



# 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,

*Jeff Schott*

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## Personnel Changes:

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

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



## Department Highlights:

- Emplify Health recognized Mark Hanson, Thomas Bagniefski, Jordan Shackleton, and Elias Bolstad for their outstanding clinical care in the resuscitation of a cardiac arrest patient . (*pictured above*)

## Notable Incidents:

- On July 19th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 1510 West Avenue South at 11:03 pm. Crews arrived on scene in just over three minutes and found heavy smoke coming from the second story. The residence sustained moderate fire and smoke damage with a total of 17 fire personnel working over three hours to ensure the fire was completely extinguished.
- July Water Rescues
  - July 3rd at 8:38 pm - Engine 1 responded with Boat 1 for a report of a person on a log in the river. Upon arrival, Boat 1 met with LCPD and Rescue 1 at the Jay Street Pier and retrieved the victim and took them back to shore.
  - July 3rd at 10:34 pm - reports came in that an individual who disappeared off a dock at the Clinton Street Boat Landing. LCFD arrived within four minutes. Boat 1 with the assistance of Engine 1, located and removed the patient from the water.
  - July 4th at 5:43 pm - Rescue 2 & Quint 2 responded to 7th Street Boat Landing for a patient injured in a boating accident. Crews were assigned to assist with primary patient care when the patient arrived at the docks in the La Crosse Sheriffs Department boat. The patient was transported to a local hospital for further care.
  - July 31st at 4:19 pm - an individual was in the river near Riverside Park. LCFD had Boat 1 on the water in just over four minutes. The person made their way to shore and refused assistance of any type.
  - July 31st at 4:37 pm - an individual was swimming in the river and needed assistance. LCFD was dispatched to the 7th Street Boat Landing and Boat 1 was back on the water in less than one minute and located the individual, and gave them a ride back to the landing.





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## Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

### Extrication Training

