



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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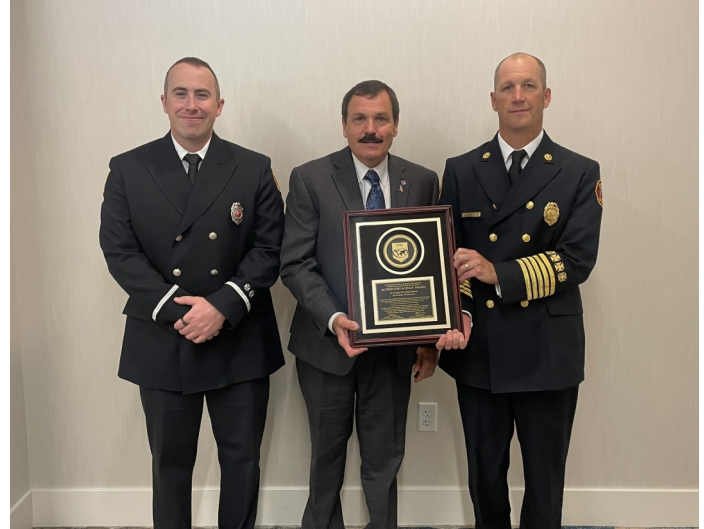


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Personnel Changes:

- Current department staffing status as of **August 31st:**

Department Staffing Summary		
	Approved	Current
Sworn	98	90
Civilian	2	2
	100	92



Department Highlights:

- Chief Schott and Lieutenant Zurawski traveled to Colorado to participate in hearings to receive approval for reaccreditation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) and Commission on the Fire Accreditation International (CFAI).

Notable Incidents:

- On August 3rd, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 522 9th Avenue South in Onalaska at 1:23 pm. Members of Onalaska Fire Department were already responding to incidents at two other locations, so aid was requested from LCFD and HAFD. When crews arrived, fire was visible from the single story home and immediately began fire control and search rescue. No occupants were in the home, but a dog was located and rescued. The cause of the fire is still under investigation and the damages were considered significant.
- On August 21st, LCFD responded to an injured hiker at 2702 Quarry Road at 1:40 pm. Crews arrived on scene and coordinated to perform a slope evacuation. Once the patient was tended to medically, they were loaded onto and secured to the litter wheel and subsequently transported down the bluff to the waiting TSA crew.
- On August 29th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 1825 Victory Street at 8:34 pm. Crews arrived on scene within four minutes and found moderate smoke with limited visibility. A fire began around the stove area, extended to the cabinetry, and was thankfully extinguished by a sprinkler system. LCFD ensured the fire was completely extinguished and removed charred and smoldering debris. The fire determined to be accidental.



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Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

Full-scale exercise with UWL, La Crosse County Emergency Management, LCPD, and TSA.

