



La Crosse Fire Department

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Re: Traffic Calming Devices / NFPA 1 AHJ

The La Crosse Fire Department formally opposes the proposed legislation. Removing the Fire Chief's authority to regulate traffic calming devices through the use of the NFPA Fire Code reduces effective emergency response to the citizens of La Crosse. Some traffic calming devices may have a negative impact on the Fire Department's ability to maintain effective response times as required by NFPA 1710, and ultimately endanger public safety. We recommend that the City consider the creation of a task force to analyze long-range plans and impacts on all affected city departments, while meeting the needs of all citizens.