



A SERVICE  
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OF THE  
LA GRANGE  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
708-579-2338

### LOCAL EVENTS – 2016

#### **Farmers Market**

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

#### **West End Arts Festival**

September 17 – 18, 2016

#### **Fire Department Annual Open House**

Saturday October 8, 2016  
11:00AM - 2:30PM

#### **Halloween Walk**

October 29, 2016

#### **Hometown Holiday**

December 3, 2016  
5:00PM – 9:00PM  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2016



Above is our three-bay fire station located at 300 W. Burlington Avenue. This station was originally built in 1954 and remodeled in 1990.

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

### **Smoke Detectors**

Save lives and protect property

Smoke alarms contribute significantly to the safety of your family by sensing smoke long before the fire has had time to spread. Fire, smoke, and toxic gasses move swiftly and silently through a structure, reducing visibility and your ability to escape from the house safely. Poisonous gasses and smoke from a fire in your home can numb the senses in a very short time. Every home needs a device that can wake people up in time to escape.

### Choosing a Smoke Alarm

There are several name brands available including Underwriters Laboratories (UL) and Factory Mutual (FM). It is recommended to have a combination ionization/photoelectric smoke alarm. Smoke alarms are available for the hearing impaired and can be purchased through your local fire equipment companies. It is important that you follow the manufacturer's recommendations for installation, testing, and maintenance.

### How Many Smoke Alarms Do You Need?

Install at least one smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and one on each level of the home. Smoke alarms are not recommended for kitchens because of false alarms from cooking vapors, garages where automobile exhaust

might cause false alarms, attics or other unheated spaces where extremes of temperature or humidity might affect their operation. In these areas, you should install a heat detector.

### Installation - Where and How?

If you are a renter, the property owner is responsible for installing and maintaining alarms. To install most smoke alarms, all you need is a screwdriver and a drill. Because smoke rises, each alarm should be mounted high on a wall or the ceiling to detect traces of smoke. Wall-mounted alarms should be no less than 4" or nor more than 12" from the ceiling. Ceiling mounted detectors should be at least 4" from a wall. Smoke alarms should not be mounted near air vents.

### Maintenance

It is extremely important to test and clean all detectors regularly. You need to check your alarm at least once a month, and most alarms are equipped with a test button. Dust or cobwebs can reduce an alarm's sensitivity to smoke. Clean your smoke alarm at least 3-4 times a year by using the brush end of your vacuum cleaner. Replace the batteries at least once a year if the alarm is battery operated. Smoke alarms need to be replaced every ten years and never paint a smoke alarm.

### Escape Plans

Once a fire has started, it spreads rapidly. Routine exits may become blocked by smoke or fire. You and your family should plan multiple escape routes to help guarantee a safe exit. Choose a meeting place outside to meet to ensure everyone has escaped. Practice your escape plan. Make sure children know exactly what to do; you may not be able to reach them at the time of the fire.

**LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OPEN HOUSE 2016**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH  
11:00 AM -2:30 PM**

**300 W BURLINGTON AVENUE  
708-579-2883**

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**ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

**JOIN THE FIREFIGHTERS FOR REFRESHMENTS, POPCORN, SMOKEY THE FIRE DOG, A TOUR THE FIRE HOUSE STATION AND FIRE TRUCK AND MOST IMPORTANTLY A LIVE FIRE DEMONSTRATION FROM 12:00 -1:00**

**MEET REPRESENTATIVES FROM LA GRANGE HOSPITAL, THE RAILROADS, LA GRANGE PARK DISTRICT, THE LIBRARY AND OTHERS.**





IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOPIC,  
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## **CALLS OF NOTE**

On September 7, 2016, at 0300 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 500 block of S. Catherine after receiving a call on the non-emergency business line reporting a CO detector activation. Upon arrival, the crew found an initial CO reading of 54ppm at the front door. The crew checked all gas burning appliances and found no problems. Fire crew investigated the rest of the home and found the cause to be that the homeowner left their car running in the attached garage. The peak CO reading of 145ppm. The crew shut off the car, opened the garage door, and the crew ventilated the home and garage using a smoke ejector fan until achieving a 0ppm reading.

On September 21, 2016, at 0822 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 700 block of S. Ashland for the report of a power line down and arcing. Upon arrival, the crew found a primary power line down from pole to pole arcing. The arcing power line had started the fence on fire. The crew advised dispatch to notify ComEd and notify them of the situation. Dispatch was also advised to inform ComEd that fence and power line were directly up against the garage in the 700 block of S. Madison, and that the garage would become involved shortly. While on the scene, power line arched again and began to start the garage on fire. Crews attempted to control fire with CO2 extinguisher with no success. Power line continued to arch keeping the fire going. The crew requested a still alarm for the garage fire. Co. 1111 relocated to 700 block of S. Madison. Crews pulled 1 3/4 pre-connect to the garage, and the vehicle operator established a water supply. Crews gained entry into the garage through the pedestrian door and opened the overhead garage door. The crew investigated the second floor of the garage which had a slight haze. Pleasantview 1519 was assigned to 700 block of S. Ashland and pulled 1 3/4 pre-connect to the back side of the garage. 1101 advised 1519 crew to lob water on the fire to control fire spread. Before extinguishment, crews moved the personal property to the corner of building on the parking area and second floor of the garage and placed tarps over belongings. ComEd arrived on scene and de-energized power lines. The crew extinguished the fire from the exterior of the garage. Crews performed an overhaul on the interior of the garage to check for extension. Crews completed an overhaul of the garage. Overhauled material from interior removed from garage interior and washed down with pre-connect. Overhaul performed on the exterior of the garage as well. Caution taped placed at scene marking area of the downed power line. Crews repacked water supply lines and picked up pre-connects. Crews returned to quarters.

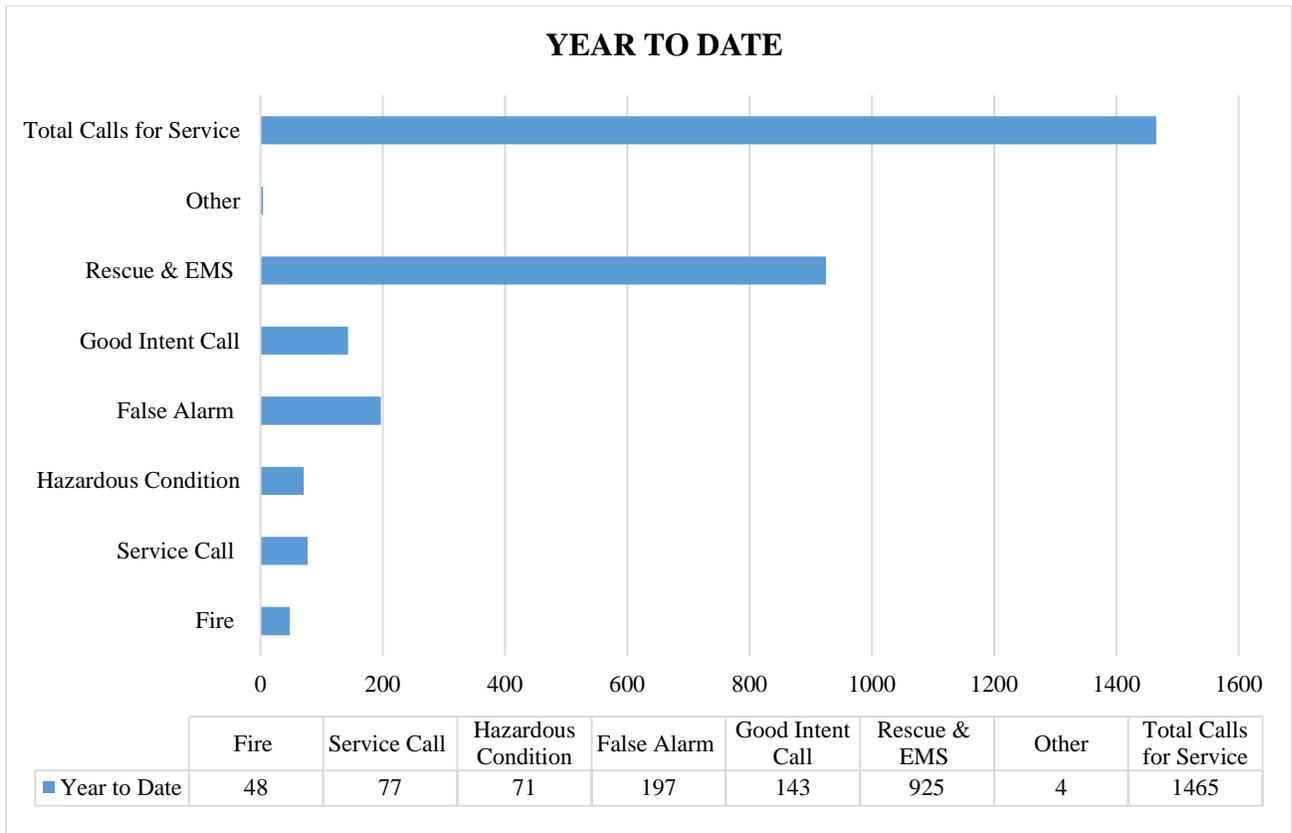
On September 22, 2016, at 0607 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to Ogden and Stone Avenues for the reported car fire. Upon arrival, Co. 1111 found a car with the engine compartment fully involved. The crew extinguished the fire using a 1 3/4" attack line. The vehicle was a total loss.

On September 24, 2016, at 0329 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded on a MABAS Division 10 Fire Box Alarm to Tri-State at the 9S400 block of Frontage Road in Willowbrook. The crew was assigned to assist with water supply and to assist with extinguishment in Divisions A, and C. Crew was released after assisting with picking up supply line.

On September 26, 2016, at 1754 hours, La Grange Co. 1114 responded to the 6800 block of Joliet Road to assist Pleasantview with a pin in accident. Crew transported two patients to La Grange Hospital.

On September 27, 2016, at 1406 hours, La Grange, and auto-aid companies responded to the 00 block of Sawyer for the activated fire alarm with detectors covering the 4<sup>th</sup> bedroom, dining room, living room and family room going off. Upon arrival, 1101 reported nothing showing from three sides and no evacuation. 1101 gained entry through an open patio door and found a pot on the stove with the stove on with no one home. The stove was shut off and the pot removed from the home. Auto-aid companies' response was canceled and remaining La Grange crew ventilated home. The alarm was reset, home secured and crews were released. Upon returning to the station, 1101 made contact with the home management company to advise them of the situation.

**INCIDENT CALLS FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**



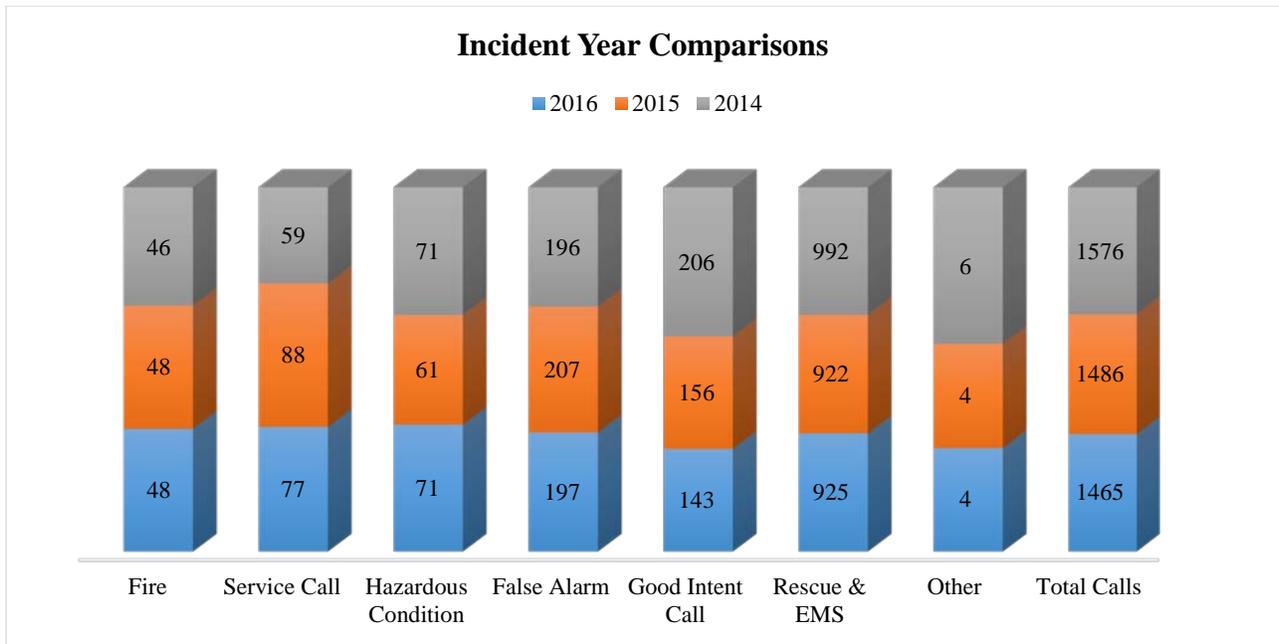
**Number of Incidents by Month:**

<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>143 Incidents</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>173 Incidents</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>161 Incidents</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>155 Incidents</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>179 Incidents</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>157 Incidents</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>--- Incidents</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>--- Incidents</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>--- Incidents</b>

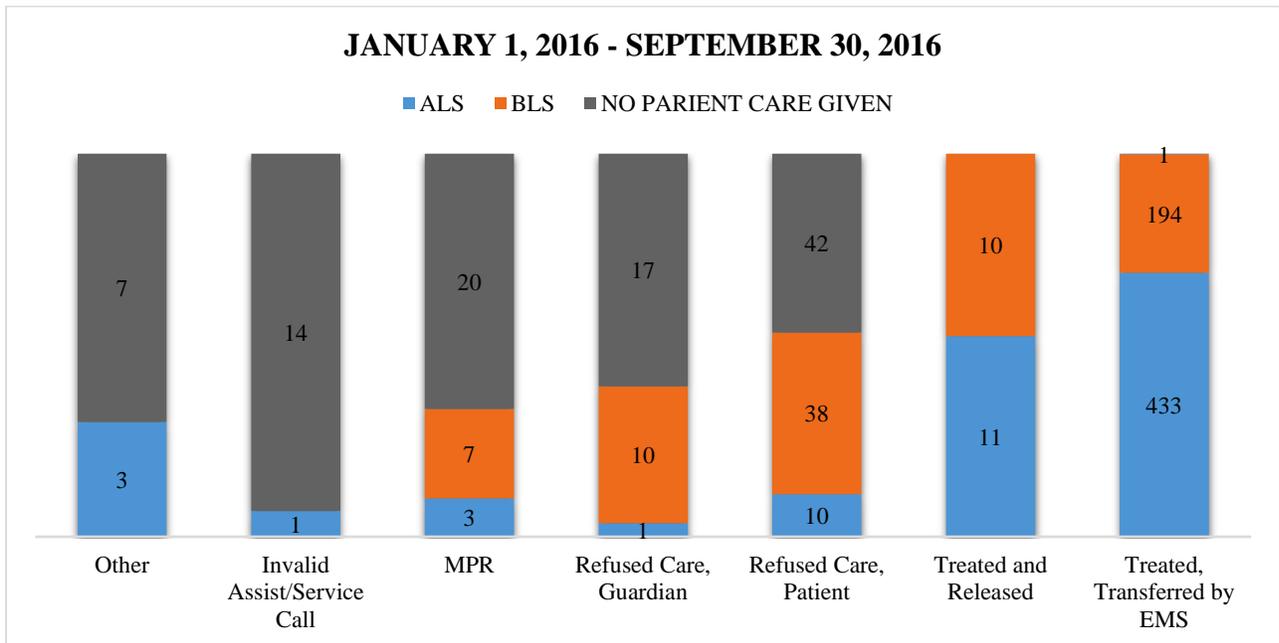
**Total Estimated Loss YTD \$893,950**

**Total 1465 Incidents**

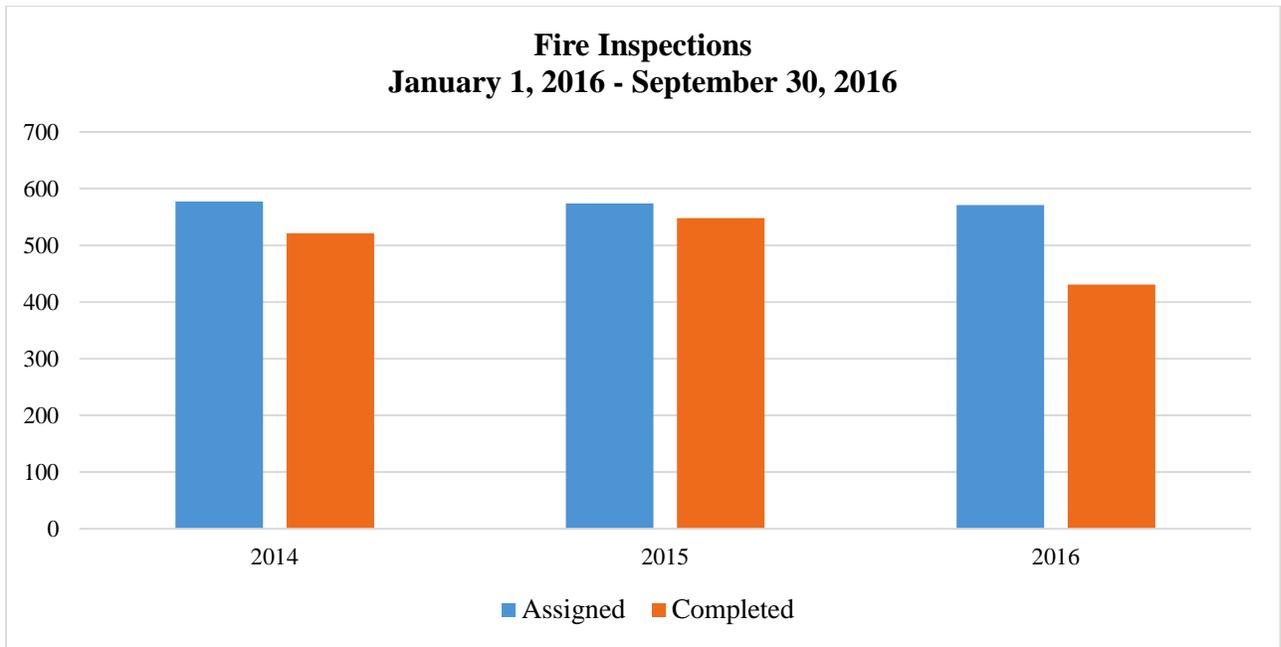
## INCIDENT CALL COMPARISONS YTD FOR 2014-2016



## LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



**FIRE PREVENTION**



**TRAINING DIVISION**

**TRAINING HOURS FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

2014	2015	2016 - YTD
2815 Hours	2781 Hours	1801.5 Hours

*Fire Chief*