



A SERVICE
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LAGRANGE
FIRE DEPARTMENT
708-579-2338

LOCAL EVENTS – 2017

70th Annual Pet Parade
Saturday June 3, 2017
9:30AM-11:00AM

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

Annual Craft Fair
July 15 – 16, 2017

Endless Summer
August 4 - 6, 2017

IAFF Local 2338 24th
Annual Golf Outing
Friday June 2, 2017

West End Arts Festival
TBD

Fire Department
Annual Open House
Saturday October 7, 2017
11:00AM - 3:30PM

Halloween Walk - TBD

Hometown Holiday
December 2, 2017
5:00PM – 9:00PM

LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 2017



ENGINE CO. 326 IS A 1951 AMERICAN LA FRANCE PUMPER WITH A LEFT SIDE MOUNTED PUMP PANEL. THE LADDER RACK ON TOP IS NOT ORIGINAL, IT WAS ADDED LATER AND CARRIED A 35' LADDER WITH TORMENTORS POLES. THIS VEHICLE SERVED THE RESIDENTS OF LA GRANGE UNTIL 1981.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Clothes Dryer Safety

Doing laundry is most likely part of your everyday routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry.
- Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper airflow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a qualified professional do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

- Check the outdoor vent flap to make sure it is not covered by snow.
- Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing.
- Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then they can be washed and dried as usual.

The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is a failure to clean them. By following these few simple steps, you can help prevent a potential disaster for you and your family.

CALLS OF NOTE

On February 4, 2017, at 2036 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 00 block of S. La Grange Road for the activated fire alarm. Upon arrival, crews found the kitchen exhaust hood was not working properly allowing cooking smoke to accumulate thus activating the smoke detectors. FD silenced the alarm and used an exhaust fan to remove smoke from the business. The business owner was reminded to have staff evacuate guests whenever the alarm activates. The cause of the problem was the exhaust hood motor had a broken belt. The belt was replaced by the business and business operations continued.

On February 7, 2017, at 0443 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded mutual-aid to Pleasantview for the structure fire in the 5800 block of Edgewood in La Grange Highlands. Crew assisted with ventilation, overhaul and extinguishment as assigned. Assignments completed, crew was released by command and returned to quarters.

On February 7, 2017 at 1314 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded mutual-aid to Lyons for a change of quarter's request. During the change of quarter's assignment, 1112 responded on two calls in Lyons.

On February 26, 2017, at 0058 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 400 block of S. Stone for the faint burning type smell. Upon arrival, crew checked all electrical powered equipment on the second floor with the thermal imaging camera and found the dehumidifier as the source. The unit was unplugged and removed. **Please pay special attention to the re-print below.**

Re-Printed from January 2017 Monthly Report Special Concerns

Over the last year and a half area Fire Departments have responded to three fire incidents in which home dehumidifiers appear to have contributed to the fire cause. Luckily, no one was hurt in any of these incidents.

The Fire Department would like to make residents aware that the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) has issued a recall for a large number of dehumidifiers of various makes and models during the last several years. We encourage residents that have dehumidifiers to check the make, model, and serial numbers to determine if their unit is one of those subject to recall. Residents then can reference the CPSC at www.cpsc.gov or www.recalls.gov and search their make and model to see if it is on the recall list.

Residents are also encouraged to shut off and unplug any dehumidifier or other electrical appliances when they are away from home. Residents should also strongly consider returning the warranty card to the manufacturer after product purchases. Manufacturers use this information to notify you in the event of a product recall.

On February 26, 2017, at 1440 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 00 block of S. 7th Avenue for the report of wires down. Upon arrival, crew found a garage on Bluff on fire. The first arriving officer upgraded the response to a Full-Still, which brings in additional fire companies to the scene and companies to cover our station. Crew stretched a 2-1/2" pre-connect to the garage and attempted to cool down 3 propane cylinders inside where the fire was located. Auto-aid crew from Brookfield and Pleasantview assisted on the Bluff side, and Western Springs was assigned to 7th Avenue. Com Ed arrived to disconnect, secure and confirm power was off. Crews were then able to complete overhaul and extinguishment.

Special Concerns

Please see below for recalls from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

www.cpsc.gov

1. Barnes & Noble Recalls Power Adapters Sold with NOOK Tablet 7 Due to Shock Hazard:

<https://cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Barnes-and-Noble-Recalls-Power-Adapters-Sold-with-NOOK-Tablet-7>

1. Recall Date: February 1, 2017

Recall Number: 17-080

Barnes & Noble Recalls Power Adapters Sold with NOOK Tablet 7 Due to Shock Hazard

Name of Product: NOOK® Tablet 7”

Description: This recall involves the black power adapter sold with the NOOK Tablet 7”. The adapter bears markings: model number TPA-95A050100UU, manufacture date 201610. The NOOK Tablet 7” model number BNTV450 is located on the back of the NOOK.

Hazard: The power adapter casing can break when plugged into an electrical outlet, exposing its metal prongs, posing an electric shock hazard.

Remedy: Replace

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled power adapters and register online for a free replacement adapter along with a Barnes & Noble \$5 gift card. Once registered, consumers will be able to print a pre-paid UPS label to return the recalled adapters to Barnes & Noble. Consumers will receive replacement adapters in the mail. Until a replacement adapter is received, consumers are advised to charge their NOOK Tablet 7” through their computer using a USB cable.

Consumer Contact: Barnes & Noble toll-free at 877-886-5025 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, or 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET on Saturday and Sunday, or online at www.barnesandnoble.com and click on “Product Recalls” listed at the bottom of the page.

La-Z-Boy Recalls Power Supplies Sold With Lift Chairs Due to Shock Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/La-Z-Boy-Recalls-Power-Supplies-Sold-With-Lift-Chairs>

1. Recall Date: February 8, 2017

Recall Number: 17-083

La-Z-Boy Recalls Power Supplies Sold With Lift Chairs Due to Shock Hazard

Recall Summary

Name of Product: Power supplies sold with lift chairs

Hazard: The lift chair's power supply cover can crack within the screw housing and break, causing the cover to detach and exposing the power supply's electrical components, posing a shock hazard to users.

Remedy: Replace

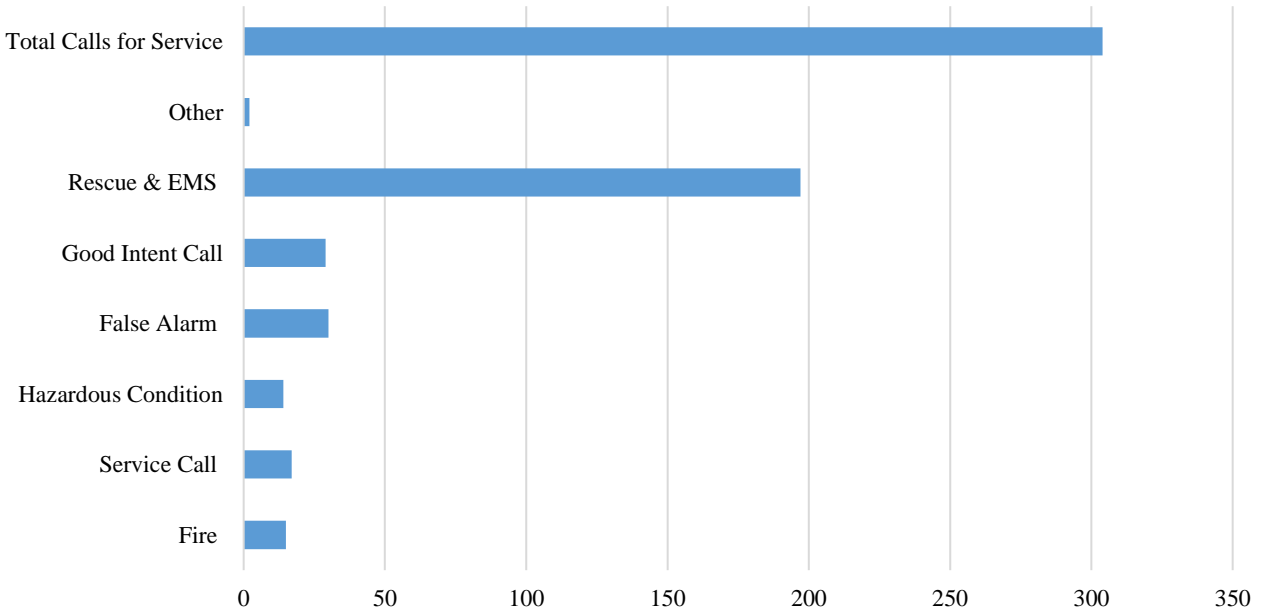
Consumers should immediately stop using the power supplies to power the lift chairs and contact La-Z-Boy for a free replacement power supply.

Consumer Contact: La-Z-Boy toll-free at 855-592-9087 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.la-z-boy.com and click on the Recall button for more information.

Photos available at: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/La-Z-Boy-Recalls-Power-Supplies-Sold-With-Lift-Chairs>

INCIDENT CALLS FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017

YEAR TO DATE



	Fire	Service Call	Hazardous Condition	False Alarm	Good Intent Call	Rescue & EMS	Other	Total Calls for Service
■ Year to Date	15	17	14	30	29	197	2	304

Number of Incidents by Month:

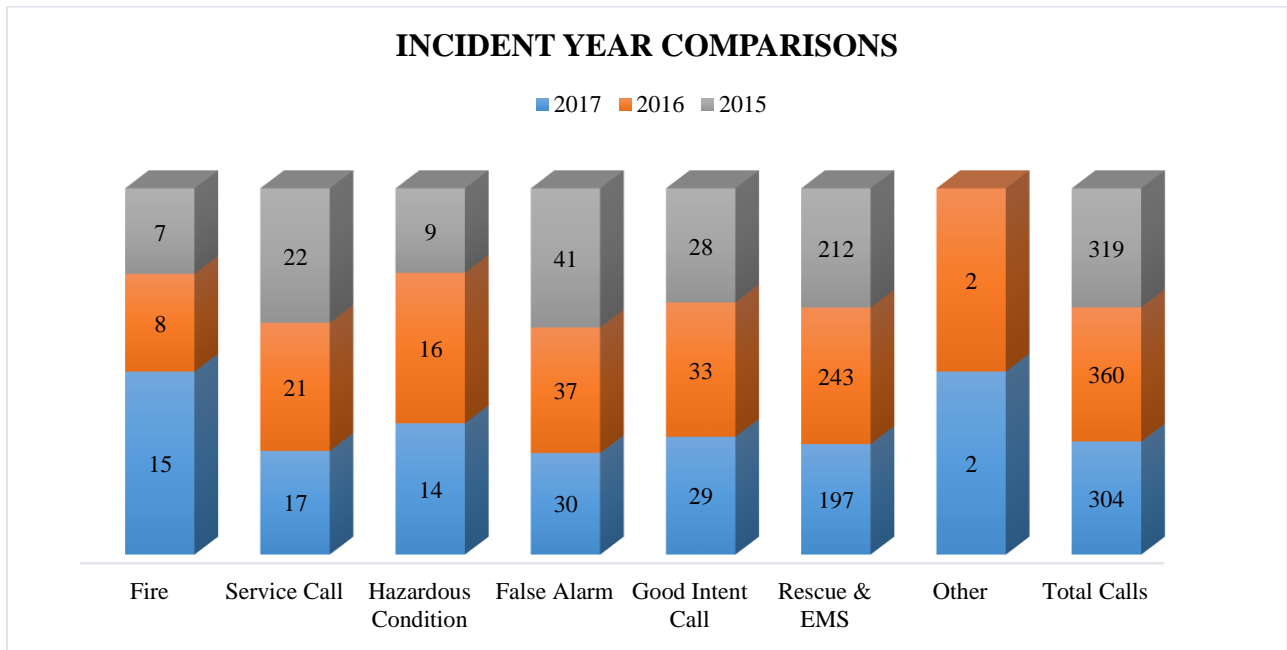
January	174 Incidents
February	130 Incidents
March	--- Incidents
April	--- Incidents
May	--- Incidents
June	--- Incidents
July	--- Incidents
August	--- Incidents
September	--- Incidents
October	--- Incidents
November	--- Incidents
December	--- Incidents

Total Estimated Loss YTD

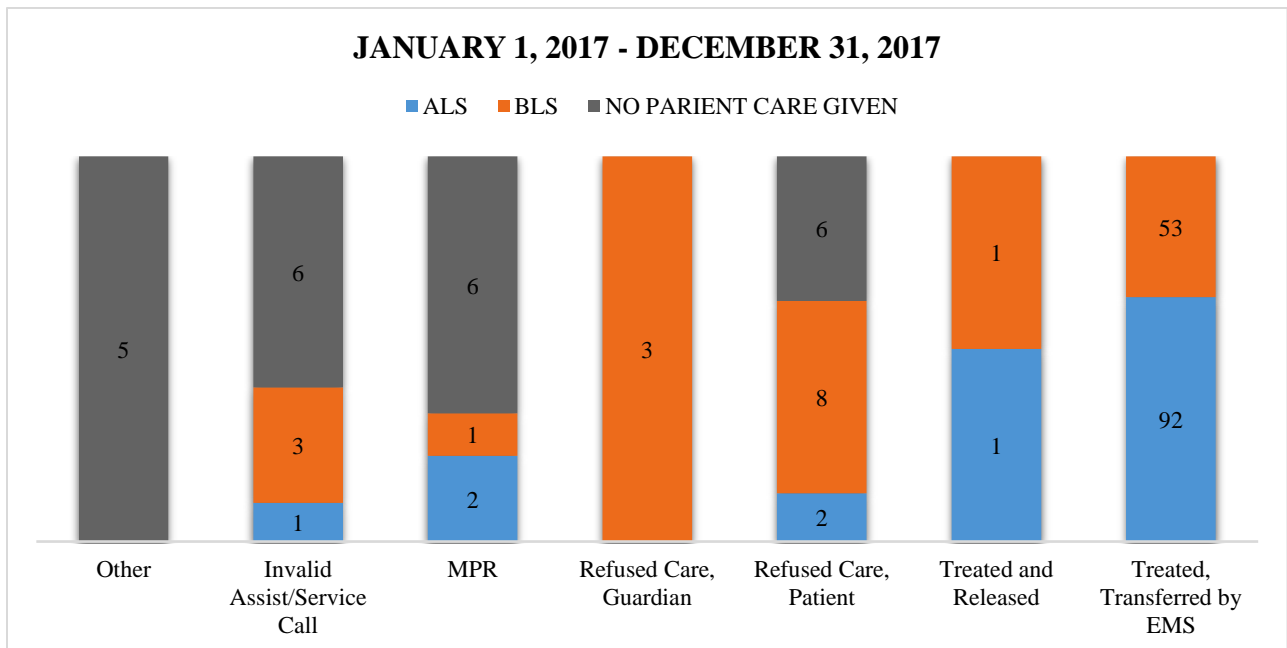
\$212,500.00

Total 304 Incidents

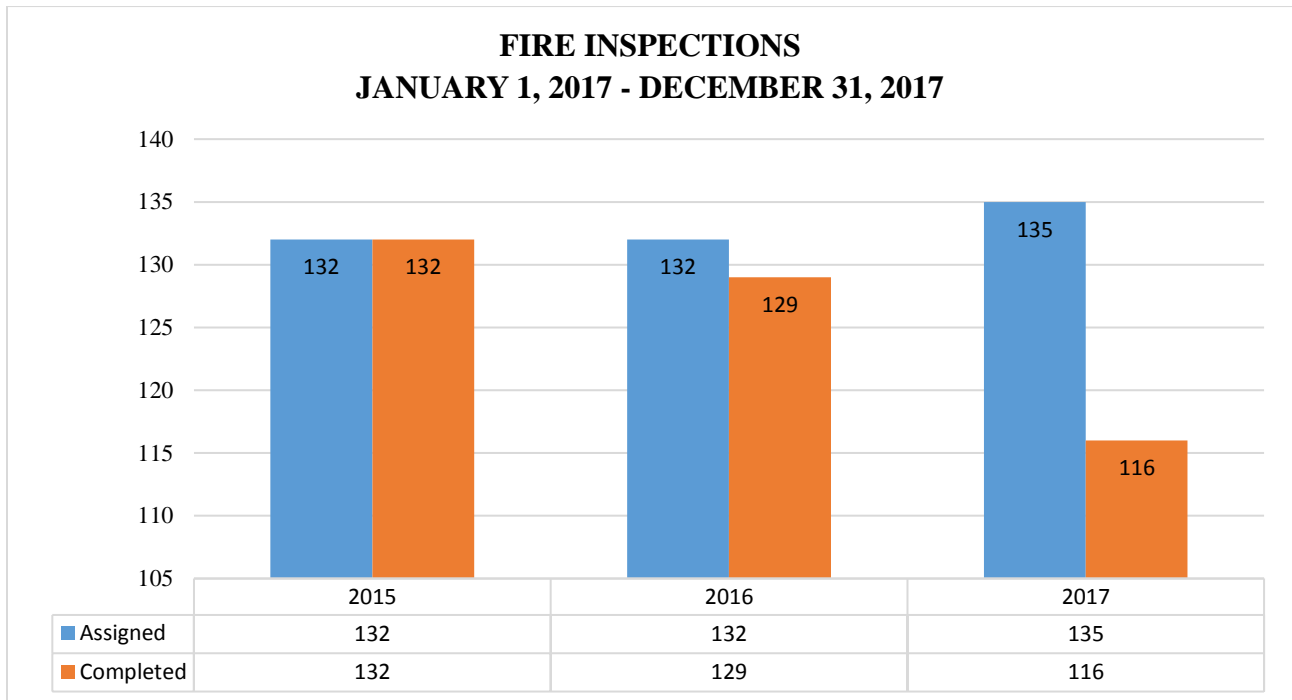
INCIDENT CALL COMPARISONS YTD FOR 2015-2017



LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



FIRE PREVENTION



TRAINING DIVISION

TRAINING HOURS FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017

2015	2016	2017 - YTD
2781 Hours	2011.08 Hours	439.5 Hours

Fire Chief