



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 April 30th:

Department Staffing Summary		
	Approved	Current
Sworn	98	99
Civilian	2	2
	100	101

Department Highlights:

Five new recruits began employment with LCFD on April 13:

Jack Hubbard
Luke Schemenauer
Adam Schmitt
Matthew Travis
Devin Viner



Notable Incidents:

LCFD responded to an apartment fire on April 18, 2026 at 1:34 pm at 1003 Zeisler Street. Crews arrived in just over three minutes to find the structure fully engulfed; heavy smoke and fire showing. As firefighters approached, they observed a group of civilians rescuing a tenant through a first floor window.

Firefighters deployed hoselines to begin extinguishment and conducted a search of the remaining units for additional occupants. Another tenant was located and assisted to safety through another first floor window. Multiple fire companies from across the city were called to the scene to help extinguish the fire and check for any additional fire extension.

The fire was brought under control and the scene was stabilized 18 minutes after arrival.

Two individuals who rescued one of the tenants will be honored with a Certificate of Valor at the LCFD Awards Ceremony, May 21 at 5:30 pm at Station #4—Apparatus Bay.



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Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

2026 Spring Probationary Academy

