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FIRE DEPARTMENT  
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### EVENTS – 2016

**IAFF Local 2338 23rd  
Annual Golf Outing**  
May 27, 2016

**69<sup>th</sup> Annual Pet Parade**  
Saturday June 4, 2016  
9:30AM-11:00AM

**Farmers Market**  
May- October  
Thursdays  
7:00AM – 1:00PM

**Endless Summerfest**  
August 5 – 7, 2016

**West End Arts Festival**  
September 17 – 18, 2016

**Fire Department  
Annual Open House**  
Saturday October 1, 2016  
11:00AM - 3:30PM

**Halloween Walk**  
October 29, 2016

**Hometown Holiday**  
December 3, 2016  
5:00PM – 9:00PM  
**25<sup>th</sup> Annivesary**

# LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT MARCH 2016



## **A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF**

Spring is around the corner and the La Grange Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to remind our residents that springtime is a good time to review some weather safety information.

### **Severe Thunderstorms**

A thunderstorm is considered severe if it produces hail at least 1 inch in diameter or has wind gusts of at least 58 miles per hour. Every thunderstorm produces lightning, which kills more people in some years than tornadoes. Heavy rain from thunderstorms can cause flash flooding. High winds can damage homes and blow down trees and utility poles, causing wide spread power outages. Every year people are killed or seriously injured because they didn't hear or ignored warnings.

### **Tornadoes**

A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from the base of a thunderstorm down to the ground. Tornadoes are capable of completely destroying well-made structures, uprooting trees and hurling objects through the air like deadly missiles. Tornadoes can occur at any time of day or night and at any time of the year. Although tornadoes are most common in the Central Plains and southeastern United States, they have been reported in all 50 states. If you know what to do before, during, and after a tornado you can increase your chances of survival.

## **Lightning and Flood Threats**

While much of the focus during severe weather is on tornadoes, wind and hail, there are actually more deaths caused each year by flooding and lightning, which are also commonly associated with severe weather. If you hear thunder or see lightning, head inside immediately! Heavy rainfall from thunderstorms can quickly cause rivers and streams to overrun their banks and cause street flooding in the area. Remember, if you encounter a flooded roadway, do NOT drive or walk into it.

### **Flood Advisory**

**Be Aware:** A Flood Advisory is issued when a specific weather event that is forecast to occur may become a nuisance. A Flood Advisory is issued when flooding is not expected to be bad enough to issue a warning. However, it may cause significant inconvenience, and if caution is not exercised, it could lead to situations that may threaten life and/or property.

### **Flood Warning**

**Take Action!** A Flood Warning is issued when the hazardous weather event is imminent or already happening. A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring.

**Flood Watch: Be Prepared:** A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for a specific hazardous weather event to occur. A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. It does not mean flooding will occur, but it is possible.

### **Flash Flood Warning**

**Take Action!** A Flash Flood Warning is issued when a flash flood is imminent or occurring. If you are in a flood prone area, move immediately to high ground. A flash flood is a sudden violent flood that can take from minutes to hours to develop. It is even possible to experience a flash flood in areas not immediately receiving rain.

*Visit: [www.weather.gov/lot](http://www.weather.gov/lot) and [www.floodsafety.noaa.gov](http://www.floodsafety.noaa.gov) for more safety tips and information.*

## **A WELCOME ADDITION**

The La Grange Fire Department would like to introduce our newest Firefighter/Paramedic Alejandro Barajas. Alex and his family live in Riverside where Alex served as a Paid-on-call Firefighter and contract Paramedic for the Riverside Fire Department. Alex fills a vacancy that was created due to a resignation. His position is the result of the department being awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant, SAFER Grant through the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency.



## **LOCAL 2338 and ST. BALDRICK'S**

La Grange Firefighters' Association Team "IAFF 2338's Baldest & Bravest" participated in the annual St. Baldrick's Foundation fundraiser held at Palmer Place on Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>. The team has raised \$6,050 this year to help fight childhood cancer. The Department would like to thank Team Captain Act/Lt. Brian Cramer, Act Capt. Brian Sible, Lt. Tom Bensfield, FF/PM Chuck Crudele and FF/PM Mark Poulos for participating as shavee's.



## **TRAINING**

Lieutenants Brian Sible, Jeff Behland, Brian Cramer and Firefighter Bill Kallal completed the NIMS 300 & 400, Incident Command System programming for public safety, public health and other emergency response professionals. This training ensures that the department remains compliant with federal government requirements to receive emergency preparedness grant funds should the village have a need to request them.

## **CALLS OF NOTE**

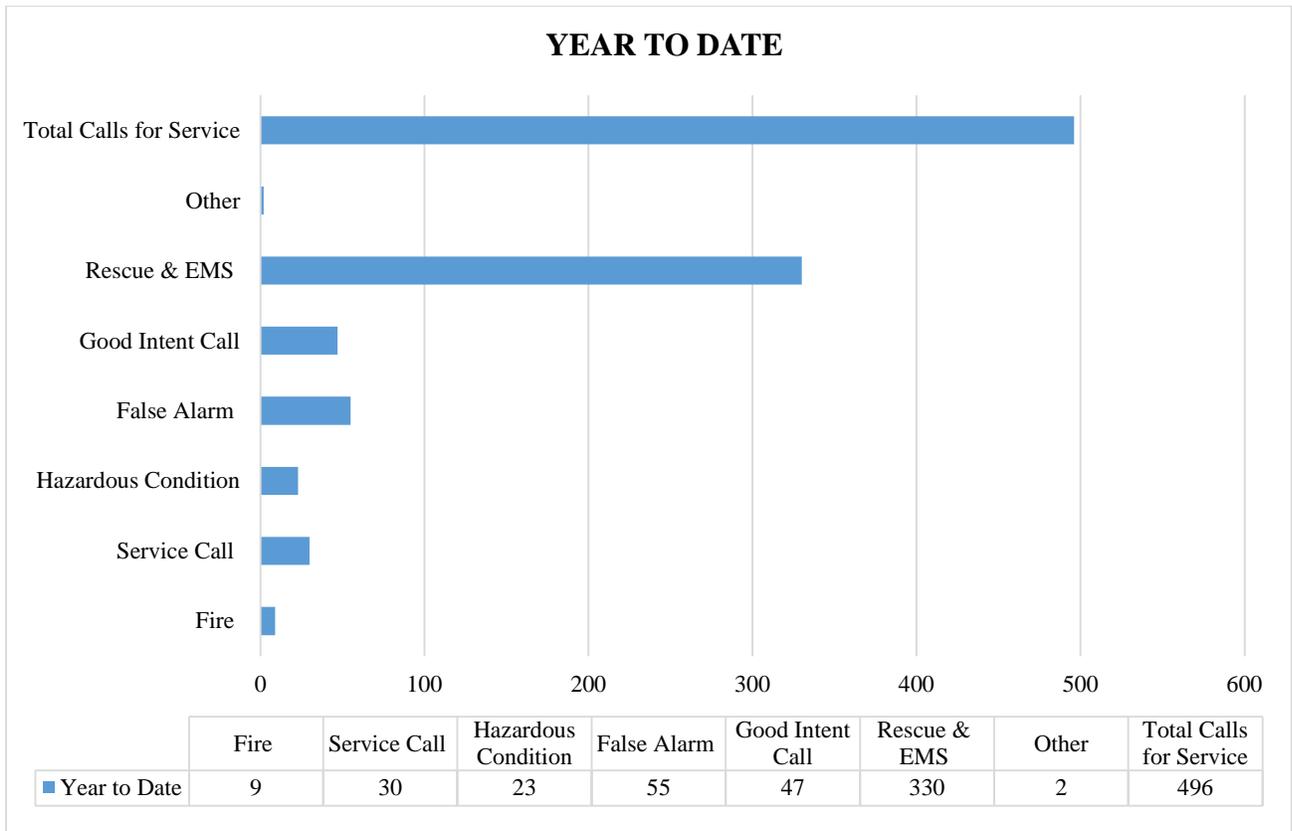
On March 16, 2016, at 1324 hours, La Grange fire companies responded to multiple reports of power lines down in the area of the 200 block of S. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Upon arrival, crew found two primary power lines down in the back yard. A crew taped off the area and remained on scene until Com Ed arrived and verified that the lines were in fact de-energized.

On March 16, 2016, at 1334 hours, La Grange Co. 1101 responded to 429 S. La Grange Rd. for the report of an unknown type wire down in the yard. Upon arrival, 1101 found two primary power lines down behind a garage with no active arcing. The area was taped off and homeowners advised of the situation.

On March 16, 2016, at 1340 hours, La Grange Co. 1114 responded to 69 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the report of power lines down. Upon arrival, crew found no evidence of power lines down in the back yard.

On March 16, 2016, at 1548 hours, La Grange Co. 1114 responded to 621 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the report of a tree and power lines down. Upon arrival, crew found a residents pine tree up against the power lines. No lines were down, area was taped off and the homeowner was advised to dial 911 should the situation change.

**INCIDENT CALLS FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 – MARCH 31, 2016**



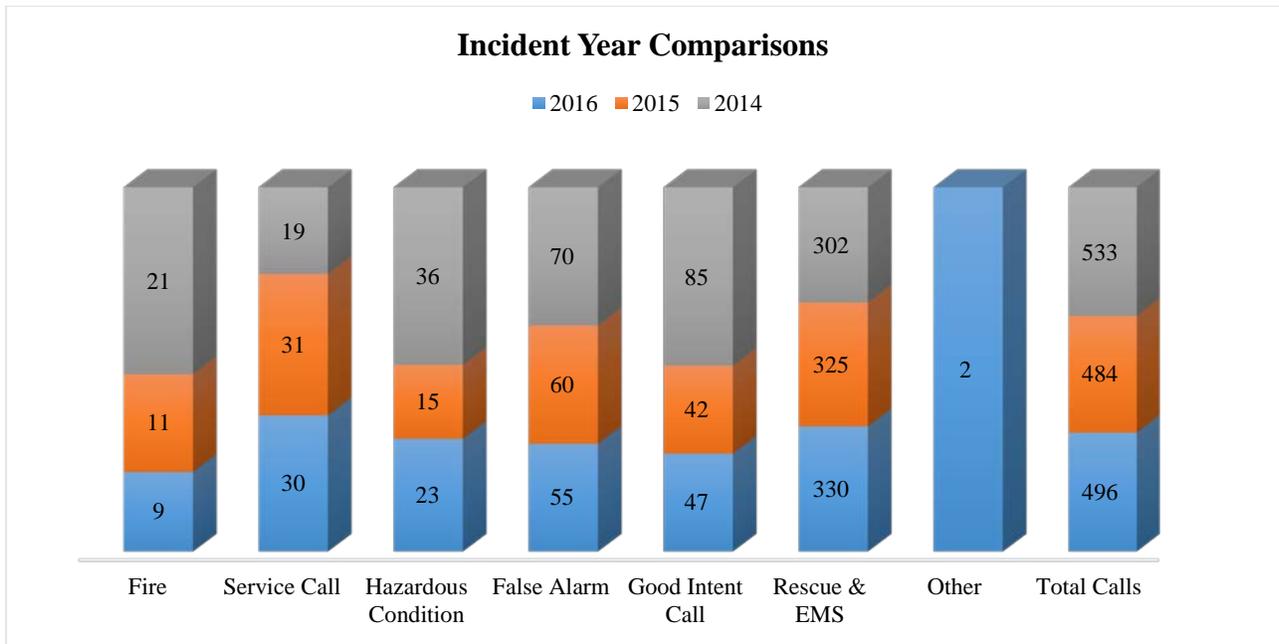
**Number of Incidents by Month:**

<b>January</b>	<b>169 Incidents</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>191 Incidents</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>136 Incidents</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>--- Incidents</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>--- Incidents</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>--- Incidents</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>--- Incidents</b>
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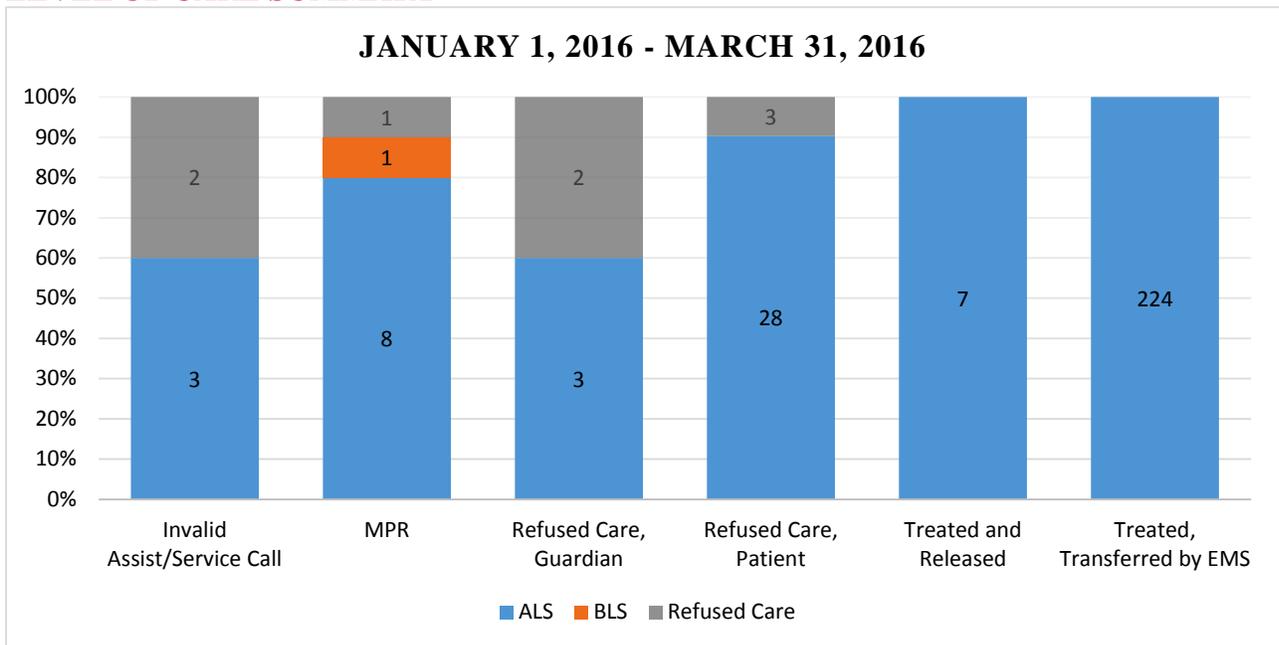
**Total Estimated Loss YTD \$500**

**Total 496 Incidents**

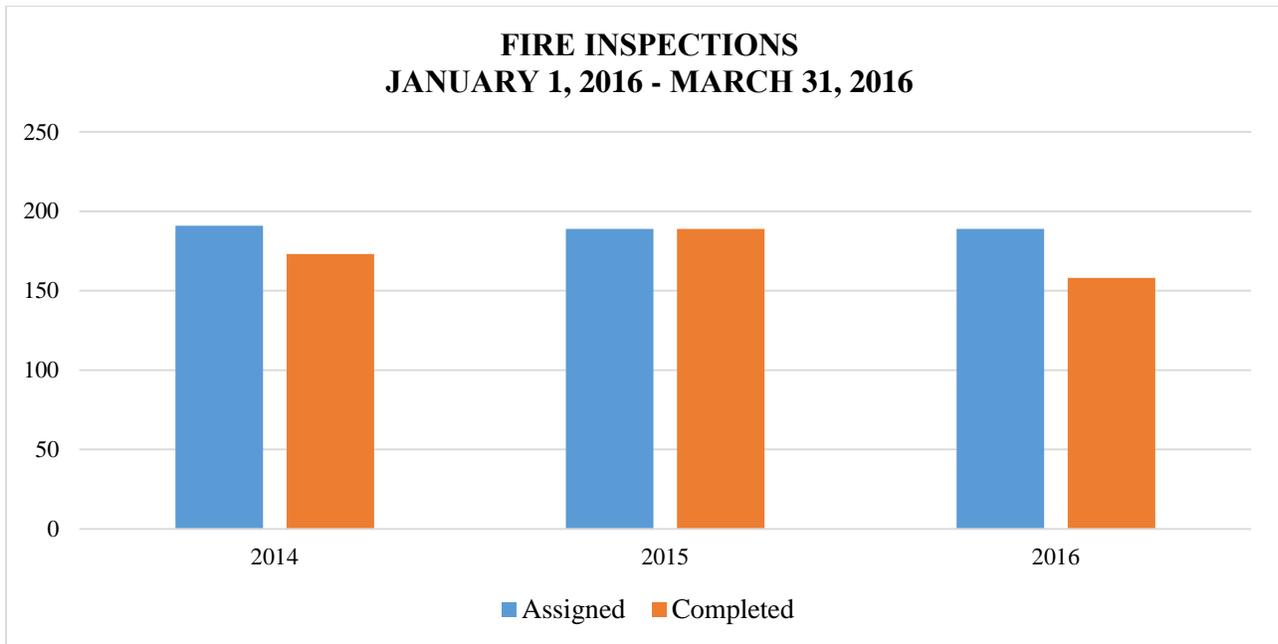
## INCIDENT CALL COMPARISONS YTD FOR 2014-2016



## LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



## FIRE PREVENTION



## TRAINING DIVISION

### TRAINING HOURS FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 – MARCH 31, 2016

2014	2015	2016 - YTD
2815 Hours	2781 Hours	708 Hours

*Fire Chief*