



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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Personnel Changes:

- Current department staffing status as of **November 30th:**

Department Staffing Summary		
	Total Approved	Current
Sworn	98	91
Civilian	16	11
	114	102



Department Highlights:

- In partnership with Smith's Bike Shop, one Emerson Elementary 3rd grader was awarded a brand new bike! (During Fire Prevention Week, 3rd graders were given homework to create a fire escape plan with their families. Everyone who submitted a plan was entered to win.) *Pictured*
- November 29th kicked off the 14th year of our "Keep the Wreath Green" Campaign. Together with Onalaska, Town of Campbell, Shelby, West Salem, Holmen Area, and La Crescent Fire departments are raising awareness of the fire dangers that exist during the holiday season. Through January 1st, each participating department will be placing a wreath in front of their fire stations that are decorated with all green light bulbs.

Notable Incidents:

- On November 15th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 1224 Island Street at 2:32 pm. Upon arrival, crews saw heavy smoke coming from the rear garage at Craig's Towing and Repair. Once inside the premise, the fire was actually coming from a vehicle raised up on a hoist. It was quickly extinguished and the location only sustained moderate fire and smoke damages. One employee reported a minor injury, but was treated and released on scene.