



# La Crosse Fire Department

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## Fire Department Monthly Report

July 2020

August 13th, 2020

Honorable Police & Fire Commission:

### In the News:

July 4th, LCFD responded to a shed fire on the City's northside, arriving within three minutes. The shed, located six-feet away from an apartment building, was fully engulfed in flames but thankfully crews were able to keep the fire contained to the building of origin.

July 28th, LCFD were called to the bike trails at Upper Hixon Forest for a patient who fell and hit his/her head. Crews utilized the UTV to safely extricate the patient from the trail.

July 29th, Chief Ken Gilliam delivered (while wearing a mask and practicing social distancing) Lifesaver Awards to four community members who helped save a 5-year-old girl from drowning earlier this summer at Black River Beach.

July 31st, LCFD responded to a structure fire at Solberg Heights, arriving within two minutes. Crews located a small fire on the stove in a unit on the sixth floor. The fire was quickly extinguished and the apartment sustained minimal damage. No injuries were reported.

**Personnel:** Engineers Steve Kramer and Jay Lindahl, promoted to Lieutenant.

Firefighters Steve McCluskey and Nick Woslager, promoted to Engineer.

**Attached are the following reports:** Incident Data, Monthly Activities, Division Summaries, and "Thank You's"

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Gilliam, Fire Chief

*We promote safety, reduce risks, and respond to calls for fire suppression, emergency medical services, and all-hazards rescue.  
We earn the community's trust through preparedness, professionalism, and dedication to service.*



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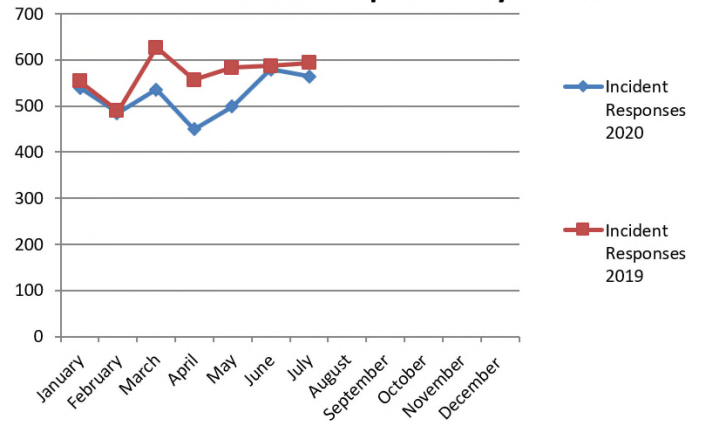


## Incident Data

July 2020

LCFD Incident Responses	YTD 2020	YTD 2019
Total Incidents	3,653	3,989
Percent Change From Previous Year	-8.42%	

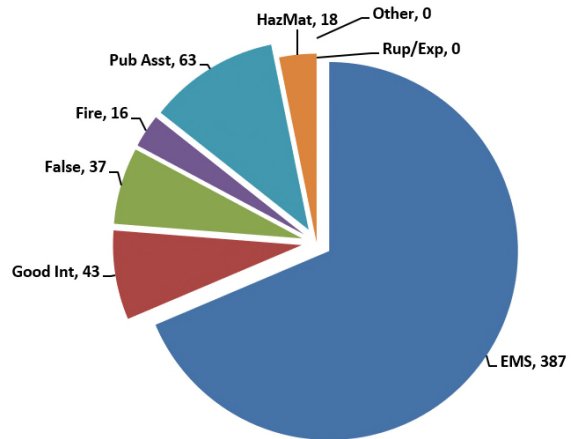
### LCFD Incident Responses By Month



### 2020 July Response By Incident Type

Incident Type	Incident Responses
EMS	387
Good Int	43
False	37
Fire	16
Pub Asst	63
HazMat	18
Other	0
Rupt/Exp	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>564</b>

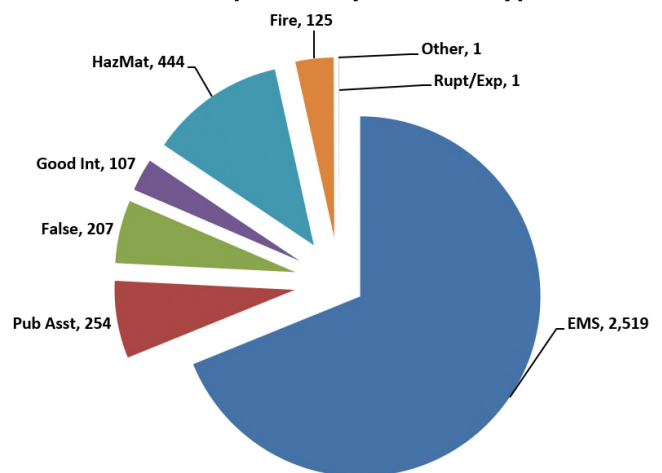
### Incident Responses - July



### 2020 YTD Response By Incident Type

Incident Type	Incident Responses
EMS	2,519
Good Int	254
False	207
Fire	107
Pub Asst	444
HazMat	125
Other	1
Rupt/Exp	1
<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>3,658</b>

### YTD Responses by Incident Type





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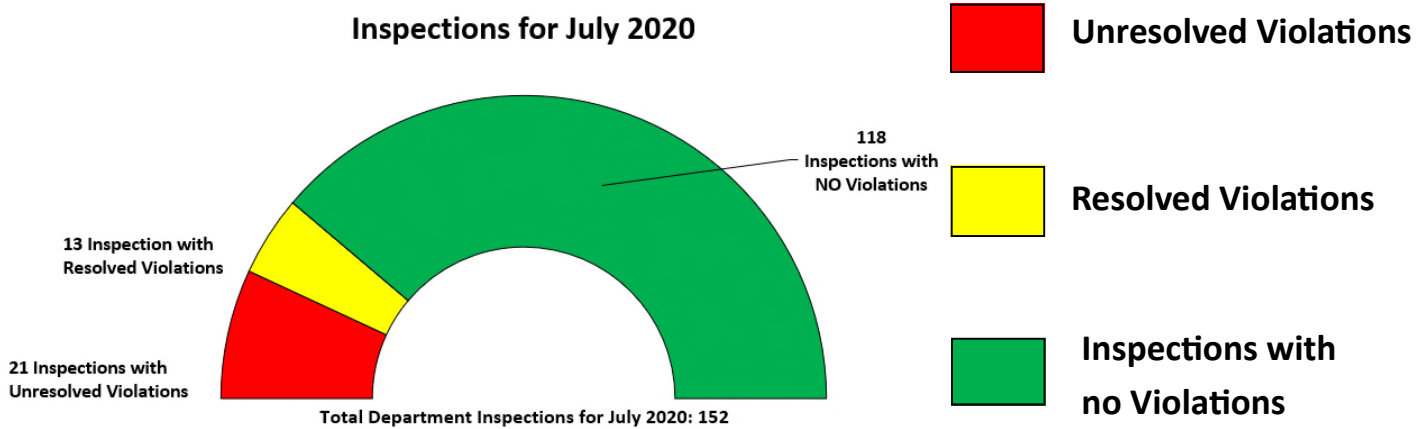
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## Community Risk Management Summary

July 2020

### Inspections for July 2020

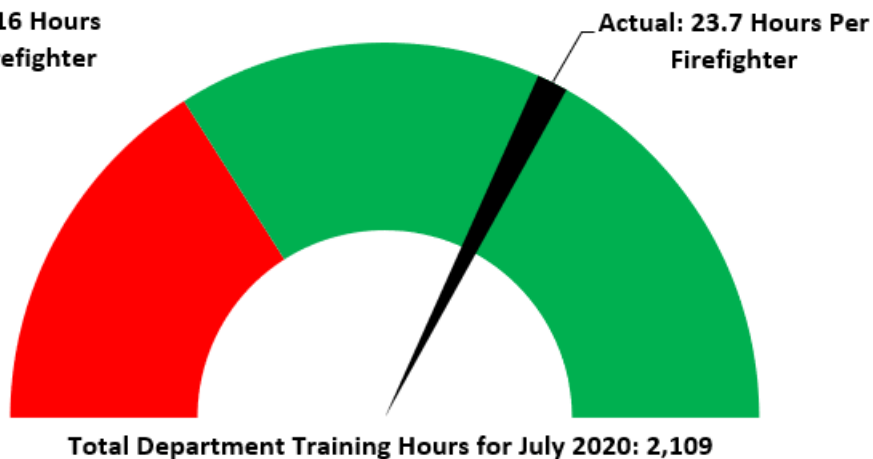


## Training & Professional Standards Summary

July 2020

### Total Training Hours Per Firefighter in July 2020

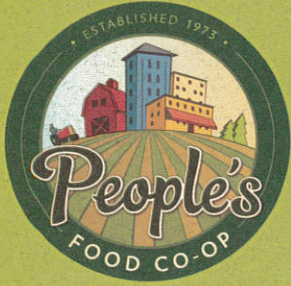
Goal: 16 Hours  
Per Firefighter



#### Training Topics Covered in July:

Fire Ground Operations  
EMS  
Extrication  
Technical Rescue  
Water Rescue  
Haz-Mat  
Apparatus Operations  
Recruit Academy  
Tactical EMS  
Management/Officers  
Fire Prevention/Public Education

Fire Personnel		
	Total Approved	Current
Sworn	98	99*
Civilian	14	13
	112	111



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La Crosse Store**

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Greetings!

Enclosed find donations  
from our Beans for Bago program at  
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Thank you for all the good work  
you do.

Jen McCoy

Owner Services & Outreach Mgr.

People's Food Coop

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of the LaCrosse Fire Department

## **"Thank You"**

On Saturday, 11th, 2020, I fell in my laundry room at my independent living apartment at Eagle Crest South in LaCrosse. Within 5-10 minutes of calling 911, five paramedics from the LaCrosse Fire Department arrived at Eagle Crest South. They came directly to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor to my apartment. They evaluated my situation and asked how I felt as I could not get up on my own. I told them that I had fallen by doing the splits on a wet floor in the laundry room and injured my right hip. Two of the 5 paramedics from the LaCrosse Fire Department lifted me upright to a standing position. One of them, a very nice young man held me upright until I could stand without feeling dizzy. He then, gently moved me over to a chair to be seated while the 2 EMT's from Gundersen Ambulance Service checked my vital signs. Since I could not stand on my own without severe pain in my right hip and numbness in the lower leg and ankle, it was suggested I go to the hospital to be evaluated and possible x-rays. I was then transported to Mayo Clinic Emergency Department.

Once the paramedics from the LaCrosse Fire Department helped me on to the waiting stretcher, they all left as they had helped me all they could. I did not get a chance to **"thank"** them for their excellent service in responding to the "fall" I had taken in my apartment. I forgot their names, but they know who they are. I want them to know how grateful I am to have such responsible, professional paramedics working for the LaCrosse Fire Department.. They are an excellent representative of the quality of care offered to the public by the Fire Department in the LaCrosse area. Please **"thank"** them for me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kay Shriver".

Kay Shriver

Eagle Crest South Senior Living Apartments  
LaCrosse, WI 54601

Fire Dept.

Thank you for being on duty  
during this long stretch of  
Corona Virus & unrest.

We know you have put yourself  
in harms way protecting us,  
and helping us in our difficult  
moments.

Thoughts & prayers to you.

Sincerely,

Gladys McEnahan

Eagle Crest South #5003

To Local Police Officers,  
Firefighters & EMT's.

Who ever thought this virus  
would continue for this  
long a time.

Everyone is so fortunate to  
have the back up of such  
extraordinary people like  
you to protect and care for  
all of us, not only here  
in La Crosse, but all  
over the country. You are  
an inspiration to so many  
people. Lets hope that we  
will see and end to all of  
this in the near future.





Thank you for your  
service to our community.  
Knowing you are there  
for all of us is so special!

Ruby Diering

A note of gratitude.  
Please know that you  
are so appreciated for  
keeping our community  
safe and healthy.  
These are troublesome  
times and you are on  
the front lines.  
God bless you and your  
families.

Marilyn M.