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# LA CRESCENT POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## EVENT HIGHLIGHT - APPLEFEST AND GRAVEL NATIONALS

September was a busy and exciting month in La Crescent, with two major events bringing both community spirit and national attention to our city. Applefest once again drew big crowds, especially with the return of the carnival this year. Families filled the fest grounds to enjoy rides, games, and all the traditions that make Applefest a cornerstone of fall in La Crescent.

From a public safety standpoint, things went very smoothly. The only notable call on the grounds involved a non-life-threatening medical situation. Thanks to the quick coordination between our officers, the Fire Department, and Tri-State Ambulance, the patient received prompt care and was safely treated.

On a national scale, La Crescent proudly hosted the USA Cycling Gravel National Championships. This event welcomed cyclists and spectators from across the country, showcasing both our city's scenic charm and our strong sense of community. Riders and visitors alike shared high praise, not only for the beauty of La Crescent, but also for the hospitality shown by our residents. Several competitors even remarked that our community and police department were among the friendliest they had ever encountered.

Law enforcement saw no major incidents connected to the championships, allowing the event to run smoothly from start to finish. Both Applefest and Gravel Nationals were a testament to how our city can welcome visitors, support large-scale events, and still maintain the safety and enjoyment of everyone involved.





## ASK A COP - OPEN BURNING

Ask a Cop: I recently put in an outdoor fire ring, what do I need to know about La Crescent's ordinances?

Outdoor fires are allowed in La Crescent when used for cooking, warmth, or recreation, but there are a few rules to follow. Fires must be in a noncombustible fire ring, outdoor fireplace, or barbecue, and can't be larger than three feet wide by two feet high. Only clean, dry wood should be burned—garbage, leaves, paper, and other refuse are not permitted.

For safety, fire rings outside of fireplaces or barbecues must be at least 100 feet from any structure and within 150 feet of a 20-foot access for fire apparatus. Follow these simple rules, and you'll be set for safe, enjoyable evenings around the fire.

- Officer Weinfurter



## CODE RED PROGRAM

Staying informed during an emergency can make all the difference, and Houston County has a tool to help keep residents safe. Code Red is a voluntary, opt-in program that delivers emergency alerts directly to your phone.

By signing up, you'll receive timely notifications about critical situations, including evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water advisories, and missing child reports. These alerts are issued by Houston County Emergency Management and are designed to provide accurate, up-to-the-minute information when it matters most.

The system is customizable, you can choose how you want to be contacted, whether by phone call, text message, or email. Participation is free, and registering only takes a few minutes.

Emergencies can happen quickly, but with Code Red, you'll have important information at your fingertips. Consider signing up today to ensure you and your family are prepared.

# AUGUST CALLS FOR SERVICE

405 Total Calls for Service  
Notable Call Types:

911 (Hang Ups and Open Lines) - 11  
Accidents - 7  
Alarms - 1  
Animal Complaints - 18  
Assist Other Agency - 20  
Child (Calls Involving) - 4  
Civil Matter - 4  
Community Policing - 19  
Damage to Property - 2  
Death - 1  
Domestic - 3  
DWI - 2  
Extra Patrol - 1  
Foot Patrol - 2  
Found Property - 11  
Fraud - 3  
Harassment - 2  
Juvenile (Calls Involving) - 3  
Lost Property - 4  
MAARC Report - 3  
Medical - 24  
Missing Person - 1  
Motor Vehicle Unlock - 6  
Motorist Assist - 3  
Ordinance Violation - 6  
Parking Complaint - 6  
Public Assist - 10  
Public Hazard - 4  
Scams - 2  
Suspicious - 9  
Theft - 1  
Traffic Complaint - 16  
Traffic Stop - 137  
Trouble With Party - 12  
Welfare Checks - 11



## RESERVE REVIEW

During Applefest, the Reserves assisted with traffic control to keep vehicles and pedestrians moving safely around the fest grounds and during the parades. They also provided extra foot patrols, giving our officers additional eyes and ears throughout the event. Their presence helped ensure a family-friendly atmosphere and allowed sworn officers to focus on calls for service. For an event of Applefest's size, the support of the Reserves is a key factor in keeping everything running smoothly year after year.

When La Crescent hosted the Gravel Nationals, the Reserves once again played a critical role. From directing traffic for visitors to providing additional security along race routes and event areas, their work helped showcase La Crescent as a safe, welcoming community. Their professional approach and visible presence were noted and appreciated by both residents and visitors alike.

We extend a big thank you to our Reserve Officers for their dedication, time, and effort. Events like Applefest and the Gravel Nationals highlight just how valuable their service is—not just to our department, but to the entire community.

