

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 **September 30th**:

Department Staffing Summary		
	Approved	Current
Sworn	98	94
Civilian	2	2
	100	96



Department Highlights:

 September 29th, six new probationary firefighters began their employment with LCFD. Welcome Karter Benrud, Daniel Eichman, Adam George, Dustin Lindberg, Max Metcalf, and Dayton Schmidt.

Notable Incidents:

- On September 1st, LCFD responded to a commercial structure fire at 200 Bainbridge Street at 4:31 pm.
 Crews arrived on scene to find smoke coming from an open, loading dock door. The fire originated within a large garbage pile was within an overhead sprinklered area. LCFD personnel ensured the fire was fully extinguished and also assist with ventilation. This fire has been listed as undetermined.
- On September 8th, LCFD responded to a residential structure fire at 2156 Market Street at 5:29 pm. Crews
 arrived on scene in less than five minutes to find smoke coming from the structure. During the initial
 search, no people were found inside but pets were located and safely removed. 19 firefighters were on
 scene and all performing tasks related to fire attack, search and rescue and ventilation of the second story.
 The fire was limited to the walls and ceiling on the second story with very little fire extension to the attic.



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Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

