



A SERVICE
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LA GRANGE
FIRE DEPARTMENT
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LOCAL EVENTS – 2016

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

LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 2016



Above is our fire station located at 300 W. Burlington Avenue.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Holiday Safety Tips

Keep your family and overnight guests safe with a working smoke detector on every level of the house, in every bedroom, and in the halls adjacent to the bedrooms. Test smoke alarms monthly, replace batteries at least once a year.

Keep cooking areas clean and cleared of all combustibles that could ignite if placed too close to the stove area such as boxes, towels, pot holders, or holiday decorations.

Keep the kitchen off-limits to young children and adults that are not helping with food preparations to lessen the possibility of kitchen mishaps. Never leave cooking unattended. If you must exit the kitchen while cooking, turn off the stove or have someone else watch what is being cooked. Unattended cooking is a leading cause of home fires. If a fire does occur, put a lid on it! Pan fires are best extinguished by covering the pan with a lid or a cookie sheet to smother the flames.

Candles are often part of holiday decorations. Candles should never be left burning when you are away from home, or after going to bed. Candles should be placed where children will not be tempted to play with them, and where guests will not accidentally brush against them.

The candle holder should be completely noncombustible and difficult to knock over. The candle should not have combustible decorations around it.

Before choosing a tree, shake it to make sure it's not dropping needles. Limbs should be flexible. Trees with thicker needles, such as the noble fir, last longer.

Place Christmas trees away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Do not use lighted candles on the tree.

Turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep. Faulty or unattended lights cause most Christmas tree fires.

Here is a special fire safety and prevention message from the National Fire Protection Association and the U.S Fire Administration;

The risk of having a home fire increases during the winter months: December, January, and February. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) are teaming up to promote "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires," to help teach the public about winter fire hazards and ways to prevent them.

Each week during the campaign, USFA will share helpful, practical tips to help us make our homes and families safer. Follow #wintersafety on Twitter [@usfire](#) and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/usfire.

For additional fire safety and prevention information, visit the [U.S. Fire Administration](#).

From all the members of the La Grange Fire Department, we wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.

CALLS OF NOTE

On November 2, 2016, at 0013 hours, La Grange Companies 1112 and 1114 responded to the intersection of Cossitt and Gilbert for the reported car into a light pole. Crews arrived on the scene and found multiple power lines down and one utility pole was broken. Crew from 1112 assessed the scene for hazards as the crew from 1114 went to the car. The Officer from Co. 1112 reported no immediate hazards with the vehicle, no power lines down in the hot zone around the car and all personnel working on treating the patient. The patient was treated and transported to Loyola Hospital. Com Ed arrived on scene and began the process of disconnecting the power to the downed pole and wires on the ground.

On November 2, 2016, at 0810 hours, La Grange Co. 1113 responded to Lyons for a change of quarter's engine for their outside gas leak. While in Lyons, Co. 1113 also responded to ambulance calls. The crew remained in Lyons Station until released by Lyons 1301 at 1227 hours.

On November 6, 2016, at 0819 hours, La Grange Companies 1112 and 1114 responded to 47th and 7th Avenue for the reported car into a house. Upon arrival, crews found a car with no occupants, resting halfway into the basement of the home. Fire crews verified the car was empty and checked the interior of the home for other patients and structural damage. Crews secured utilities and contained leaking fluids from the vehicle. The building department arrived on the scene and determined the home was

structurally sound enough to have the vehicle removed. A board up company was notified, the home was turned over to the homeowners' family as the police department continued their investigation.

On November 8, 2016, at 0502 hours, La Grange companies responded to 00 block of N. La Grange Road for the report of a natural gas odor in the business. Upon arrival, crews used Gas trac meter to locate the source. Crews found .3 ppm reading above the drop ceiling. Crews checked neighboring business and found a pilot light on the stove was not lit. Crews ventilated for 20 minutes using a smoke ejector. Crews rechecked both businesses again and found 0 ppm throughout. Businesses were turned back over to staff, and fire crews returned to quarters.

On November 8, 2016, at 1046 hours, Co. 1112 responded to the 700 block of S. Edgewood for the gas line struck by a contractor. Upon arrival, the crew requested Nicor to the scene. Fire crew was unable to access the interior of the home to check for gas. The crew remained on the scene for Nicor to stop the leak.

On November 20, 2016, at 0901 hours, La Grange Companies 1112 and 1114 responded to the 00 block of E. Cossitt for the report of a vehicle that hit the building. Upon arrival, the crew found the driver of the vehicle uninjured and requesting not to be evaluated. The crew found a crack on the exterior of the brick and in the interior of the business with no significant hazard. The crew requested notification of the building department so they could follow up on the damaged structure.

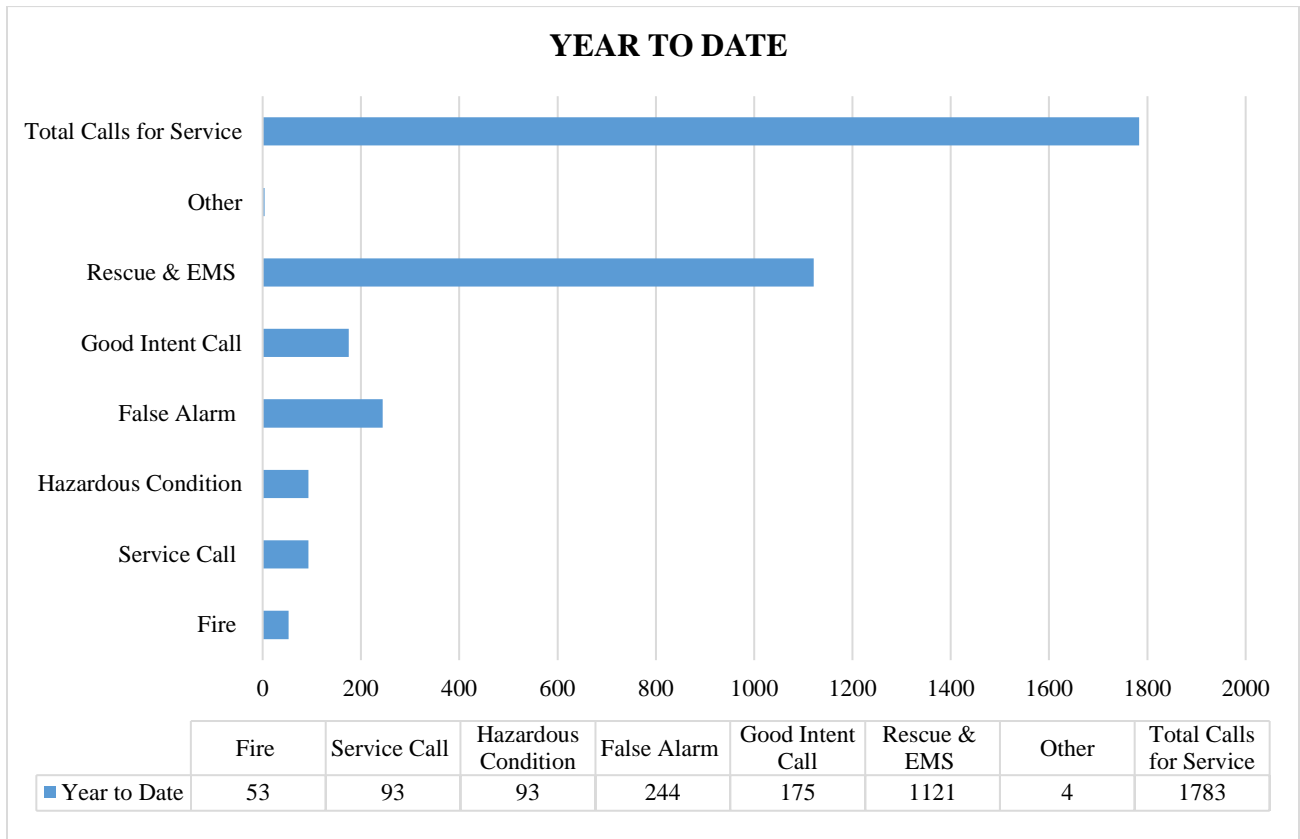
On November 20, 2016, at 1534 hours, La Grange companies along with auto-aid companies from Brookfield and Pleasantview responded to the 1000 block of S. 8th Avenue for the report of smoke showing from the unit below. Crews arrived on scene to find food left unattended on the stove. The auto-aid response was cancelled, and La Grange crews used a smoke ejector to remove the smoke from the unit.

On November 22, 2016, at 0722 hours, La Grange companies 1112, 1114 and 1101 responded to Ogden and La Grange Road for the report of a contractor striking a gas main. Upon arrival, crews found a severed gas line due to a backhoe removing sidewalks. The crew requested that all job site personnel be moved down wind of the incident and that all power equipment and construction vehicles be shut down. Nicor arrived on scene and assembled crews for repairs. Fire personnel stood by with a deployed hand line during repairs. Repairs completed and La Grange crews returned to quarters.

On November 22, 2016, at 1754 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 00 block of S. 6th Avenue for the activated fire alarm. Upon arrival, 1101 reported nothing showing from two sides with the limited evacuation. 1101 gained entry and found smoke in the hallway due to food on the stove. Auto-aid companies' response was cancelled and remaining La Grange crew ventilated unit and hallway using a smoke ejector. The alarm was reset, residents allowed to return, and La Grange crews returned to quarters.

On November 25, 2016, at 1622 hours, La Grange and auto aid companies responded to the 500 block of S. 8th Avenue for the report of a possible chimney fire. Upon arrival, crews found that the homeowner did not open the flu before starting a fire. Auto-aid companies released as La Grange crews used PPV fan to clear smoke from the residence.

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



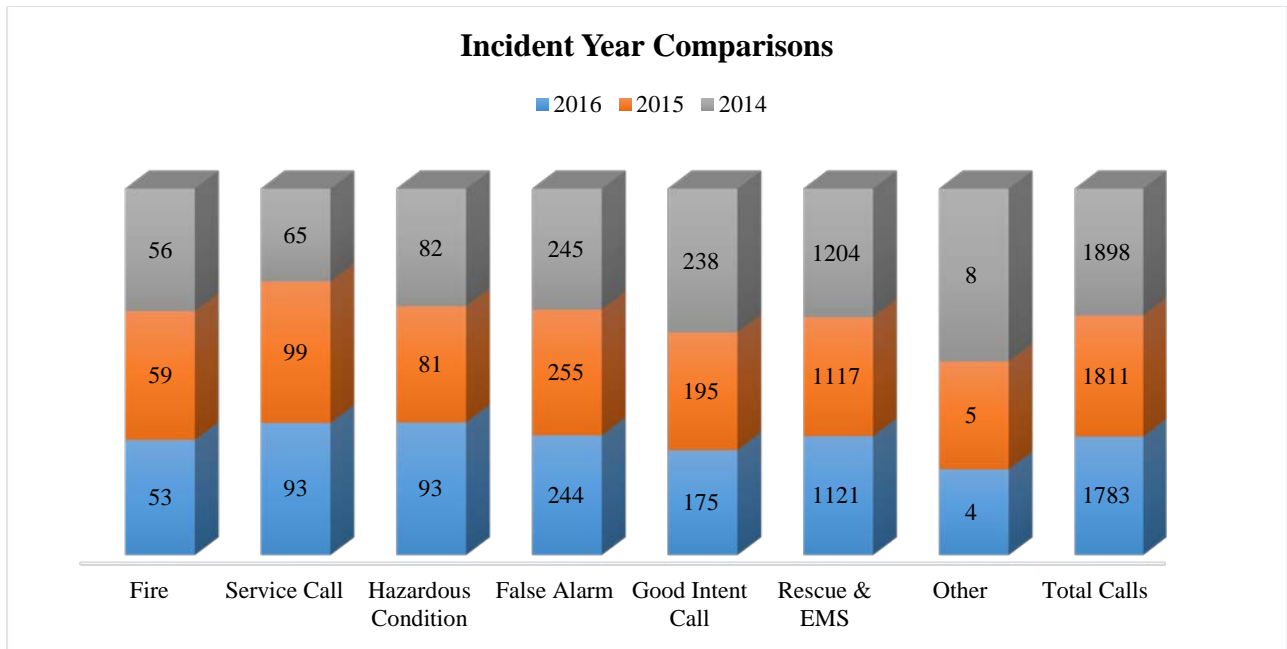
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January	169 Incidents
February	191 Incidents
March	136 Incidents
April	143 Incidents
May	173 Incidents
June	161 Incidents
July	155 Incidents
August	179 Incidents
September	157 Incidents
October	156 Incidents
November	163 Incidents
December	--- Incidents

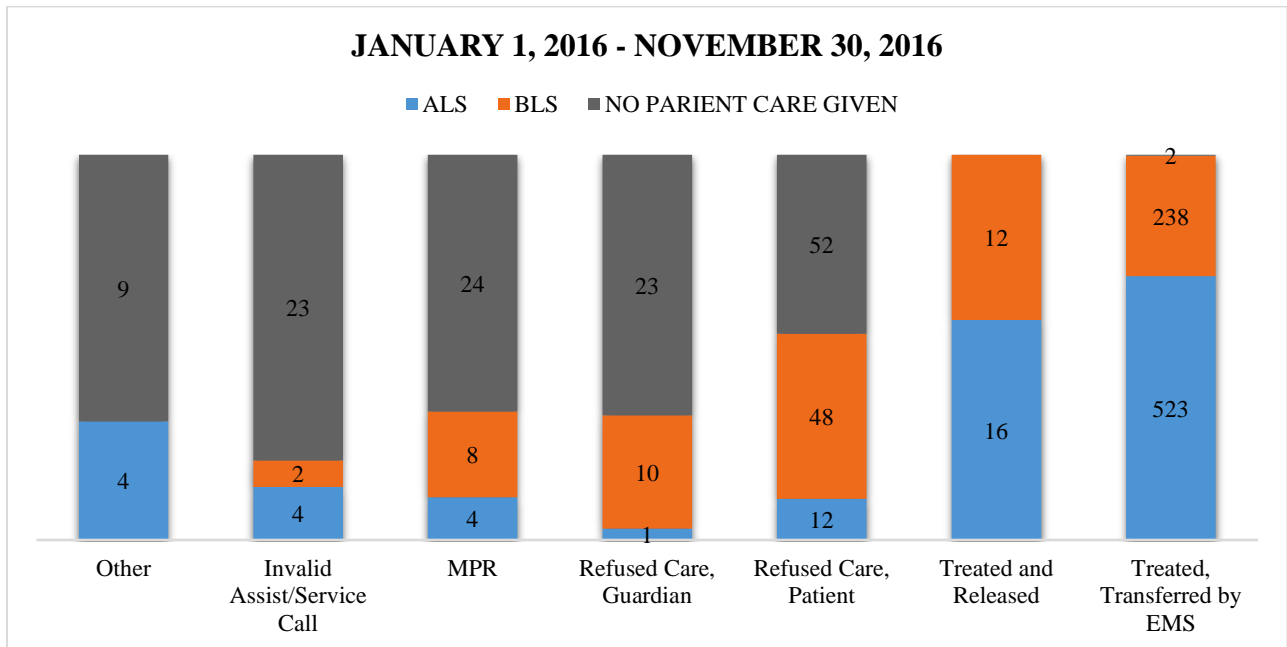
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Total 1783 Incidents

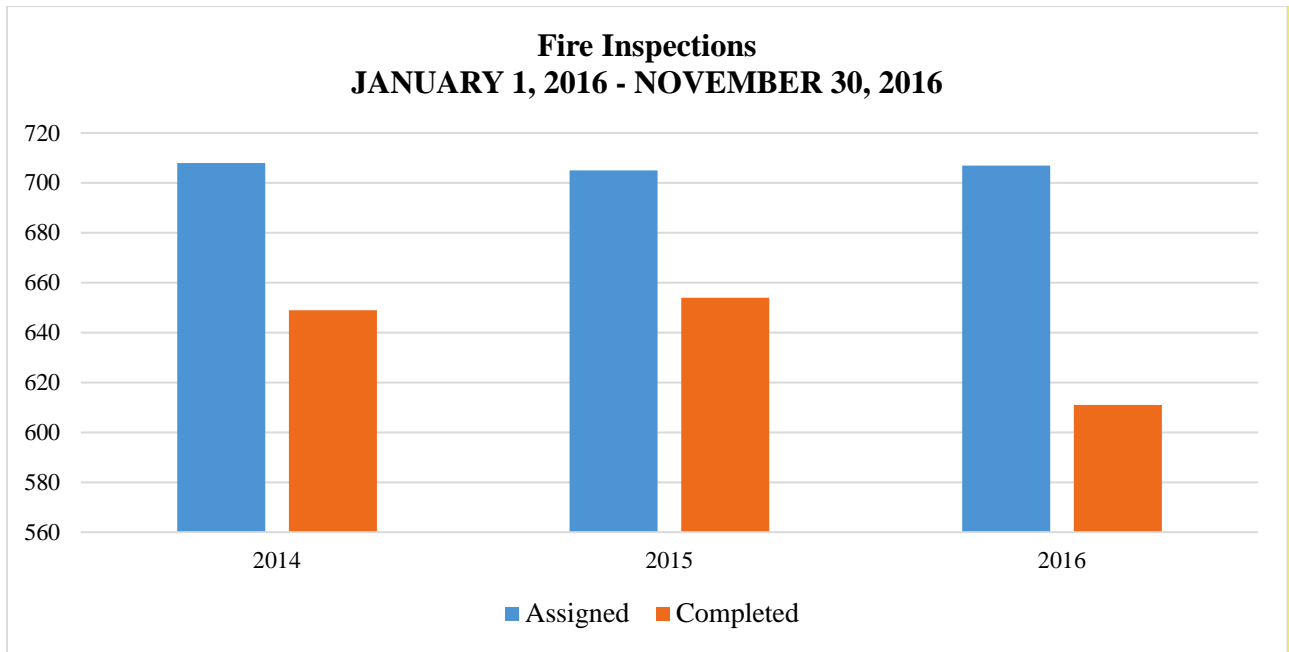
INCIDENT CALL COMPARISONS YTD FOR 2014-2016



LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



FIRE PREVENTION



TRAINING DIVISION

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

2014	2015	2016 - YTD
2815 Hours	2781 Hours	1913.5 Hours

Fire Chief