pockets of fire that extended into walls, floors and ceilings of the home. In total, seven apparatus and 17 firefighters responded to the incident. There was heavy fire and smoke damage to the structure with cause and origin under investigation.



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### **Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary**

Water Team Training

