



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Schott".

Fire Chief Jeff Schott



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Personnel Changes:

- Current department staffing status as of December 31st:

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



Department Highlights:

- Members of LCFD were recognized for their teamwork, dedication, and outstanding care during a recent cardiac arrest by Tri-State Ambulance/Gundersen Ambulance. (pictured right)



Notable Incidents:

- December 14th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 1714 21st Street South at 7:55 pm. Upon arrival, crews encountered an active stove-top fire. Firefighters quickly prepared hose lines while other members immediately attacked the fire using a Type A fire extinguisher. The fire was completely extinguished within minutes, preventing extension beyond the cooking area. No injuries were reported.
- December 26th, LCFD responded to a structure fire 222 Pearl Street at 7:37 pm. First-arriving crews were on scene within 3 minutes and 2 seconds of dispatch. Upon arrival, crews were advised by restaurant staff that the fire had been extinguished using a fire extinguisher. Firefighters entered the structure and confirmed a small kitchen fire involving a gas line. Crews located a cracked gas line and secured gas service to the kitchen area, confirming the fire was fully extinguished and contained. Damage was limited to minor impacts to kitchen equipment and food preparation areas, and the structure was not affected. No injuries were reported. The Health Department was notified, and Fire Investigators and Xcel Energy responded to the scene. The incident remains under investigation.



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Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

Vent, Enter, Isolate, Search (VEIS) Training

