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LA GRANGE
FIRE DEPARTMENT
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LOCAL EVENTS – 2016

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

Endless Summerfest
August 5 – 7, 2016
Fireworks August 7 @ 9:30

West End Arts Festival
September 17 – 18, 2016

**Fire Department
Annual Open House**
Saturday October 8, 2016
11:00AM - 3:30PM

Halloween Walk
October 29, 2016

Hometown Holiday
December 3, 2016
5:00PM – 9:00PM
25th Anniversary

LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT JULY 2016



Above is a 1958 Pirsch fire engine that served the Village of La Grange from 1958 until it was taken out of service around 1983.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Summer Safety Tips

Summertime is outdoor fun time; don't let your fun turn tragic. Hazards are all around us, but with proper precautions, summertime can be both enjoyable and safe. Protect yourself, your home and property, your family and neighbors, by following these simple guidelines.

Bike Safety Tips

- Obey the rules of the road.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Wear bright-colored or reflective clothing while riding at night.
- Always ride with traffic – never against it.
- Tell your parent/guardian where you are heading.
- Always keep bicycles locked up.

Summer Barbecues

- Always keep the grill at a safe distance from anything that can burn.
- Never leave a hot grill unattended, and keep children and pets away.

- Wear an oven mitt to protect your hands and forearms.
- Know what to do if you are burned. (Flush with cool water for 10 - 15 minutes)
- Never use a barbecue grill indoors. Not only is this a fire hazard, it is a source of carbon monoxide.
- Use only starter fluid designed for grills when lighting charcoal grills. Never use gasoline, as a flash fire can occur.
- Make sure the charcoal is completely cooled before leaving unattended. Soak the coals in water before discarding them. For gas grills, always be sure to turn off the valve when not in use.
- Never store gas cylinders indoors or too close to your home.
- Frequently check for leaks or excessive wear to the cylinder or connections.

For more fire and grilling safety tips, check out <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information>.

Outdoor Fire Pits

- Don't place your fire pit under a porch roof, power lines or under low hanging tree branches.
- Burn only seasoned firewood or commercial logs.
- Do not use lighter fluid or other flammable liquids to start your fire. They can be unpredictable and dangerous: instead, use kindling and build your fire slowly so that it is always under control.
- Burning of construction debris, household garbage and yard waste (twigs, leaves, and branches) is prohibited.
- An adult should attend burning at all times.
- Use common sense and have respect for your neighbors and neighborhoods. Smoke that creates a hazardous or objectionable condition is prohibited. Fire personnel are authorized to order the extinguishment should a hazardous or objectionable condition exist.

Water Safety

- Never swim alone.
- Never leave children unsupervised around water, even if they know how to swim.
- Do not allow running or rough play around water.
- Always wear a life jacket when on a lake, river, etc. or boating, water skiing or tubing.
- Backyard pools should have a fence (at least 4 feet high) with a self-closing and self-latching gate surrounding the entire pool.
- Always store and use pool chemicals according to manufactures' recommendations.
- Never store pool chemicals in your home.
- Know CPR and have a phone available poolside for emergencies.

Sun Safety

Sun exposure can cause serious burns and put us at risk for skin cancer. Most exposure occurs during childhood. Protect your children with regular use of a sunscreen, even on cloudy days. Most of the sun's radiation penetrates the clouds and can still cause sunburn. Choose a sunscreen that offers both UVA and UVB protection and has an SPF of 15 or higher. Wear protective clothing including a hat, sunglasses, and long shirts and pants. Limit exposure during the sun's strongest hours, 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

CALLS OF NOTE

On July 6, 2016, at 0306 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded for the report of a power line down. While in route, the crew was advised that the power line was down on an unoccupied vehicle and the line was arching. Upon arrival, Co. 1111 reported that the line was a primary line and that they also had a small fire next to the vehicle and requested Com Ed. The crew established a safe area and waited for Com Ed to arrive. Once Com Ed confirmed the line was neutralized the crew extinguished the car fire.

On July 11, 2016, at 0205 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 and Chief 1101 responded auto-aid to the 4100 block of Gage Avenue in Lyons for the structure fire. Co. 1112 covered the Lyons fire station as a change company. Co. 1101 acted in a sector officer position.

On July 26, 2016, at 1555 hours, La Grange responded with three Hazardous Materials Technicians to the Pleasantview Fire Protection District for the Hazardous Materials Box Alarm request at 55th Street and Dansher in Countryside. Upon arrival, two of the crewmembers were assigned to monitor the 'hot zone' for LEL and hazardous gas. The crew was released by command when the incident was terminated.

RETIREMENT

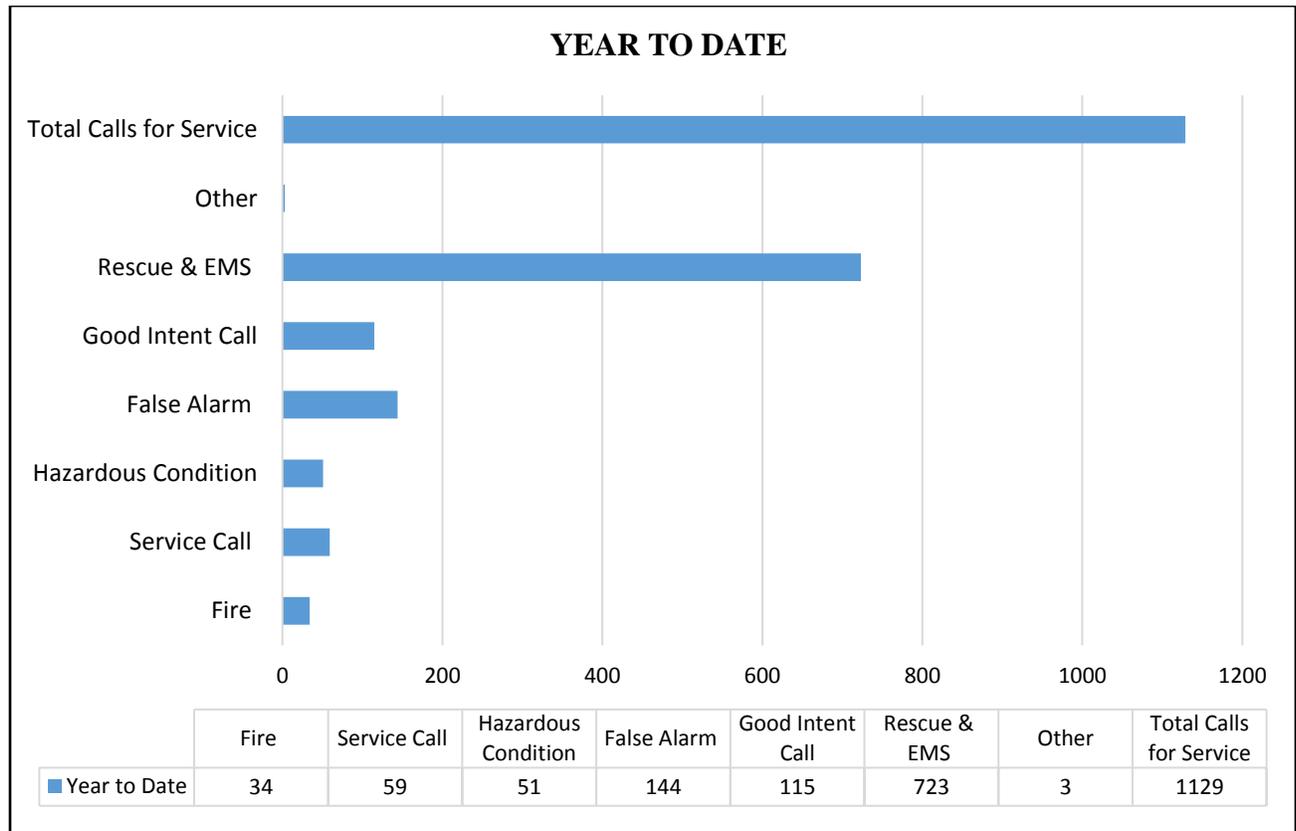
The Fire Helmet

A fire helmet is more than just a piece of equipment; it is the iconic symbol of a noble profession of those willing to sacrifice their own safety in order to help others. Ask any veteran firefighter if there is one piece of memorabilia they would take with them after a career of fighting fire, and a majority would say their fire helmet. Smoke stained, scratched, chipped, it symbolizes a rewarding, memorable career full of challenges and accomplishments, bravery and brotherhood.



Congratulations to Acting Captain/Lieutenant Todd Berghaus. Thank you for your twenty years of service and dedication to the citizens of La Grange. July 29, 1996 – July 31, 2016

INCIDENT CALLS FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 – JULY 31, 2016



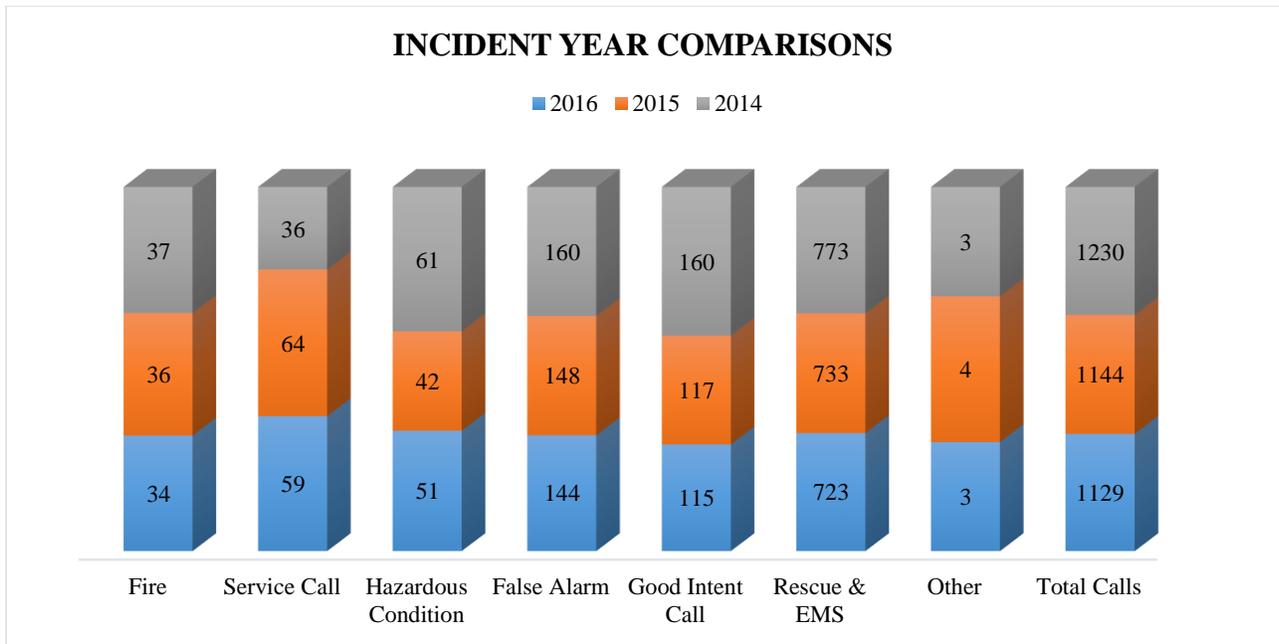
Number of Incidents by Month:

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| January | 169 Incidents |
| February | 191 Incidents |
| March | 136 Incidents |
| April | 143 Incidents |
| May | 173 Incidents |
| June | 161 Incidents |
| July | 156 Incidents |
| August | --- Incidents |
| September | --- Incidents |
| October | --- Incidents |
| November | --- Incidents |
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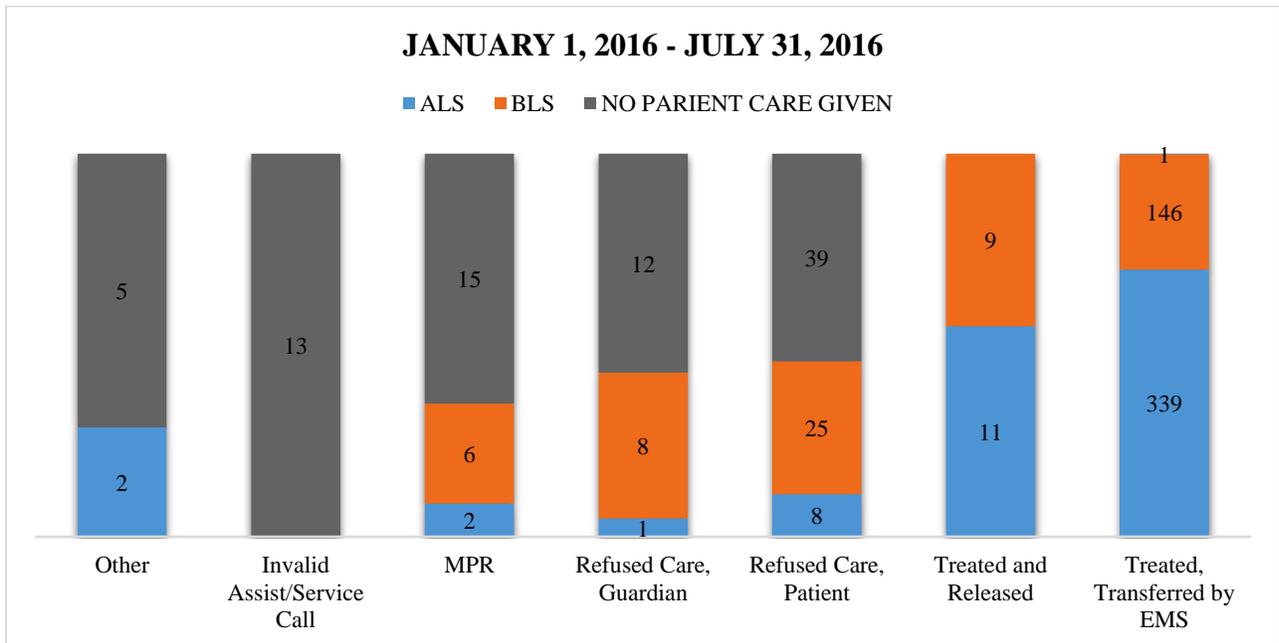
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Total 1129 Incidents

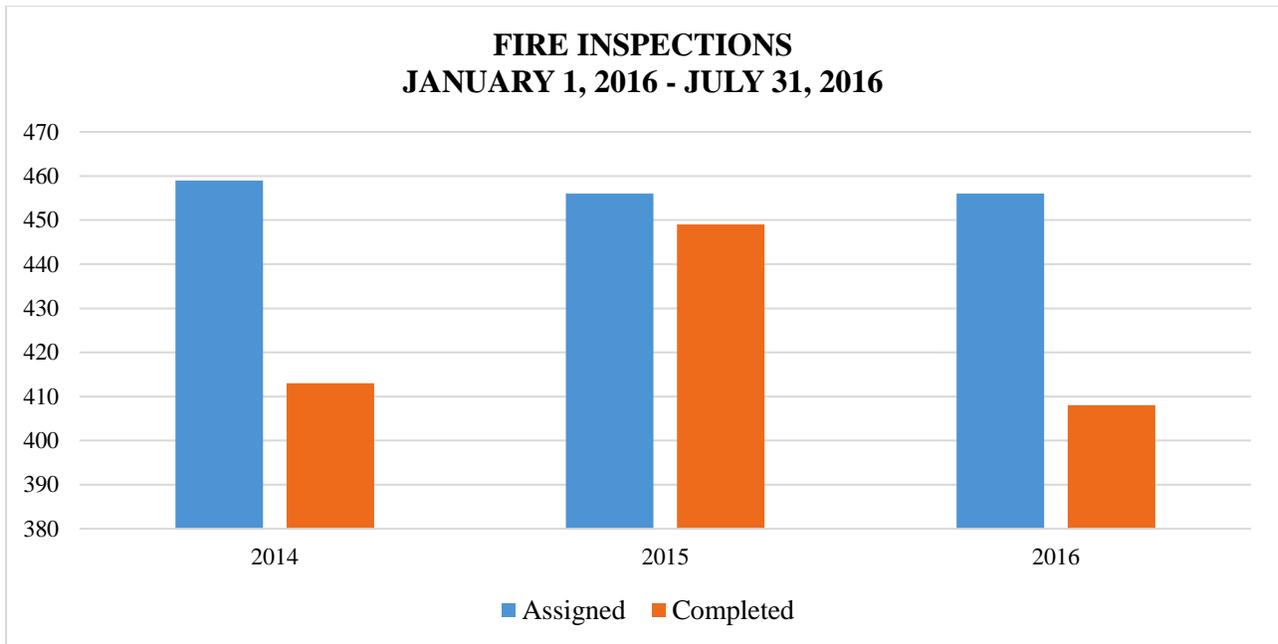
INCIDENT CALL COMPARISONS YTD FOR 2014-2016



LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



FIRE PREVENTION



TRAINING DIVISION

TRAINING HOURS FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 – JULY 31, 2016

| 2014 | 2015 | 2016 - YTD |
|------------|------------|---------------|
| 2815 Hours | 2781 Hours | 1407.75 Hours |

Fire Chief