



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 **February 28th**:

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



Department Highlights:

- 7 Rivers Cardiac Arrest Preparedness and Education held their 12th annual Heroes & Survivors Banquet. Many LCFD personnel were recognized for their cardiac arrest saves within the last 15 months. *(pictured)*
- Five new firefighters joined the LCFD as of February 28th, with completion of the probationary academy scheduled for April 4th.
- The Building Inspection division of Community Risk Management will no longer be reporting to the Fire Department. The transition is set to be completed no later than April 11th.

Notable Incidents:

- On February 8th, LCFD responded to a shed fire at 801 Charles Street at 11:36 pm. Upon arrival, crews found a fully involved shed which had spread to a fence along with causing damage to a nearby house and garage. A coordinated attack was quickly initiated to contain the fire and prevent further damage to nearby structures. Fifteen firefighters were dispatched to the initial response, later requesting a fire investigator. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is yet to be determined.
- On February 23rd, LCFD responded to a mutual aid call for a barn fire at N8207 Flaten Road in Holmen at 8:47 pm. Per the Holmen Area Fire Department press release, *"HAFD E1 arrived on scene and found the barn fully involved with fire. A defensive fire attack was established with fire knockdown around 9:30 pm. Goats housed in the barn were evacuated by the property owners without reported injury. Poultry housed in the barn were unaccounted for. The barn was a complete loss."*



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Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

Urban Search & Rescue - Confined Space Entry Training

