

Retirement Adds to Fire Department Vacant Positions

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Count that as another firefighter retirement and another vacancy in a constantly shrinking La Crosse city department. Assistant chief Randy Loken is retiring from the fire department after 25 years on the job. His retirement comes during a tug of war match going on between some on the city council and Mayor Matt Harter over filling positions in the fire department. Next month the council could vote on sidestepping the mayor to fill up to six current vacancies in the department.