



A SERVICE  
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LA GRANGE  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
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### **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> Annivesary

# LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT AUGUST 2016



Above is a 1980 Emergency One fire engine that served the Village of La Grange from 1980 until it was taken out of service and replaced in 2003.

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

### **Save Driving Tips for Back-to-School Season**

It's that time of year again when schools throughout La Grange will be back in full swing. That means busy playgrounds, more kids running across the street and yellow school busses seemingly everywhere. Motorists can prepare for the back-to-school driving season by following a few simple safety tips.

**Slow Down!** The speed limit in school zones is reduced to 20 mph for a reason. Cover the brake pedal with your foot while scanning the road for kids when entering a marked school zone. Remember to always come to a complete stop at stop signs, checking carefully for children on sidewalks and in crosswalks before proceeding.

**Yield to School Busses** Exercise caution when approaching a school bus or driving near bus stops. NEVER pass a school bus while its lights are flashing and children are entering or exiting the bus. Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. You should slow down and prepare to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists traveling in both directions must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again. Also, don't tailgate a bus as they make frequent and often sudden stops (Rule of thumb: stay far

enough back that you can see the driver in the bus rear-view mirror). Finally, when school buses are trying to merge back into traffic, you must give them the right of way.



**Watch for Bicycles,** Children on bikes are often inexperienced, unsteady and unpredictable. Slow down and allow at least three feet of passing distance between your vehicle and the bicycle. Always keep an eye out for bicyclists in hot spots like marked school zones, bike lanes and near bus stops.

**Be Alert and Eliminate Distractions,** Be aware that children often behave unpredictably, so keep an eye out for kids darting into the street or crossing without first looking both ways for traffic. On streets without crossing guards, pay special attention to children trying to cross the street. Be especially careful on streets with on-street parking as it may be hard to notice a child emerging from behind a car. Do not talk on your phone or send text messages while you are driving, as this is actually illegal while in school zones in Illinois.

#### **CALLS OF NOTE**

On August 3, 2016, at 2022 hours, MABAS Division 21 requested an engine for a Change of Quarters to Bedford Park fire station 1. La Grange Co. 1112 covered the station until released by Bedford Park Command.

On August 4, 2016, at 1758 hours, Chief 1101 responded auto-aid to the 8100 block of Ogden Avenue in Lyons for the structure fire. La Grange Co. 1112 responded to the Lyons fire station as a Change of Quarters Company. 1101 acted in a sector officer position before assisting with cause and origin. La Grange 1107 also responded on the Fire Investigators Box Alarm to assist with the cause and origin determination.

On August 9, 2016, at 0339 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 and 1101 responded to the 9400 block of Ogden Avenue in Brookfield for the structure fire. Upon arrival, crew was assigned to second floor apartment and completed assigned tasks. 1101 and 1107 assisted with investigation. Crews were released by command when the incident was terminated.

On August 11, 2016, at 2050 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 00 block of S. Ashland to assist a resident down the stairs from the third floor during a power outage.

On August 16, 2016, at 1027 hours, La Grange Fire Investigator 1107 responded on the MABAS Division 10 Fire Investigator Box Alarm in the 100 block of Herrick Road in Riverside to assist with the cause and origin determination.

On August 19, 2016, at 0513 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 00 block of S. La Grange Road for the automatic fire alarm. Upon arrival, crews found a rag sitting in a steam table tray that was left on high. Crews removed the charred rag and ventilated building. Building was turned over to key holder and alarm was reset.

On August 21, 2016, at 2340 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded to the 3400 block of Park in Brookfield for the garage fire. Upon arrival, crew completed all assigned tasks before being released by Brookfield command.

On August 24, 2016, at 1149 hours, La Grange companies responded to the 00 block of N. Catherine for the power lines down on fire in the yard. Upon arrival, crews established a safe area, notified Com Ed and placed a 1 ¾" hand line in service to protect exposures. After the area was rendered safe, crew was able to cool down the area and confirm no extension in to the garage. During this call the department ran two ambulance calls and the engine responded from the scene to a third ambulance call which required an auto-aid ambulance.

On August 30, 2016, at 1844 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 300 block of S. Brainard for the odor investigation. Upon arrival, crew noticed a distinct odor of rotten eggs and meter detection showed an elevated Carbon Monoxide. Crew donned SCBA and found a peak level of 515 ppm in the basement. Crew found the battery backup for the sump pump was smoking and causing the problem. The battery was removed from the home and the home was ventilated.

On August 31, 2016, at 2032 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 100 block of Kemman Avenue for the automatic fire alarm. Upon arrival LGRG crew reported light smoke showing from the south side of the building. While LGRG crews were gaining entry to building, Brookfield companies reported heavy smoke from the rear overhead service door located on the north side of the building. The alarm was upgraded to a Full Still. Brookfield forced entry through rear pedestrian door. Upon entering building, crews had heavy smoke in the shop area with smoke level near the floor. Crews had moderate heat and were able to locate fire about midway into shop using a Thermal Imaging Camera. Interior crews extinguished the fire as exterior crew from Pleasantview forced overhead doors on north and south side for ventilation. Division 10 Mobile Ventilation Unit was requested to ventilate shop area. Cause of fire is under investigation.

The La Grange Fire Department would like to thank the following departments for their assistance with the above fire operations. Brookfield, Pleasantview, La Grange Park, Western Springs, Lyons, Argonne and Tri-State.

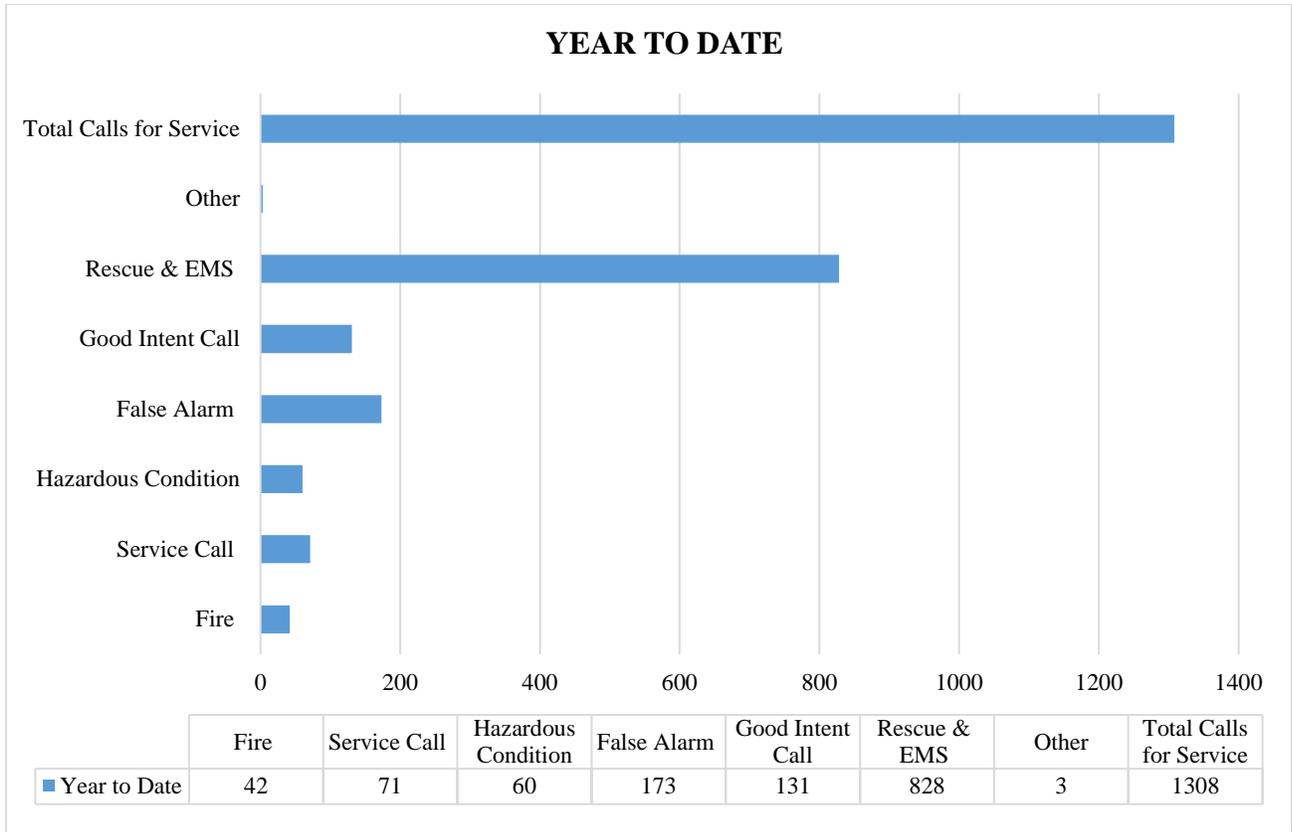
We would also like to thank the following departments for their assistance with the cause and origin determination. Brookfield, Pleasantview, Lyons, Riverside, McCook, Forest View and Darien Woodridge.

# PROMOTIONS



On Monday August 22, 2016, the La Grange Village Board held a swearing in for two La Grange Firefighters that were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Congratulations to Lieutenant Brian Cramer and Lieutenant Bill Kallal.

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



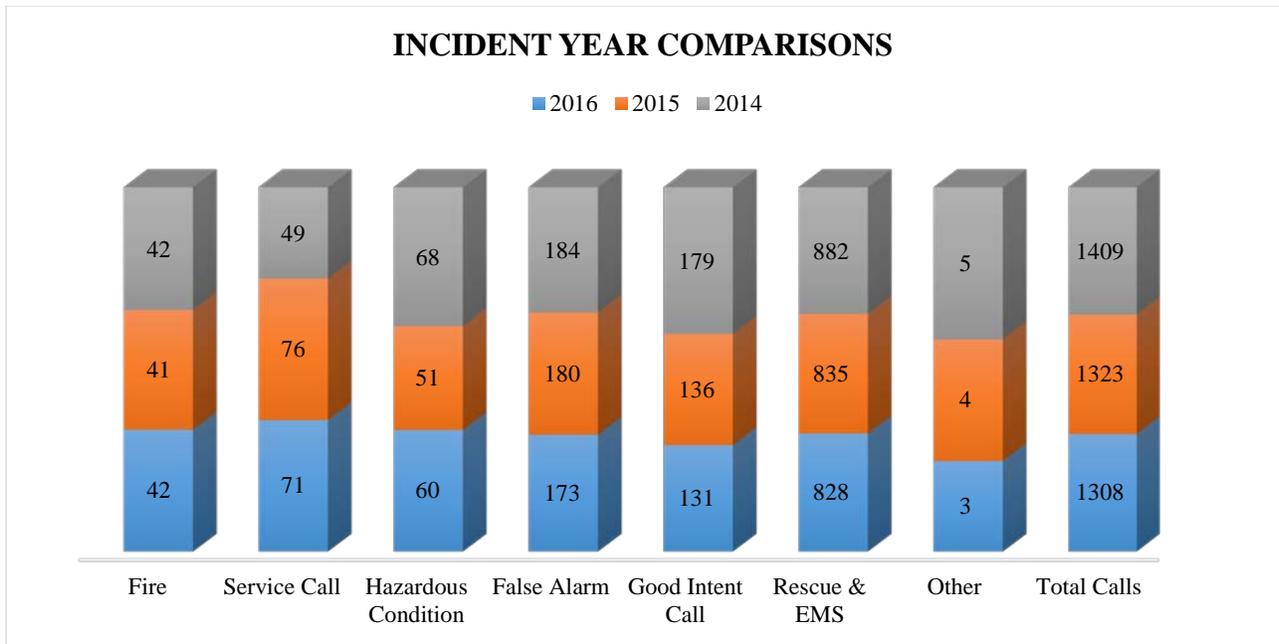
**Number of Incidents by Month:**

<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>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>--- Incidents</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>--- Incidents</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>--- Incidents</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>--- Incidents</b>

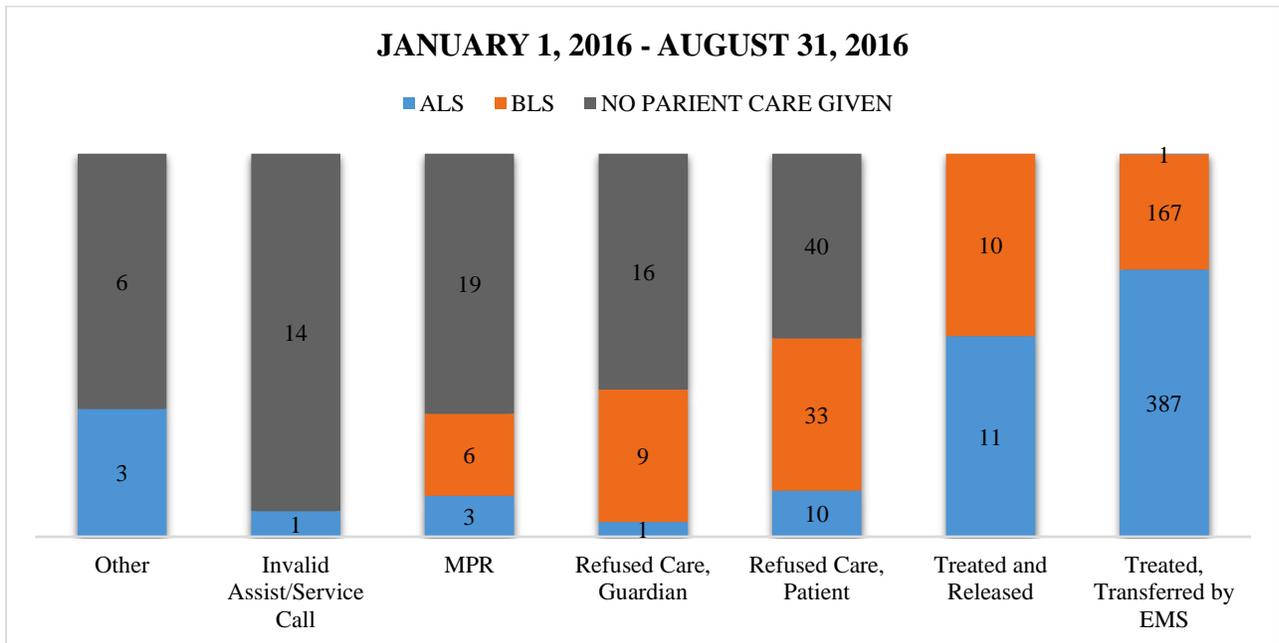
**Total Estimated Loss YTD \$880,600**

**Total 1308 Incidents**

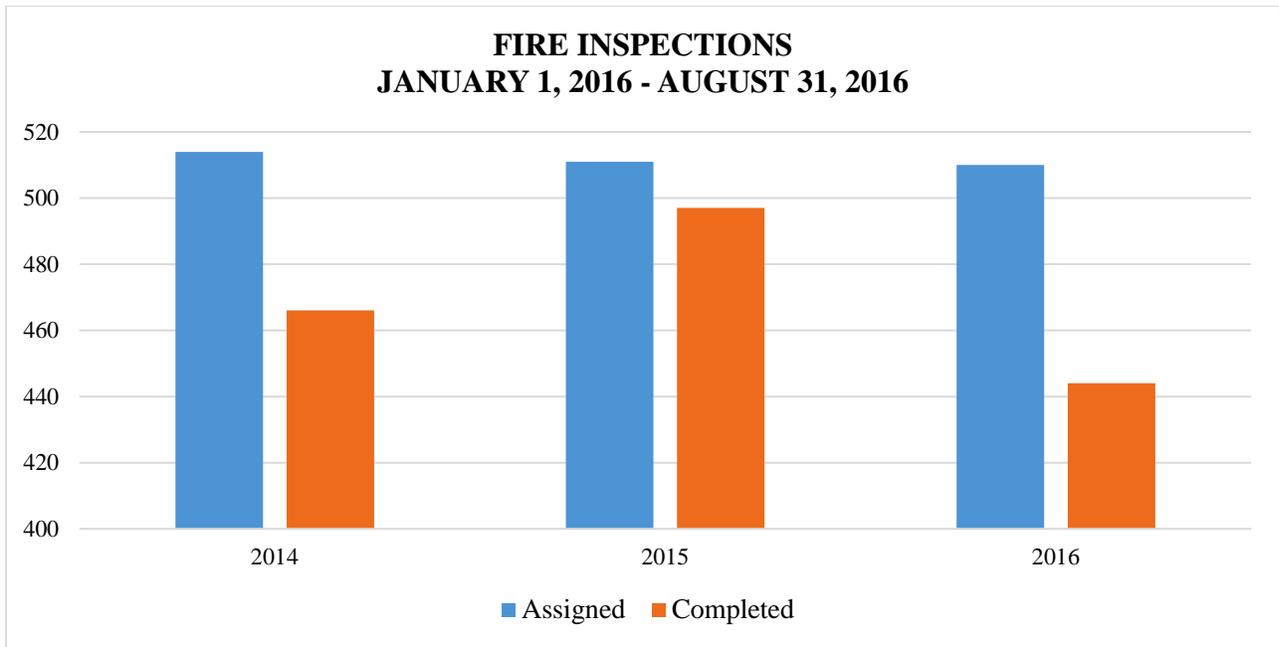
## INCIDENT CALL COMPARISONS YTD FOR 2014-2016



## LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



## FIRE PREVENTION



## TRAINING DIVISION

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

2014	2015	2016 - YTD
2815 Hours	2781 Hours	1625.75 Hours

*Fire Chief*