



La Crosse Fire Department

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October 20th, 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

September LCFD Highlights:

- September 8th, LCFD and surrounding fire departments participated in Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual "Fill the Boot" fundraising campaign. Around \$6,500 was collected this year by the Local 127.
- September 16th, LCFD responded to a vehicle fire (garbage truck) at 2850 Larson Street at 5:33pm. The fire was reported to be spread to a building, which was evacuated prior to LCFD arrival. Crews found heavy smoke and fire coming from the northside of the building, which was extinguished quickly. No injuries were reported. Other agencies on scene to assist were Onalaska FD, Shelby FD, LCPD, Xcel Energy, and TSA. [top photo next page]
- September 18th, LCFD responded to water rescue call on the La Crosse River shortly before 8:00pm. Upon arrival, crews found five people who had been canoeing, clinging to a tree in the water. Two inflatable boats were used to reach the canoeists. No injuries were reported.
- September 19th, LCFD responded to an EMS call for a bicyclist who injured himself on a bluff trail by Highway FA. Members of our Urban Search and Rescue team evacuated the patient from the bluff and he was transported to TSA to Gundersen Medical Center for treatment.
- September 20th, LCFD responded to a gas leak at 13th and Jackson Streets along with Xcel Energy. Crews isolated area, evacuated nearby residential buildings and assisted Xcel Energy with stopping the leak. LCFD continued to monitor air levels until it was safe for residents to return to the area. TSA was also on scene on stand-by.
- September 20th - 25th, LCFD in partnership with La Crosse County Falls Prevention Coalition recognized Falls Prevention Week. At the Falls Prevention Awareness Day event, LCFD along with TSA walked attendees through the protocol of managing patients who have fallen. [middle photo next page]



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Personnel Notes:

- Firefighter Erin Statz was promoted to Engineer
- Engineer Todd Bina retired 09/30/21
- Current Department Staffing Status:

Department Staffing Summary		
	Total Approved	Current
Sworn	97	90
Civilian	14	13
	111	103

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
- Acknowledgements and Items of Interest

Vehicle fire at 2850 Larson Street



Falls Prevention Awareness Day



Kitchen Fire Trailer Demo @UWL's Eagle Fest





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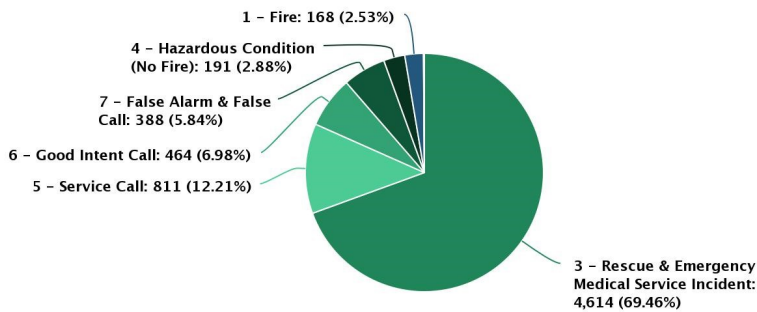
Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

Incident Data

September 1st, 2020 - August 31st, 2021

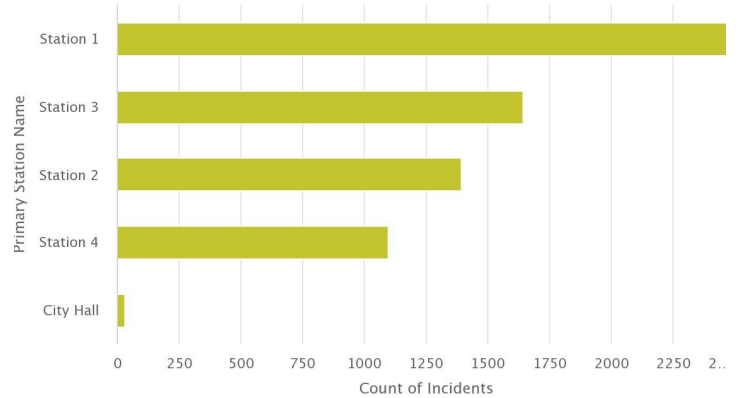
Incident Type Categories

Sep 01, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021

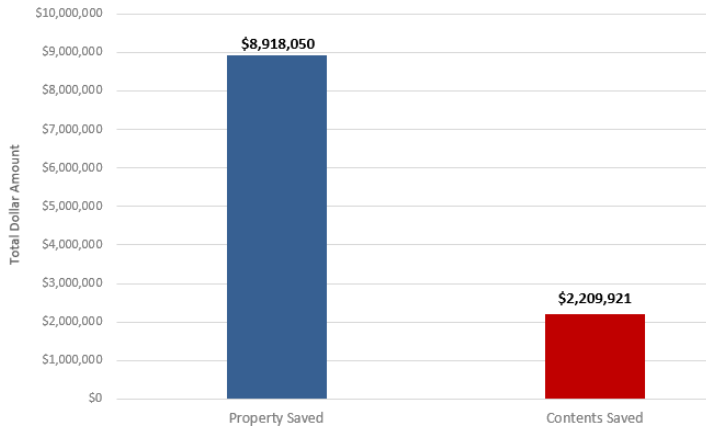


Incidents by Primary Station Name

Sep 01, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021

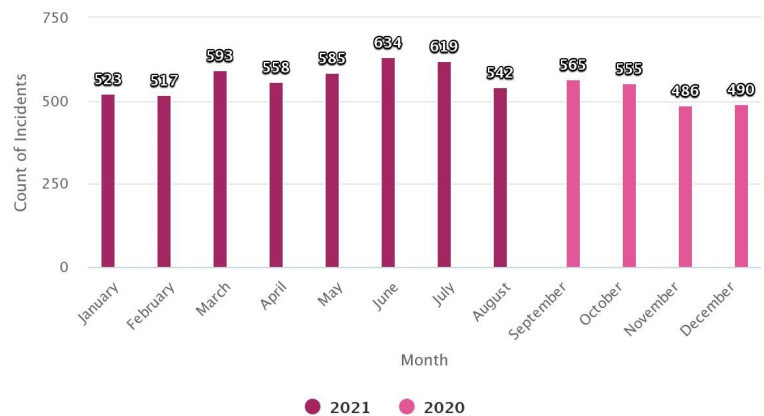


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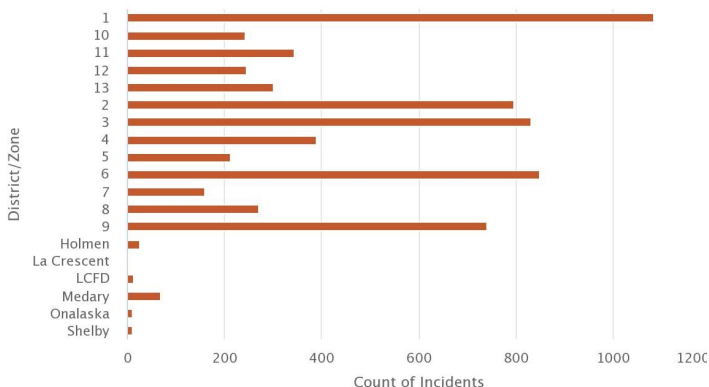
Incidents by Month

Sep 01, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021

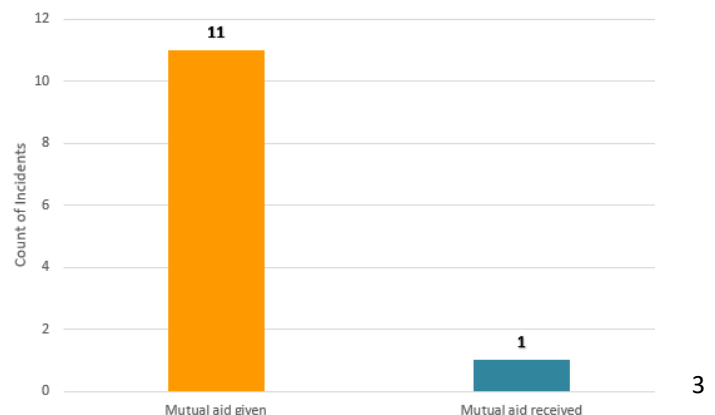


Incidents by District/Zone

Sep 01, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021



Mutual Aid





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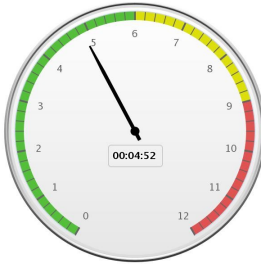
Division of Fire and Rescue Operations Summary

September 1st, 2020 - August 31st, 2021

Baseline Performance - Non EMS Calls

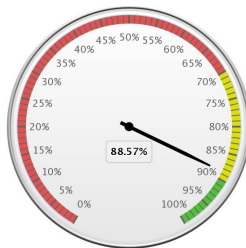
Unit Median Total Response Time (HH:MM:SS)

Sep 01, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021



Percentage of Unit Total Response Times Under 09:00 Minutes

Sep 01, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021



Median Total Response Time (MM:SS)

Date Reported: Sep 01, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021



Unit 90th Percentile Total Response Time (HH:MM:SS)

Sep 01, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021



Baseline Performance - EMS Calls

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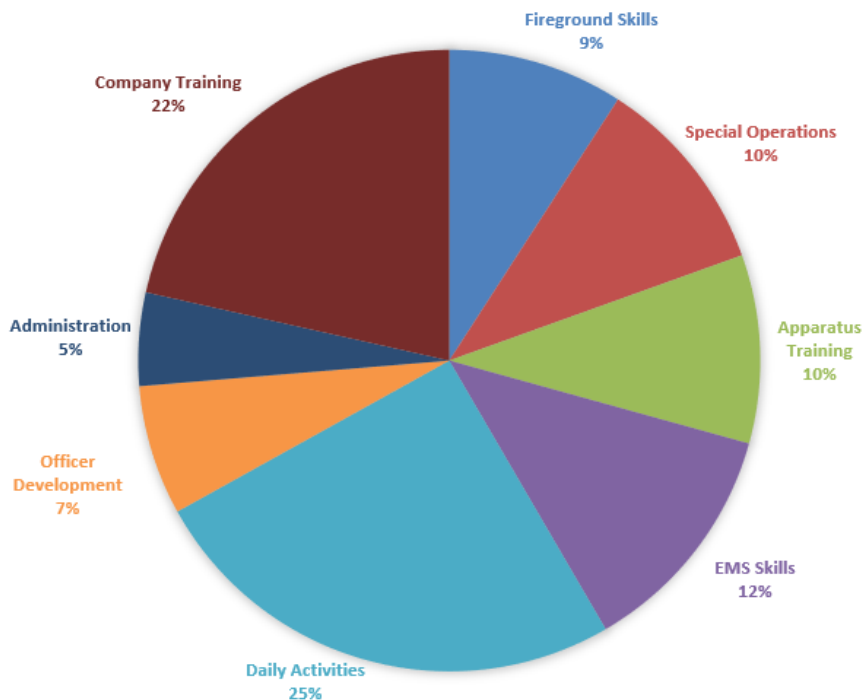
Division of Training and Professional Standards Summary

September 1st, 2020 - August 31st, 2021

Average Training Totals

Average Personnel Hours	2711
Average Participants	93
Total (not average) Classes Given	508
Average Hours per Person	29.15

Training Hours by Category



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (St. Paul District) conducted an on-water orientation and demonstration September 25th, 2021. LCFD participated in this training along with other EMS responders that might be called upon to respond to a disabled boater at a lock and dam. [photos]





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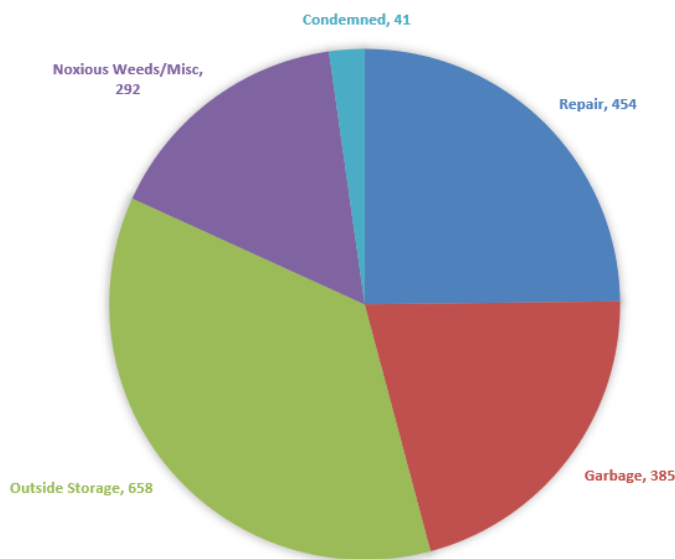


Division of Community Risk Management Summary

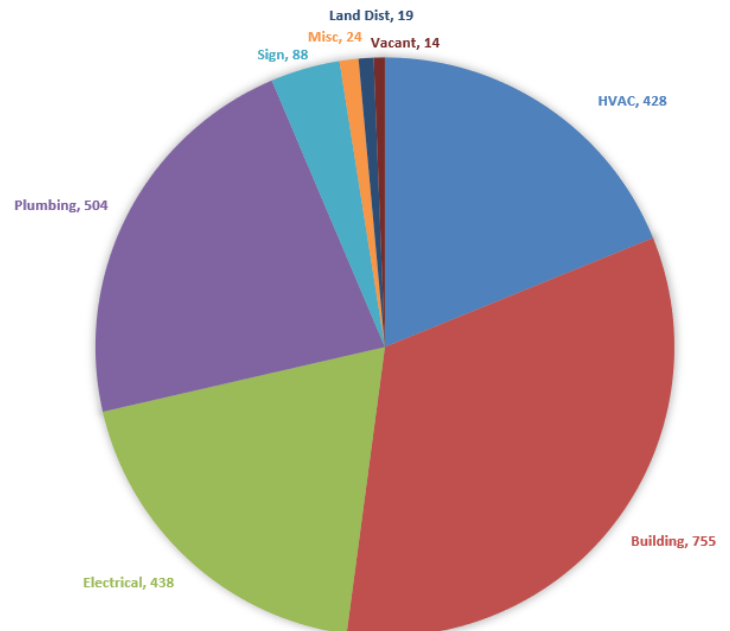
Year-to-Date (January 1st, 2021 - September 30th, 2021)

Building Inspection Statistics

Orders to Correct



Permits Issued



Fire and Life Safety Building Inspection Totals

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

Includes both Annual and Semi-Annual Fire Inspections

Total Occupancies	Completed	Follow-Up Required	Unresolved Violations	Resolved Violations	% of Occupancies Inspected	% of Occupancies Completed
2,871	1,716	101	475	235	63.29%	59.77%



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Division of Community Risk Management Summary

Community Risk Education Report

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Media Spots

- One TV interview regarding the award of a **\$100,000 Fire Prevention & Safety grant** to install SmartBurners in Housing Authority of La Crosse residences

Education/Outreach

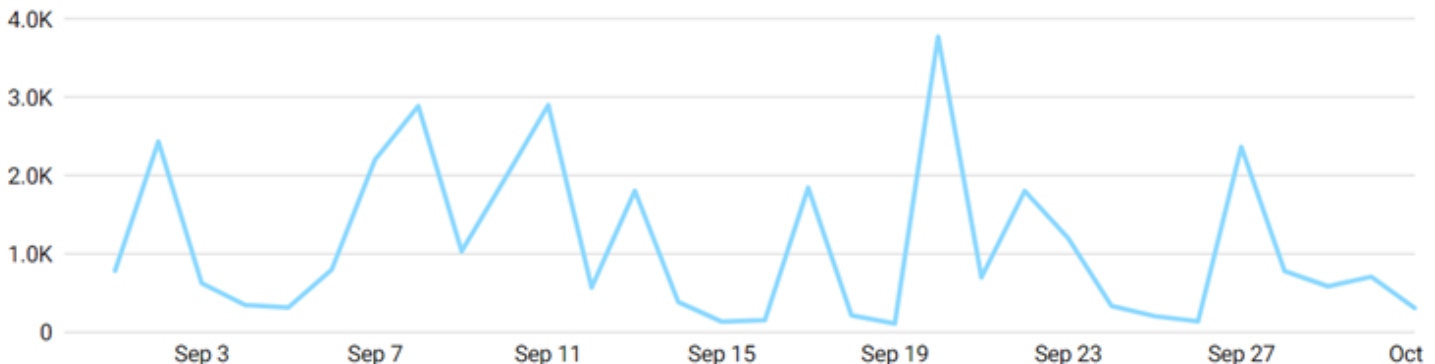
- Installed five alarms in La Crosse homes (122 total for 2021)
- UWL: presented at both "It Make\$ Cents" (renter's safety) & Eagle Fest (kitchen fire demonstration) [page 2 bottom photo]
- Viterbo: booth at farmer's market with information on fire & renter's safety
- Four individuals referred to the ADRC for fall prevention education & resources
- One youth was referred and is now currently enrolled in our Youth Fire Prevention and Intervention Program
- Participated in La Crosse Area High School's Health Science Academy; education & engagement on fire & EMS careers [photos]



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13,159 ↓ 69.3%





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Acknowledgements and Items of Interest



Hi, Pat.

I would like to thank the deCrosse Fire Department and the community education team for attending the first ever Eagle Fest.

We had a wonderful turn-out and we were very grateful to have members of our community join us.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,
Jill Klein

ps. Feel free to email me with feedback if you'd like.