



**A SERVICE
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LA GRANGE
FIRE DEPARTMENT
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EVENTS – 2016

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

**69th 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
25th Annivesary**

LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT APRIL 2016



A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

In July 2015, our department received a note and pictures from Lyons Township High School graduate Nick Winner, who wanted to let us know how appreciative he was about receiving the Ken Straube Fire Science Scholarship and how he was applying the award. We were so taken by his thoughtfulness and impressed with what he was doing, that it got us thinking; how can we help and honor the Straube Family for their generosity and how can we show the 'results' of Ken Straube's love and devotion to the fire service and our department? We hope you enjoy!

Straube Scholarship - History Susie (Straube) Murphy

Firefighter Ken Straube served the La Grange Fire Department as a Paid-on-Call member of the department for 49 years. Although born in St. Louis, Ken was a lifelong resident of La Grange. He began working for the fire department before he was 21 years of age (which required a very hard to get the signature from his mother!). Ken graduated from Lyons Township High School in 1959 and went on to attend Lyons Township Junior College for two years. During the spring of 1961, a house fire erupted near 49th and Waiola. Ken was helping firefighters pull hoses towards the burning structure as he had been doing for months. Fire Captain Bob Kurzrock (retired 1977) told him he could be paid for the duty and should join as a volunteer or paid-on-call firefighter. However, Ken's mom would NOT sign the permission slips because he was under 21 years of age. Eventually, after his best friend, Larry Taggart (retired 1998, Fire Captain) got his mom to allow him to join, Ken's mom folded before his 21st birthday!

Ken maintained many jobs through his time with the LGFD. Shortly after becoming a Paid-on-Call firefighter, he was drafted and served in the US Army. He was a store manager at the local milk store, Tunucci's (47th and La Grange Rd.) when he met the love of his life, Barb Heinen (the La Grange Police Chief's daughter!). His "full-time" career was spent in banking that began at the LaGrange State Bank in Data Processing, ended in the cash vault, as banking evolved and was bought out by Bank One and eventually JP Morgan Chase. He even worked on Saturday's at another friend's shoe store for many decades! However, thru all of his full-time employment and part-time work, his favorite "hobby" was the time he spent at the fire station.

Through the years, he assisted with general duties around the firehouse, responded to fire scenes and provided general support at any type of emergency. During his late years in serving the department, he would be the person that would spend all night sitting on "live wires" before ComEd would show up! In January of 2010, at the age 68, Ken was still working for Chase Bank and trying to access calls he would learn about on his fire radio. Sadly, he died unexpectedly of a heart attack shortly before his 69th birthday.

Our family will never forget dad's LOVE for the LaGrange Fire Department! Therefore, it was a no brainer when we were deciding where we wanted donations in his honor to go. After raising three kids through Lyons Township High School, as well as him and mom being graduates, we wanted to help other young aspiring Fireman! We wanted to help others with the same dream our dad had (and realized for 49 years of service)! The Ken Straube Fire Science Scholarship was quickly created for the 2010 LTHS graduating class. This award is either for a student interested in pursuing a career in firefighting or is a child of a firefighter.

Straube Fire Science Scholarship Award Recipients

'Where are they now?'



Class of 2010; Kevin Gay (center), is a FF/PM with the Carol Stream Fire Protection District and a Paid-on-Call FF/PM with the Western Springs Fire Department. He recently completed his Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Safety Management from Southern Illinois University.



Class of 2010; Dan Korzelik, is a FF/PM with the Stone Park Fire Department. Dan has just recently accepted a flight paramedic position with Life Star Air Ambulance run by Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood.



Class of 2011; Lucas Knudsen, is an original member of the Western Springs Fire Explorer program. He has been studying Fire Science along with courses in Emergency Management and Homeland Security at College of Du Page. Lucas remains committed to the Fire Explorer program for which he often times instructs. In his free time, he volunteers at La Grange Hospital.



Class of 2012; Jennifer Frieberg has been studying Speech Language Pathology at The University of Kansas and on May 15, 2016 received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech-Language-Hearing. In August, she will start graduate school at Rockhurst University in Kansas City where she will pursue a Master's of Science Degree in Speech Language Pathology.



Class of 2013; Nick Winner was involved with the Western Springs Fire Explorer program before attending the University of Idaho. Nick is currently a junior studying Fire Ecology and Forest Resources. In the summers, Nick works as a firefighter with the Idaho Department of Lands, Maggie Creek Fire Crew in Kamiah, Idaho.



Class of 2014; Michael Gay (center), is a graduate of the 2015 Paramedic Class of Loyola University Medical Center. He is currently working for a private ambulance company as a paramedic as he pursues his Associate in Fire Science Degree at College of Du Page.



Class of 2015; Janna O'Halloran (center), is a freshman attending Georgia Tech where she is carrying a 3.8 GPA in Bio-Medical Engineering. (To Janna's right is Susie Straube Murphy)

To the Straube Family: we would like to THANK you for your generosity, support and desire in keeping Ken's legacy alive and well.

To the students: simply, outstanding! What a fantastic job by every one of you.

If you are interested in assisting with the scholarship process in the future, please contact the fire chief for information.

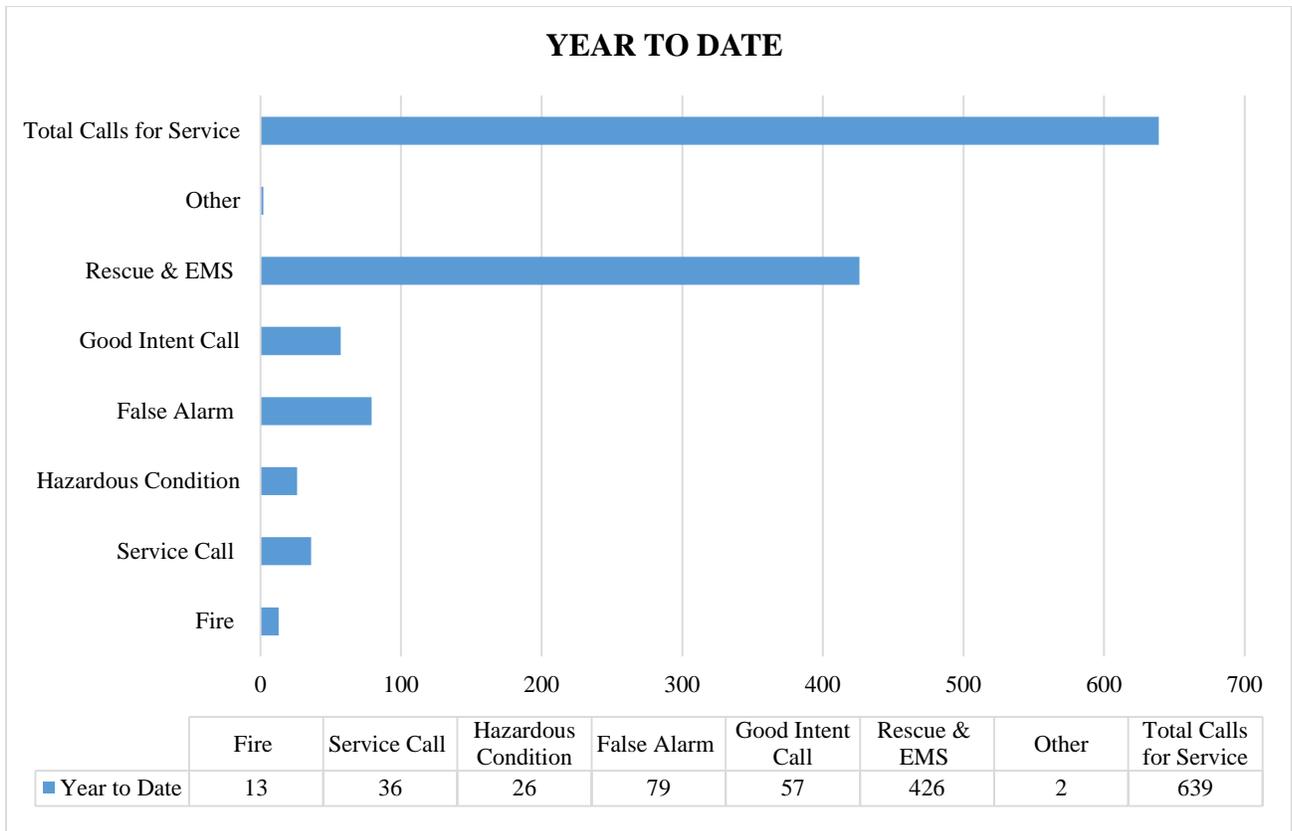
CALLS OF NOTE

On April 9, 2016, at 1924 hours, La Grange and auto-aid fire companies responded to the 300 block of S. Kensington Avenue for the report of a chimney fire. Upon arrival, the homeowner stated there were flames coming out around the chimney cap. Crews removed the remaining logs from the firebox and checked the entire area for heat with the thermal imaging camera. A ladder was used to check the chimney cap as well. No further signs of a fire problem were found. The homeowner was advised to have his chimney serviced annually.

On April 9, 2016, at 2040 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 600 block of S. Catherine for the report of smoke in the home from an unknown source. Upon arrival, crews found the control panel on the dishwasher had shorted out and started to burn. Power to the dishwasher was terminated and the area around it was checked for fire extension of which the crews found none. The homeowner was advised to have the dishwasher replaced.

On April 12, 2016, at 1642 hours, La Grange Companies 1112 and 1101 responded to the 3400 block of Grand Boulevard in Brookfield for the reported smell of smoke. Upon arrival, the engine crew was assigned to lay a supply line and the crew was to report to the second floor to assist with salvage and overhaul. Co. 1101 assisted with the cause and origin of the fire.

INCIDENT CALLS FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 – APRIL 30, 2016



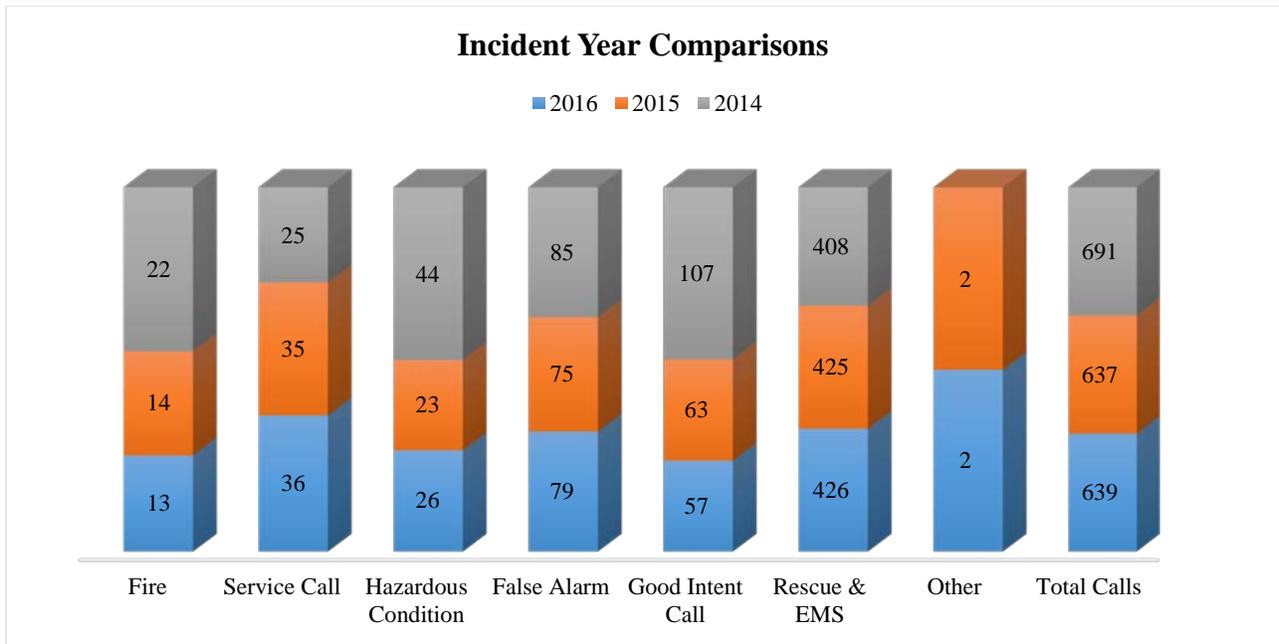
Number of Incidents by Month:

January	169 Incidents
February	191 Incidents
March	136 Incidents
April	143 Incidents
May	--- Incidents
June	--- Incidents
July	--- Incidents
August	--- Incidents
September	--- Incidents
October	--- Incidents
November	--- Incidents
December	--- Incidents

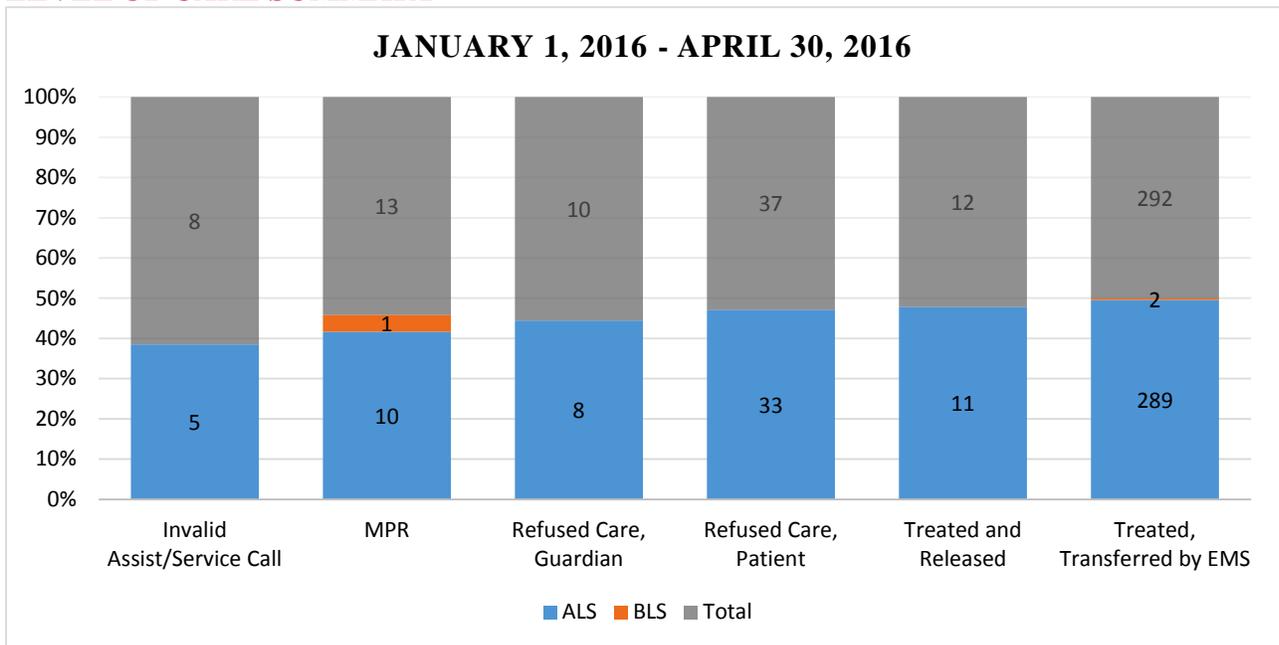
Total Estimated Loss YTD: \$4,000

Total 639 Incidents

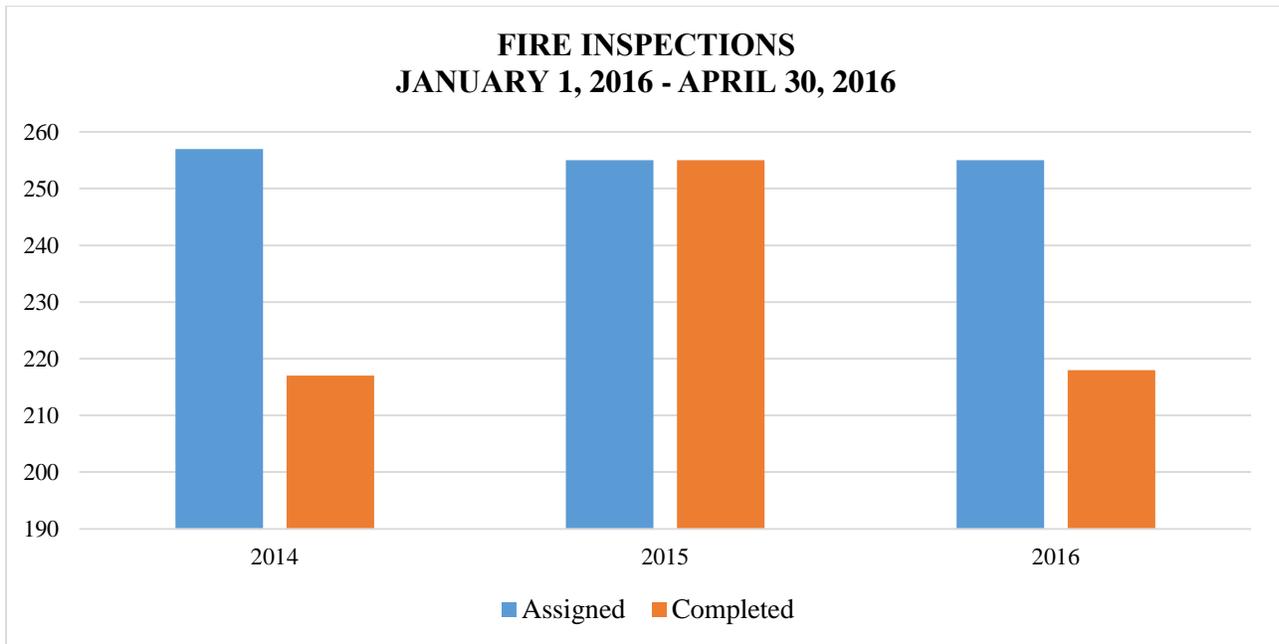
INCIDENT CALL COMPARISONS YTD FOR 2014-2016



LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



FIRE PREVENTION



TRAINING DIVISION

TRAINING HOURS FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 – APRIL 30, 2016

2014	2015	2016 - YTD
2815 Hours	2781 Hours	991 Hours

Fire Chief