



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 **May 31st**:

Department Staffing Summary		
	Approved	Current
Sworn	98	91
Civilian	2	2
	100	94



*Honored to be invited to the "La Crosse Fire Station #4 1/2"
dedication & Proclamation.*

Notable Incidents:

- On May 8th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 1005 Losey Boulevard South at 1:25 am. Crews arrived on scene within three minutes and found heavy fire coming from the residence and two victims trapped on the second story of the home. Firefighters made a rapid rescue of the trapped individuals while simultaneously applying water to the fire and performing a search in the remainder of the residence. All victims and four pets were safely located and rescued from the property with no injuries to report. In total, eight apparatus and 18 personnel responded to the incident, which is still under investigation.
- On May 16th, LCFD responded to a wildland fire with the reported address of 1 Copeland Avenue at 2:13 pm. Crews arrived to a fire in the marsh and due to high/strong winds and substantial amounts of dead grass and trees, was extremely difficult to extinguish. LCFD was scene, with the assistance of Parks & Recreation Forestry Department for over 17 hours. The cause of this incident has not yet been determined.
- On May 16th, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 2415 Cass Street at 2:23 pm. First arriving crews found smoke and flames coming from a third story window of a multi-unit apartment building. Firefighters immediately entered the building and extinguished the fire while also searching the third floor apartment for potential victims. The fire was contained in one bedroom in the single apartment. Other residents were able to safely evacuate during the incident. One tenant of the building was treated on scene by fire department emergency medical personnel and released. The apartment suffered moderate fire and smoke damage, and one resident has been temporarily displaced. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
- On May 23rd, LCFD responded to a structure fire at 1452 Caledonia Street at 2:12 am. Crews arrived on scene within four minutes and found smoke coming from the second floor. Two people were rescued via ladder while simultaneously another crew contained the fire. The investigators determined the cause of the fire to be from a lithium-ion battery belonging to an electric scooter.
- On May 25th, LCFD responded to Bluff Rescue incident at the Hixon Forest Trail System at 10:58 am. A bicyclist slipped off the trail and collided with a tree. The LCFD Urban Search and Rescue team and vehicle, along with the UTV, were utilized to bring the patient to an ambulance-accessible staging area. Per the patient, "To the crew, WOW. I'm a nurse of 20 years, and can attest, that this team was phenomenal with their care. In the event, the team was prompt, serious, and professional, and somehow was also considerate, gentle, and compassionate. I will forever be grateful to each and every one of you, however large or small your contributions were." She continued, "and I can't emphasize enough how valuable our community/rescue teams are in the accommodating our needs in this region".



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Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

Bluff Rescue Training

