



# La Crosse Fire Department

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July 8th, 2021

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Gilliam

## June LCFD Highlights:

- June 6th, LCFD responded to a house fire at 620 Car Street around 4:00pm. Crews arrived within two minutes to find smoke coming from a window and residents attempting to extinguish the fire with a garden hose. Firefighters finished extinguishing the blaze and were able to safely locate and return two of the owner's cats. LCFD had six apparatus and 15 personnel on scene.
- June 9th, Engineer Bryon Stein was selected by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels as a "Key Influencer" after being nominated by the Deke Slayton Airfest for his work helping to educate local school kids during last year's virtual Fire Prevention Week. Bryon flew with the Blue Angels during one of their demonstrations and summed it up as, "It was a once in a lifetime experience I will be forever grateful for. The Blue Angels set the standard of excellence in aviation and I am so proud to have been able to experience flying with them."
- June 9th, LCFD responded to a fire alarm at the City Brewery complex at 4:45am. Upon arrival flames coming through the roof of the brewery's wastewater treatment plant on 2nd Street. Crews determined that flammable vapors from the treatment plant had ignited through the roof. The incident was isolated to a small area and surrounding areas were monitored for gas vapors until safe. LCFD had 15 personnel responded and were assisted by several City Brewery employees. No injuries were reported.
- June 9th, LCFD responded to a building fire at 1117 11th Street South at 6:49pm. Crews arrived to find smoke pushing out of the attic of a duplex. The fire was quickly extinguished and the downstairs occupants were able to evacuate safely. Search crews were able to locate and evacuate a dog from the upstairs unit. LCFD had 15 personnel on scene and assistance was received from LCPD, TSA, HAFD, and Xcel Energy.
- June 10th, LCFD celebrated two classes of firefighter probationary program graduates (2020 & 2021) as well as 2020 promotions with an in-person ceremony.
- June 11th, LCFD responded to building fire at 1717 Taylor Street at 12:15pm. Crews arrived to the duplex with no signs of smoke or fire. After entering the premises, a fire was discovered and quickly contained to the upstairs bathroom. All occupants exited safely and no injuries were reported. LCFD had 16 personnel and were assisted by LCPD, TSA, and Xcel Energy.
- June 28th, LCFD responded to a fire at Hydrite Chemicals, 701 Sumner Street shortly after 3:00pm. Crews arrived within four minutes to large amount of smoke from a fire that started in a trailer next to the chemical bin. All buildings were evacuated, no injuries were reported, and the trailer was reported as a total loss. LCFD had 21 personnel respond to the incident; which is still under investigation.



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## Personnel Notes:

- Current Department Staffing Status:

Department Staffing Summary		
	Total Approved	Current
Sworn	96	96
Civilian	12	11
	108	107



City Clerk Nikki Elsen  
swearing in 2020 &  
2021 Firefighter  
Academy Graduates

## The Following Reports are Attached:

- Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary
  - Incident Data Updates
  - Baseline Performance Updates
  - Special Operations Updates
- Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary
  - Training Goals and Achievement Updates
  - Health and Safety Updates
- Division of Community Risk Management Summary
  - Building Inspections and Code Enforcement Updates
  - Fire Investigation Updates
  - Community Risk Education Updates
  - City Emergency Management Updates

Pictures from Bryon Stein's flight with the U.S. Navy Blue Angels





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## Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

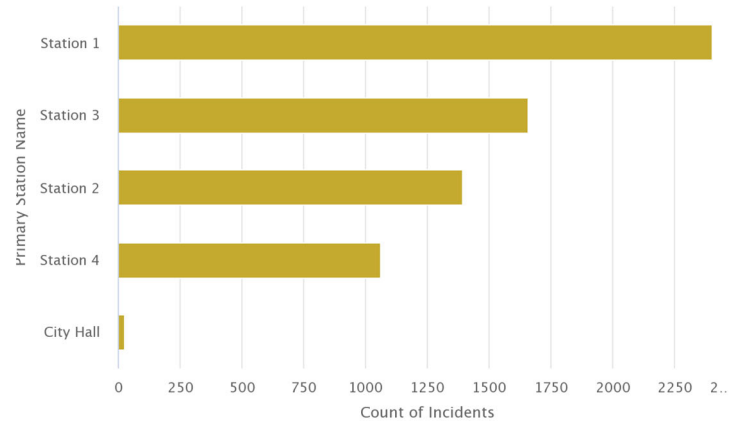
### Incident Data

June 1st, 2020 - May 31st, 2021

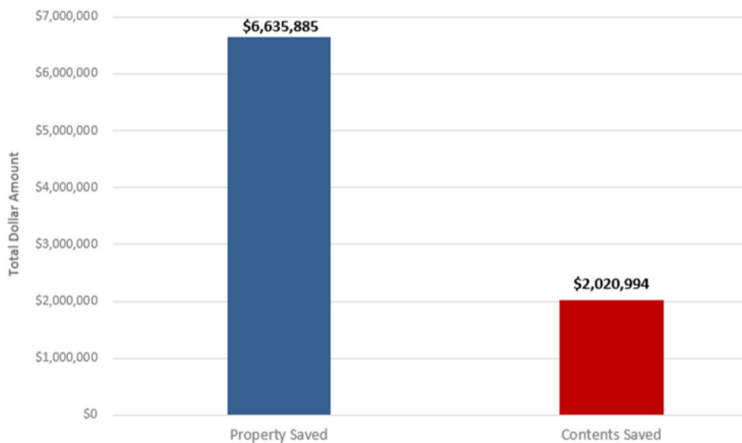
#### Incidents by Category and Year-Month

Incident Type Category	2020-June	2020-July	2020-August	2020-September	2020-October	2020-November	2020-December	2021-January	2021-February	2021-March	2021-April	2021-May
1 - Fire	14	16	12	8	16	20	10	12	12	9	19	15
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explo...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical...	383	387	409	387	407	342	354	354	376	399	366	378
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	45	18	12	26	7	12	23	15	9	12	18	18
5 - Service Call	67	63	59	70	61	53	44	70	48	88	85	90
6 - Good Intent Call	34	43	23	41	39	37	36	42	25	38	42	41
7 - False Alarm & False Call	38	37	28	33	25	20	23	28	39	44	26	41
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Dis...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9 - Special Incident Type	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

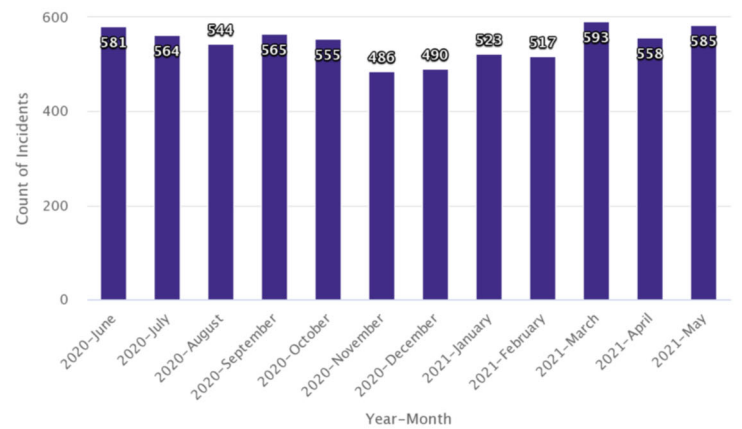
#### Incidents by Primary Station Name



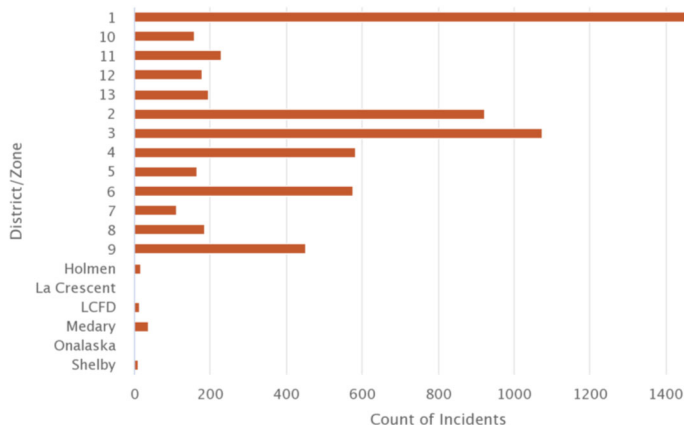
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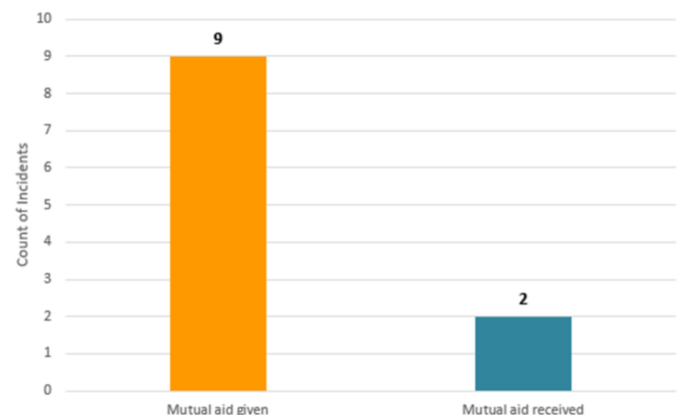
#### Incidents by Month



#### Incidents by District/Zone



#### Mutual Aid







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## Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

### Baseline Performance

#### Response Times for All Call Types - June 1st, 2020 - May 31st, 2021

Percentage of Apparatus Response Times Under 9 Minutes



Unit 90th Percentile Turnout Time



Apparatus 90th Percentile Response Time (HH:MM:SS)



Unit Average Turnout Time



Apparatus Average Response Time (HH:MM:SS)



Median Basic Response Time (HH:MM:SS)





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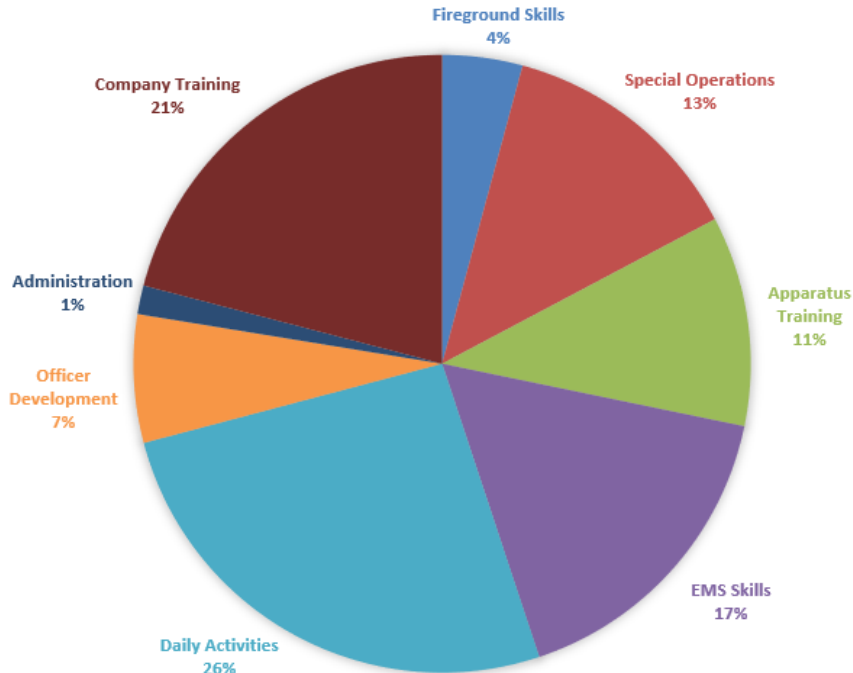
## Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

June 1st, 2020 - May 31st, 2021

### Average Training Totals

Average Personnel Hours	2,824.3
Average Participants	93
Total (not average) Classes Given	494
Average Hours per Person	31.7

### Training Hours by Category



Photographs taken during 2021 Probationary Academy



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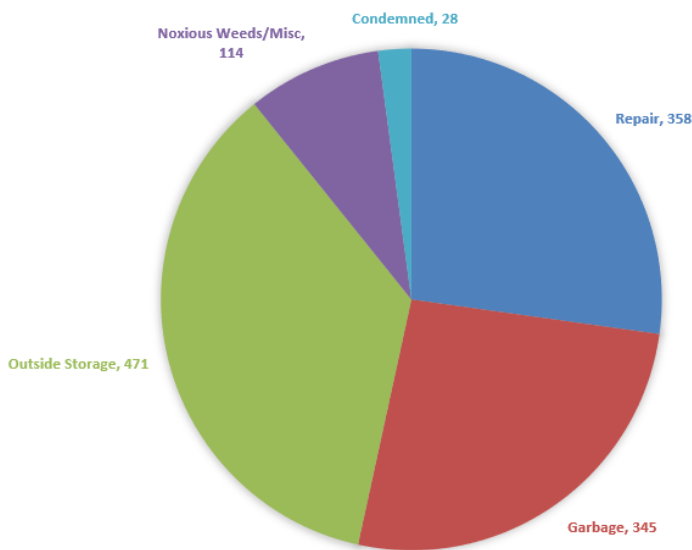


## Division of Community Risk Management Summary

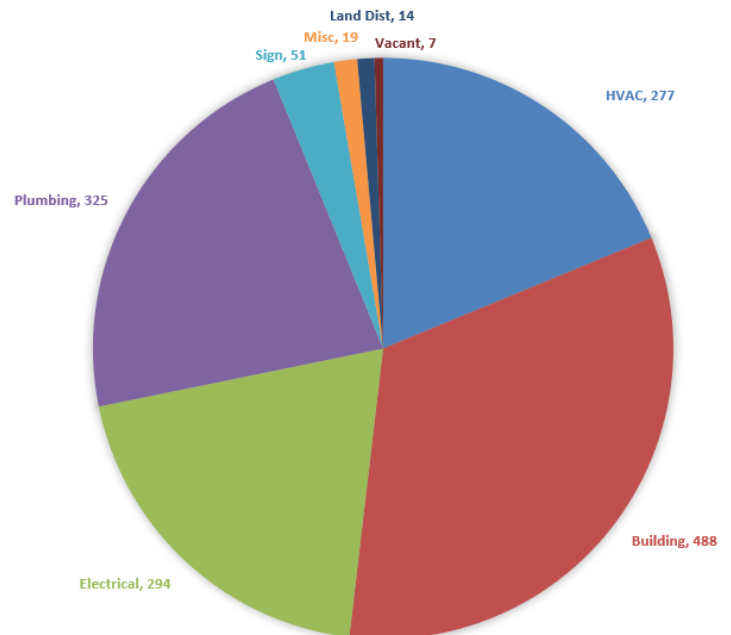
Year-to-Date (January 1st, 2021 - June 30th, 2021)

## Building Inspection Statistics

### Orders to Correct



### Permits Issued



## Fire and Life Safety Building Inspection Totals

June 2021

Total Occupancies	Completed	Follow-Up Required	Unresolved Violations	Resolved Violations	% of Occupancies Inspected	% of Occupancies Completed
510	419	91	150	222	98.99%	90.36%





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## Division of Community Risk Management Summary

### Community Risk Education Report

June 2021

#### Media Spots

- Three TV interviews  
One for CPR/AED Awareness Week  
Two for fireworks safety concerns

#### Education/Outreach

- Installed ten smoke alarms in three separate homes
- Attended Youth Firesetting Course at the National Fire Academy
- One fall referral patient to the ADRC
- Led fire safety discussion at Park & Recreations' Pettibone Day Camp (photo)



## Total Reach via Facebook (76,500 people)

### Total Reach

The number of people who saw any content from your Page or about your Page. This metric is estimated.



**Subject: Fwd: Thank You**



Hi Jesse,

I know you and your fellow firefighters have supported the MDA for years through your "Fill the Boot Campaign." Our family wants to send a heartfelt thank you!

Our grandson Clive (mom Kelly 2004 Central High) was born with Lama2 Muscular Dystrophy. There is no cure for this rare progressive disease. RESEARCH and AWARENESS are so important!

Clive is now almost 2 1/2 years old and lives in Stillwater, MN where he receives excellent care and therapy from Gillette Children's. Thanks to the advocacy of his parents and Gillette, he was one of the youngest children to ever get approved for a power wheelchair which is so important for inclusion and independence. He is cognitively right on track and attends a regular daycare.

Although his life journey will be difficult, his parents are committed to giving him the best life possible.

Sometimes putting a face to a cause makes it more meaningful.

Please feel free to share with your fellow firefighters and once again  
**THANK YOU!**

Mark and Kelly (Stanek) Terhaar  
John and Karla Stanek