

# La Grange Fire Department



# Mission Statement

The mission of the La Grange Fire Department is the preservation of life and property of citizens and visitors of the Village of La Grange from fire and medical emergencies; maintaining the readiness of personnel, fire station and equipment to promptly respond to a citizen's request for emergency, rescue, or both accidental and natural disasters. This shall be accomplished through fire suppression, advanced life support emergency medical services, fire prevention and code enforcement, training and public education.

A photograph of a residential street during a fire incident. In the background, a house is engulfed in flames, with thick smoke rising into the air. The street is lined with trees, some of which are bare, suggesting a cooler season. A silver SUV is parked on the right side of the road, and a few people are visible walking on the sidewalk. The foreground shows the hood and windshield of a vehicle from which the photo was taken. The text "Presenter Fire Chief William J. Bryzgalski" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Presenter  
Fire Chief William J. Bryzgalski

# Established July 7, 1891

- Current Population 15,550 / 2.5 Square miles
- Mixed occupancy use
- Respond auto-aid to
  - La Grange Park, Brookfield, Pleasantview, and Western Springs
- Respond mutual-aid to MABAS Division 10
  - 18 Departments (currently)
  - 17 Departments after December 1<sup>st</sup>

# The Department Responds to

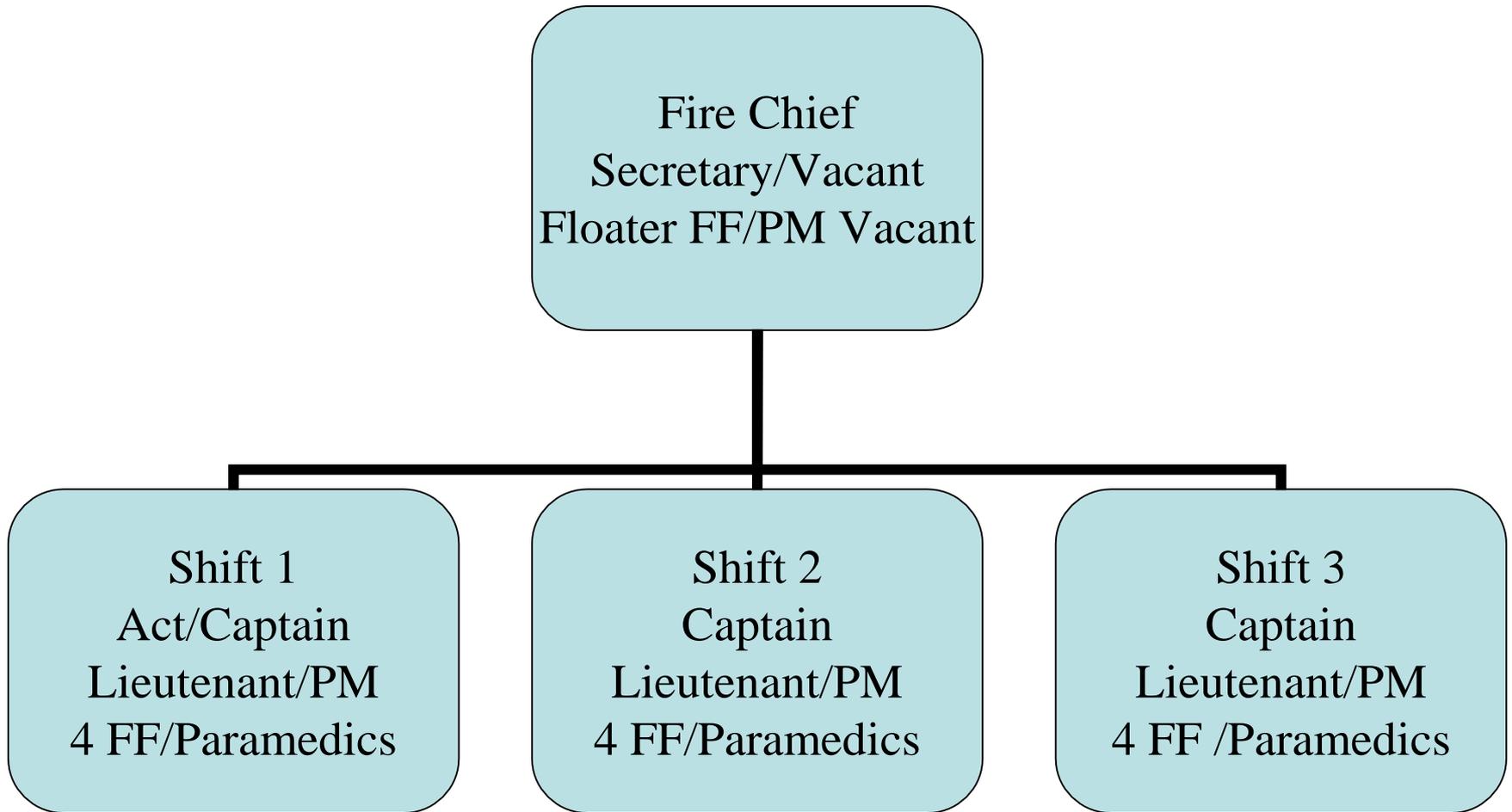
- Fires and Fire alarm responses
- Emergency Medical Calls/Accidents
- Hazardous Materials Responses
- Technical Rescue Responses
- Good Intent Calls – Carbon Monoxide/Gas leaks
- Storm Related/Power lines down
- Patient Assist/Well being checks

# Current La Grange Fire Department Staffing

- 19 total personnel
  - Three 24 hour shifts
- 6 members per shift
  - Captain
  - Lieutenant/PM
  - Four FF/PM
  - Day personnel
    - Fire Chief
    - Floater FF/PM Vacant
    - Secretary/Vacant



# Current Fire Department Structure



# Annual Call Volume

- | • Year                                  | 2010           | 2011     | 2012      |
|---|----------------|----------|-----------|
| • EMS/Rescue                            | 1,142          | 1,046    | 1,136     |
| • Fire Responses                        | 880            | 855      | 744       |
| • Total Annual                          | 2,022          | 1,901    | 1,880     |
| • Estimated Loss                        | \$265,600      | \$52,900 | \$666,710 |
| • EMS Responses on average              | <b>57.30 %</b> |          |           |
| • Fire and Related Responses on average | <b>42.70%</b>  |          |           |



# Combined Police and Fire Dispatch Center

- Dispatch Center
  - Combined with PD
  - 911 calls
    - Cell phone
    - Home phones
  - EMS Dispatching
  - Fire Dispatching
  - Municipal Fire Alarm Monitoring



# Department Apparatus

- 3 – Engines - 1991, 2003, and 2012
- 2 – ALS Ambulances - 2001 and 2009
- 3 – Support Vehicles
  - Chief's Vehicle - 2006 Explorer
  - Command Vehicle – 2005 Expedition
  - Fire Prevention/Investigations - 2003 Explorer



# Co 1111-2012 Ferrara MVP Engine Advanced Life Support Equipped



# Co 1112 - 2003 Crimson Engine



*Scott M. Peterson, 2005*

# Co 1113-1991 Pierce Engine



# Co 1114 – 2009 Ambulance Advanced Life Support



# Co 1115 – 2001 Ambulance Advanced Life Support



# Typical La Grange Fire Response



1- Engine/4 personnel  
1- Ambulance/1 FF/PM  
Chief  
2 Auto - aid companies  
with  
6-7 Additional personnel

# Extra Alarm Fire



La Grange Response

Auto – aide response

MABAS Box Alarm System Request

For additional resources

Jurisdictions working together assisting in time of need

# EMS Responses

- ALS Ambulance with 2 – FF/PM
- Engine Company with 3 additional personnel to assist with patient care, moving the patient safely to the ambulance.
- Patients are transported ALS or BLS depending on the patient conditions, symptoms and transport to the following hospitals: Adventist La Grange, Hinsdale, Loyola Medical Center, McNeal, and Hines VA.

# EMS System

- La Grange Fire Department works under the medical direction of the Loyola EMS System which is part of the Region 8 Emergency Medical Services.
- Loyola Hospital is our closest Level 1 Trauma Center.
- Adventist La Grange Memorial is consider a Level 2 Trauma Center.



# Specialized Teams and Technical Responses

- The La Grange Fire Department participates in the 3 MABAS Division 10 Specialty Teams.
- Haz- Mat (5)
- Technical Rescue (6)
- Cause and Origin/ Fire Investigations (3)
- Monthly Team drills with required attendance

# Hazardous Materials Response

- Spills
- Rail Cars
- Fixed Facilities
- Household items



# Technical Rescue

- Trench
- Confined Space
- Collapsed Structure
- High/Low Angle
- Tornado
- Natural Disaster



# Cause and Origin

- Department Participates with 3 members
- All Fires are investigated
- Works closely with outside agencies,  
Office of the State Fire Marshall
- Works with the private insurance  
investigators.
- Reciprocation between other  
agencies



# Fire Prevention

- Inspection of all public buildings
- Inspections of all businesses approximately 740 combined inspections
- Occupancy Inspections
- Plan Reviews/ New Construction
- Develop Pre-Plans
- Home Inspections as requested
- Witness Public School Fire Drills

# Annual Open House First Saturday in October



Family Fun

# Fire Fighter Training

Basic Firefighter

Advanced Firefighter

Fire Officer I and II

Fire Officer III

FAE

RIT

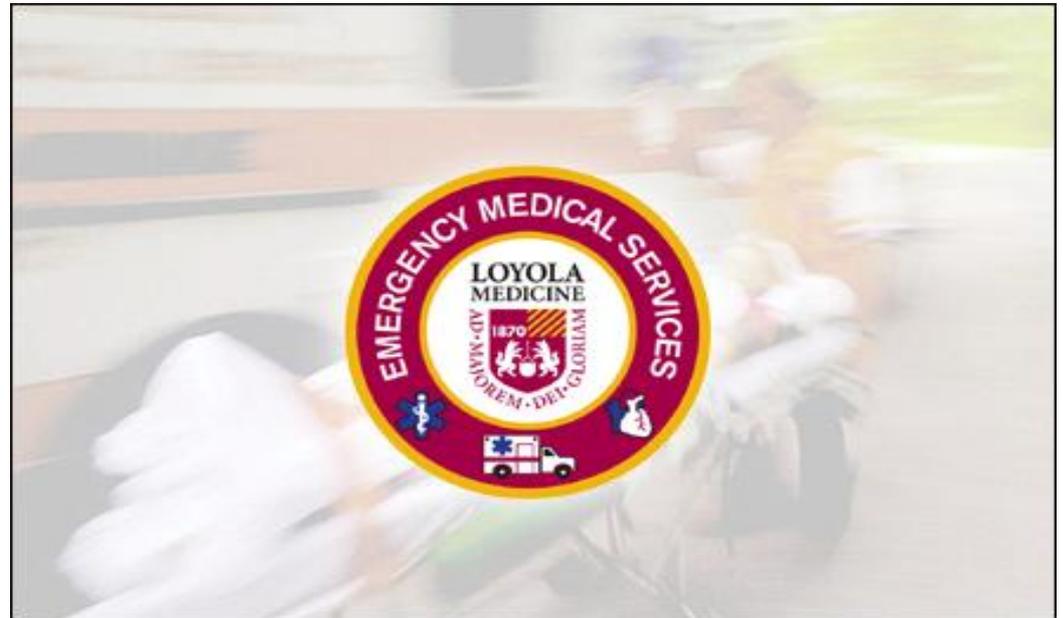
Self Rescue

Specialty Training



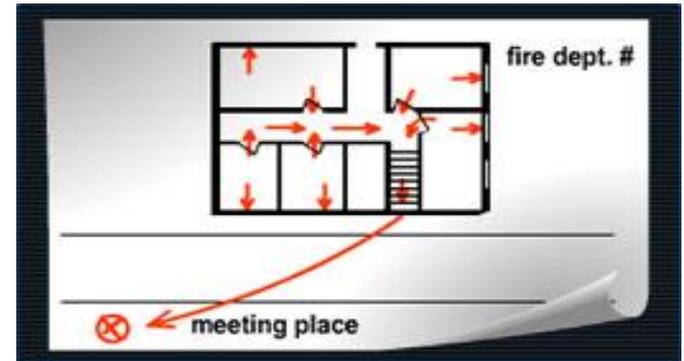
# EMS Training

- Monthly Continuing Education and testing
- 4 year certification
- CPR recertification
- Specialized Classes  
PTLS and ACLS



# Public Education

- Home Escape Plans
- Fire Extinguisher Classes
- CPR/AED
- Station Tours
- Block Parties
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Juvenile Fire Setter programs
- Safety Talks



# The Future

- Consolidated Joint Dispatching/ La Grange  
La Grange Park and Western Springs
- Functional Consolidation/ Shared Services
- Intergovernmental Agreements
- Looking ahead towards the future and the needs of the community.
- Staying proactive to meet the needs and able to maintain the readiness to be able to respond at a moments notice.

# Duty, Pride, and Tradition



# Questions

## LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT



LIEUTENANT  
BRIAN SIBLE



LIEUTENANT  
JEFFREY BEHLAND



CAPTAIN  
DONALD J. GAY



CHIEF  
WILLIAM BRYZGALSKI



CAPTAIN  
DAVID RAPP



LIEUTENANT  
TODD BERGHAUS



SECRETARY  
JOAN SIETZ



FIREFIGHTER  
JAMES BAUM



FIREFIGHTER  
THOMAS BENSFIELD



FIREFIGHTER  
CHRISTOPHER CONRAD



2012



FIREFIGHTER  
CHRISTOPHER COX



FIREFIGHTER  
BRIAN CRAMER



FIREFIGHTER  
CHARLES CRUELLE



FIREFIGHTER  
ERIC JAEGER



FIREFIGHTER  
WILLIAM KALLAL



FIREFIGHTER  
ALAN KINNEY



FIREFIGHTER  
CRAIG MARTINAITIS



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JOHN MCREYNOLDS



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BRIAN RATEKOVICH



FIREFIGHTER  
REID SELVIK