

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.

FY 2015-2016 Key Objectives

1. Continue to review, analyze and implement a proposed restructuring plan which enhances the delivery of public safety services, improves operational efficiencies and optimizes personnel.
2. Continue to evaluate fire prevention activities, public education programs, training activities and the impact on operations as a result of cost containment.
3. Continue to enhance Officer leadership and development of department personnel through increased supervisor and management training. Identify and pursue new training opportunities.
4. Continue an Officer mentoring program for future leadership and succession planning at all levels of the Department.
5. Continue to explore the availability of Federal and State Grants to enhance our over-all ability of providing services to the community. Continue to administer the SAFER grant which has allowed the department to hire one Firefighter/Paramedic for a two year period. This position does not restore the Fire Department to its pre-recession staffing level unless the position is funded permanently at the conclusion of the grant program. The current projected end date of the SAFER grant is March/April 2016.
6. With Emergency Management playing a significant role in departmental operations, and to mitigate injury, the loss of life and damage to property in the event of a natural or man-made disaster, the Department will continue working with our planning partners, Cook County, FEMA, and the Department of Homeland Security. We also continue to support the MRC program and maintain the required NIMS training for Departmental staff and other Village employees.
7. Continue a pro-active, co-operative approach to fire prevention in general and as it relates to the Central Business District. Work with the Community

Development Department to identify the costs and benefits as they relate to updating the fire prevention codes.

8. Continue to explore partnerships with neighboring communities in relation to providing fire and emergency medical service delivery. Assist the Village with the implementation of the proposed consolidated dispatch center. Actively participate in the selection process for the hiring of a Project Manager/Executive Director to oversee build-out of the new facility and to manage its day-to-day affairs once it becomes operational.
9. Continue to plan for facility improvements to the station while continuing to explore and identify potential grant opportunities and available resources.
10. New Fire Chief to work with Village Manager's office in setting operational goals, with an emphasis on organizational development.