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FIRE DEPARTMENT
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LOCAL EVENTS – 2016

Farmers Market

May- October
Thursday
7:00AM – 1:00PM

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
25th Anniversary

LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 2016



Above is a circa 1890's horse drawn hose cart that served the village. The photo was taken around 1958 in our current fire station located at 300 W. Burlington Avenue. Department members from left to right are Bob Otto, Frank Wirtz, Al Grigas and Jim Warren (seated).

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Fire Prevention Week - Open House

The National Fire Prevention Association states that Fire Prevention Week dates back to 1922. Each year the NFPA changes themes to encourage and highlight ways to help save lives and protect property from fire.

On October 8, 2016, the La Grange Fire Department held its annual Open House to kick off National Fire Prevention Week 2016.

Once again, the event was well attended as Mother Nature cooperated with a sunny, mild day. The Open House is an opportunity for the general public to meet the firefighter/paramedics serving their community and see the firehouse where they work and live during their 24-hour shifts. All of the fire departments emergency equipment was on display for all to see up close. Educating the public is one of the main goals of the Open House and hopefully the attendees picked up some valuable information during the stove fire and burn room demonstrations. The burn room is always a crowd favorite as the speed of the fire's growth, as well as the intensity of the heat, catches everyone by surprise.

Numerous outside agencies, such as Amita La Grange Hospital, Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad, and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, had representatives on hand presenting their important safety messages as well. Another goal of the Open House is to entertain. The smiles seen on the

children's faces when Sparky the Firedog visited and the laughter heard at the fire hose squirt house assured us our goal had been completed.

There's always room for improvement as we continue to search for ways to educate the community on fire safety. If you have ideas or comments on how we can improve our Open House, please contact Firefighter/Paramedic Craig Martinaitis with your comments.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2017 Open House scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2017.



CALLS OF NOTE

On October 4, 2016, at 1250 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 300 block of Bluff after receiving a call from the resident who stated she had dumped contents of ashtray into a garbage bag. Contents then started smoking, and the resident had poured water into the bag. Upon arrival, crew poured more water into the bag to ensure extinguishment. The crew then used a smoke ejector to ventilate the apartment. The resident was advised not to dump hot ashtray contents into a garbage bag.

On October 11, 2016, at 1010 hours, La Grange Companies 1115 & 1111 responded for the report of a worker having a seizure on the roof of the LaGrange Theater. On arrival, LT Kallal was met by a worker that stated the victim was on the high rooftop, approximately 50 feet from ground level. This level was only accessible by multiple ladder configurations over varying levels of roofs on the adjacent structures. The patient was found to be sitting up and alert but did not remember what had happened. Witnesses' state active seizure occurred for approximately 1 minute. Due to safety concerns of patient removal down multiple ladder configurations, none of which appeared safe for rescue, LT Kallal requested Pleasantview Ladder Company 1519 to the scene to assist with direct removal from the roof. Co 1519 arrived on scene, Cossitt Ave side, and set up the aerial ladder to the south roofline. A truck-man's belt was placed on the patient, who was still alert and able to follow directions, and a rope was secured to the belt. The crew assisted patient down the ladder while managing the rope during patient descent. The patient was transported to the hospital.

On October 19, 2016, at 1806 hours, La Grange Companies 1111 and 1114 responded to Ogden and La Grange Road for the reported car fire. Upon arrival, Co. 1111 found a car with heavy smoke coming from the passenger compartment. The crew extinguished the fire using a 1'3/4" attack line. The vehicle was a loss.

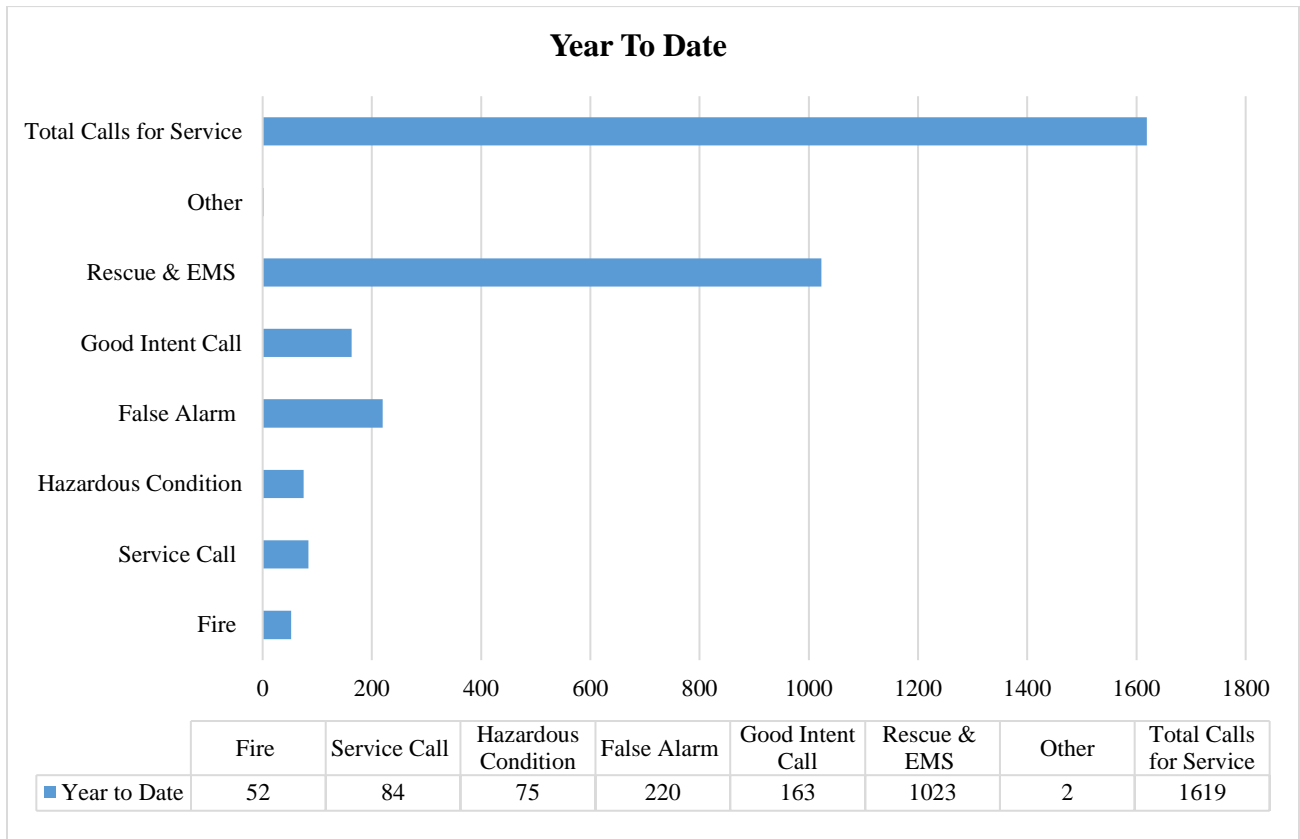
On October 21, 2016, at 1031 hours, La Grange Companies 1111 and 1114 responded to Cossitt and Catherine for the report of a gas main struck by a construction crew. Upon arrival, it was found that a construction crew had severed a 6-inch low-pressure gas main. Crews assisted with securing a safe area around the scene by diverting vehicular and pedestrian traffic and provided NICOR crews with fire suppression readiness as they worked to isolate and repair the main. Crews remained on the scene for nearly seven hours.

On October 22, 2016, at 1916 hours, Co. 1111 responded to the 100 block of S. Kensington for the grill on fire. Upon arrival, the crew found a small fire in the grease drip pan. Expelled air extinguished the fire. The homeowner was advised to clean the grill before using again.

On October 23, 2016, at 1911 hours, La Grange Companies 1111 and 1114 responded to the 200 block of S. Brainard for the report of an unconscious person in a vehicle. Upon arrival, the crew found an unoccupied car had been driven through the back wall of a garage. Crews located the uninjured driver and inspected the garage finding no significant hazards. The building department was notified to follow up on the damaged structure.

On October 28, 2016, at 1414 hours, La Grange Co. 1113 responded on a MABAS Division 10 Fire Box Alarm to Tri-State at 8900 Archer Road in Willow Springs for the structure fire. The crew was assigned to assist with water supply with the remaining crewmembers assigned to RIT crew. Once primary fire operations completed, RIT was released. The crew returned to Co. 1113 and assisted with rebidding supply line. Co. 1113 returned to quarters after being released by command.

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



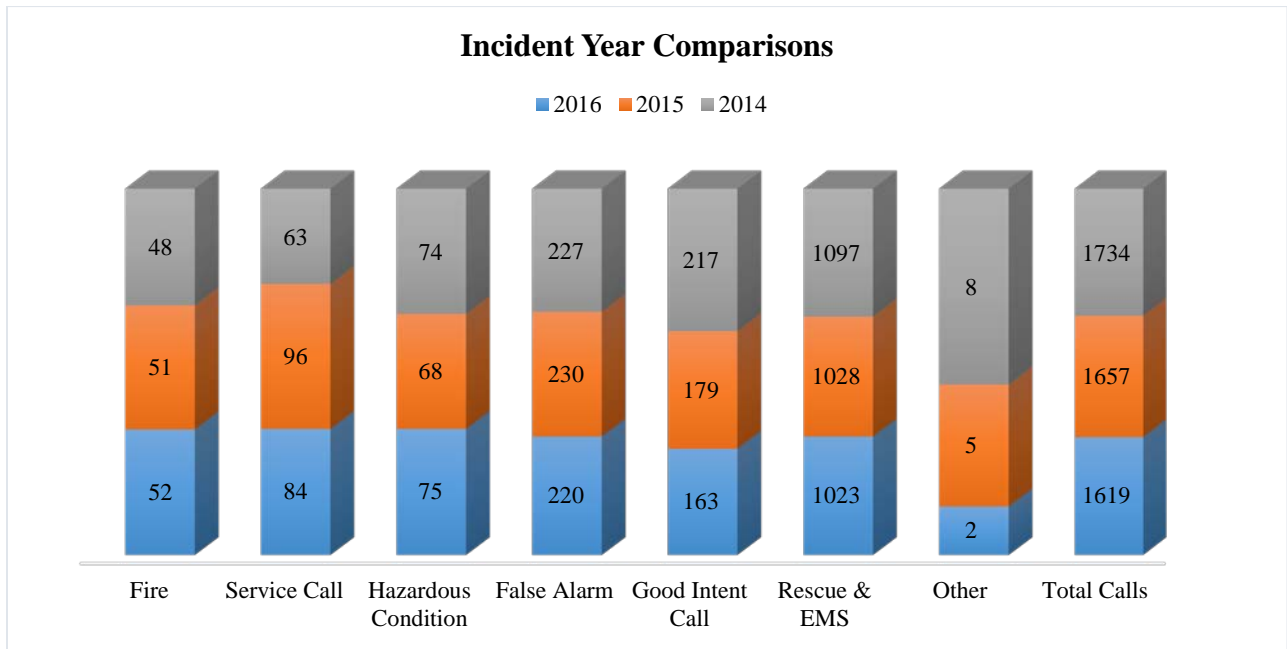
Number of Incidents by Month:

January	169 Incidents
February	191 Incidents
March	136 Incidents
April	143 Incidents
May	173 Incidents
June	161 Incidents
July	155 Incidents
August	179 Incidents
September	157 Incidents
October	156 Incidents
November	--- Incidents
December	--- Incidents

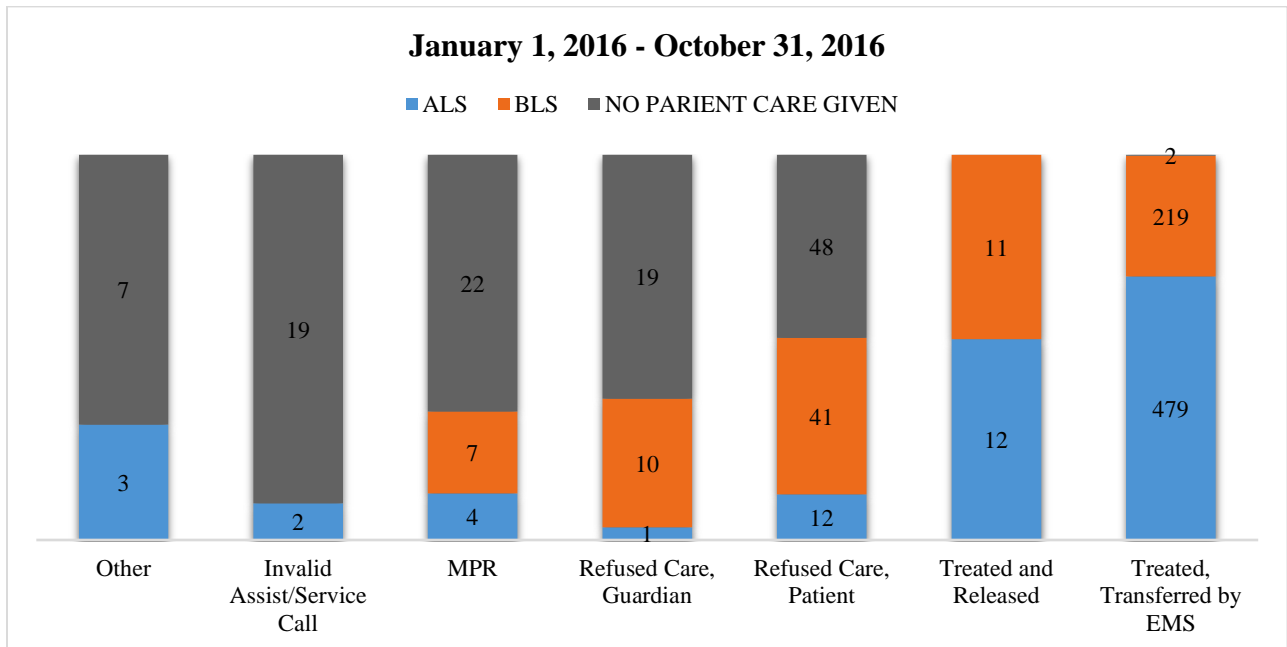
Total Estimated Loss YTD \$895,950

Total 1619 Incidents

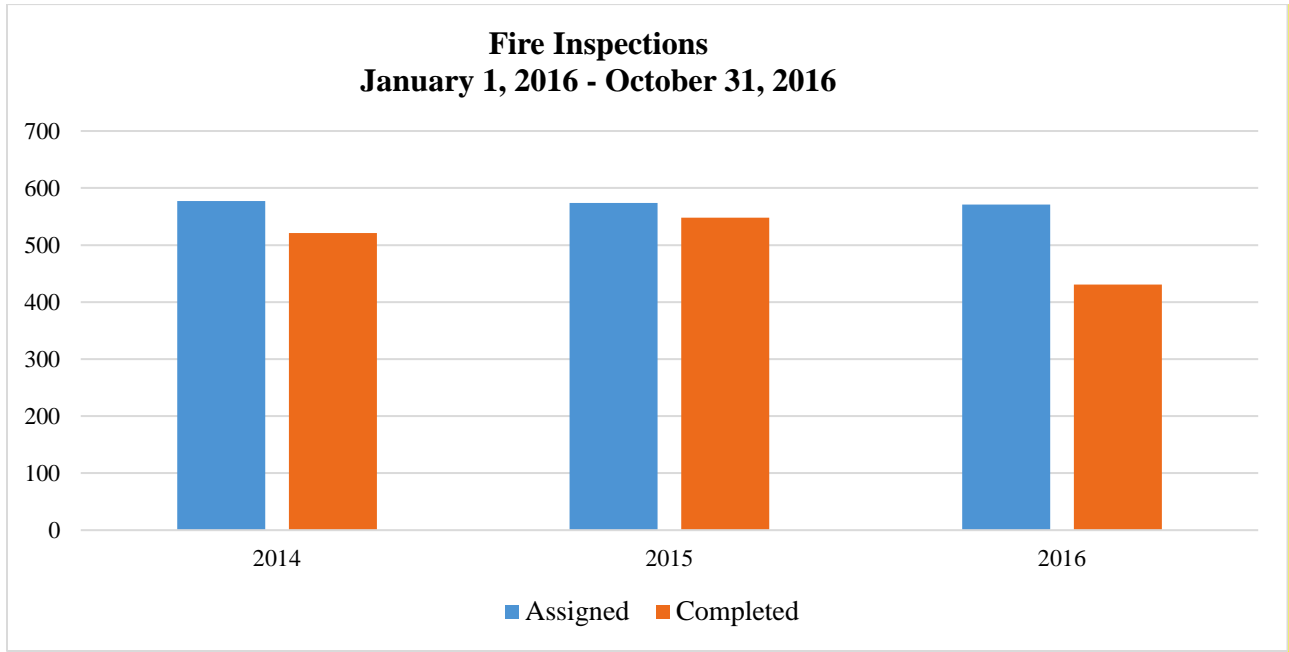
INCIDENT CALL COMPARISONS YTD FOR 2014-2016



LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



FIRE PREVENTION



TRAINING DIVISION

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

2014	2015	2016 - YTD
2815 Hours	2781 Hours	1789.5 Hours

Fire Chief

SPECIAL SAFETY RECALL

KIDDE RECALLS COMBINATION SMOKE/CO ALARMS DUE TO ALARM FAILURE



KIDDE NIGHTHAWK COMBINATION SMOKE/CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS

Hazard:

The alarm can fail to continue to chirp when it reaches its seven year end of life if the batteries are replaced, leading consumers to believe it is still working. This poses a risk of consumers not being alerted to a fire or CO incident in their home.

Remedy:

Replace

Consumer Contact: Kidde toll-free at 855-239-0490 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.kidde.com and click on “Product Safety Notice” for more information.

Units:

About 3.6 million (in addition 1.5 million were sold in Canada)

Description:

This recall involves Kidde NightHawk talking combo smoke/CO alarm with model number KN-COSM-IB and manufacture dates between June 1, 2004, and December 31, 2010. The alarms are hard-wired into a home’s electric power. The unit has a compartment on the back for the installation of a replaceable 9V backup battery. The alarm is white, round and measures about 5 to 6 inches in diameter. “Kidde” is engraved on the front of the alarm. “Kidde,” the model number and manufacture dates are printed on a label on the back on the alarm.

Incidents/Injuries:

Kidde has received eight reports of incidents with the recalled alarms. No injuries have been reported.

Remedy:

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled alarms and contact Kidde directly for a free replacement alarm based on date of manufacture or a discount on a new alarm.

Sold At:

Electrical distributors and home centers nationwide and online at Amazon.com from June 2004 through December 2010 for between \$40 and \$65.

Importer(s):

Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Inc., of Mebane, N.C.

Manufactured In:

China