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LAGRANGE
FIRE DEPARTMENT
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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 September 29, 2017

West End Arts Festival
September 9 – 10, 2017

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 MAY 2017



Engine Co. 327 is a 1958 Pirsch fire engine that carried 500 gallons of water. Pictured with some of the equipment and tools it carried. This vehicle served the residents of La Grange from 1958 to 1983.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Important Legal Documents for Emergency Preparedness

Disaster can strike at any time, and with little notice. Whether you live in an area that's at risk for a blizzard, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquake or flooding, you need to be prepared. Building a disaster preparedness kit will ensure your family is well protected when disaster strikes, whether you are left without power for a few days or find that you have to evacuate suddenly.

While some parts of a disaster preparedness kit are easy to remember, such as food and medicine, others are less so. One of the things that many people forget about is the important documents they need in the event of an evacuation. If your family suddenly has to vacate your home, and you only have time to grab your disaster kit and run, you will want to make sure it has the right documents to keep you on track. This list will help you prepare for the next disaster with the right documents.

Family Documents:

Do you have all of the documents your family will need should you need to set up residence somewhere else temporarily, or, at worst, flee the country? Yes, that may sound far-fetched, but if the problems at home get bad enough, or your house is completely destroyed, will you have all of the necessary documents? Here are some you will want to have:

- *Birth certificates* - Copies are fine, but have your birth certificates in the disaster preparedness kit to ensure you can prove who you are and where you are a citizen.
- *Marriage and divorce papers* - These prove the marital status of the head of the household, and could be important in the future.
- *Adoption papers* - If you have adopted a child, these are important to prove that the child is part of your family.
- *Social Security cards* - Getting a new copy of your Social Security card takes time and may not be simple if your area is devastated in a natural disaster, so keep copies of the cards for all members of your household.
- *Passports and driver's license* - If anyone in your family has a passport, make a copy of it. Also, copy all driver's licenses. These will provide a starting point for replacing these important forms of identification if they are lost in a tragedy.
- *Photographs of family and pets* - Keep a recent photograph of all family members and pets so you can get help finding each other if you are separated.
- *Pet microchip numbers* - If you have pets that are microchipped, keep a copy of the microchip tag number.

Why are these documents crucial? If you are involved in a natural disaster that is bad enough to destroy your home, all of these important documents will be destroyed along with your home. Should you need them again in the near future, you will be at the mercy of the office that issued them to get you copies. Having a copy of your own will help you be ahead of the curve as you get reestablished somewhere else.

Calls of Note:

On May 5, 2017, at 2330 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 00 block of E. Cossitt for the activated fire alarm. Upon arrival, La Grange crews found a small amount of smoke and noted black charring marks on the ceiling in the foyer of the building. Crew disconnected the wiring and removed the fan motor from the building. The alarm was reset and residents were allowed back into the building. Auto-aid companies were released and the alarm was reset. La Grange companies returned to quarters.

On May 9, 2017, at 0900 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 100 block of N. La Grange Road for the report of a microwave on fire on the eighth floor. The first arriving units from La Grange extinguished the fire with a dry chemical extinguisher. Crews from La Grange Park assisted with salvage and overhaul while a crew from Brookfield set up ventilation to remove the remaining smoke from the unit. Power to the damaged microwave was disconnected and the microwave was removed. The unit owner was assessed by paramedics from Pleasantview and refused any further treatment. All fire companies were released and returned to quarters.

On May 14, 2017, at 0333 hours, La Grange company 1111 responded to the 700 block of South Spring for the report of power lines arching. Upon arrival, crew found the primary power line arching at the fuse on the transformer. While crew waited for Com Ed, the fuse burned completely through and dropped to the ground. Area lost power. Primary power lines remained up. Com Ed arrived on scene to handle repairs. Co. 1111 returned to quarters.

On May 19, 2017, at 1524 hours, La Grange companies responded to 47th and Blackstone for the vehicle accident. Upon arrival crews found an accident involving a school bus verses car. The fire officer initiated an EMS Box Alarm response due to the number of potential patients. The ambulance crew from Co. 1114 assumed medical control. Mutual aid ambulances from Pleasantview and McCook treated and transported two patients and La Grange crews obtained nineteen refusal of treatment with the assistance of Lyons Township High School authorities.

On May 21, 2017, at 0114 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded to the 8000 block of Wren Drive in Hodgkins for the report of a mobile home fire. Upon arrival, crew was assigned RIT operations and staged near the fire scene. No further assignments were given, Co. 1112 was released by command and returned to quarters.

On May 22, 2017, at 0241 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 light haze inside the building. Crew found that a steam table had been left on and there was a towel and foil left in a tray. Crews turned off the steam table and used an exhaust fan to remove the residue smoke. Auto-aid companies were released, alarm was rest and all La Grange fire companies returned to quarters.

Training - Fire Academy Training

The Western Springs Fire Department is in the process of finishing up their 2017 Basic Firefighter Fire Academy class in partnership with La Grange Park and Clarendon Hills.

Pictured below are the students and instructors who participated in a ‘live burn’ training opportunity hosted by the La Grange Fire Department on Saturday May 20th at our training facility located at 90 Locust.



EMS Recognition Breakfast

On Friday May 19th the Loyola University Medical Center Emergency Medical Services System held their annual EMS Recognition Breakfast at the Brookfield Zoo Discovery Center. The event is used to recognize local area fire departments and the paramedics for outstanding services provided to area residents. This year, La Grange Fire Department Paramedics Chris Cox and James Baum received special recognition for their outstanding care and treatment of a severely injured pedestrian struck by a vehicle.



Pictured: L-R: Dr. Mark Cichon, Project Medical Director, Loyola Medical Center, Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Cox and Loyola EMS System Manager Keith Buhs.

Special Note:

The La Grange Firefighters Association Local 2338's 24th Annual Golf Outing has been moved to Friday September 29, 2017. Please mark your calendars as the event will once again provide proceeds to "Camp I Am Me" Burn Camp supported by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance.

Number of Incidents by Month:

January	174 Incidents
February	130 Incidents
March	139 Incidents
April	165 Incidents
May	188 Incidents
June	--- Incidents
July	--- Incidents
August	--- Incidents
September	--- Incidents
October	--- Incidents
November	--- Incidents
December	--- Incidents

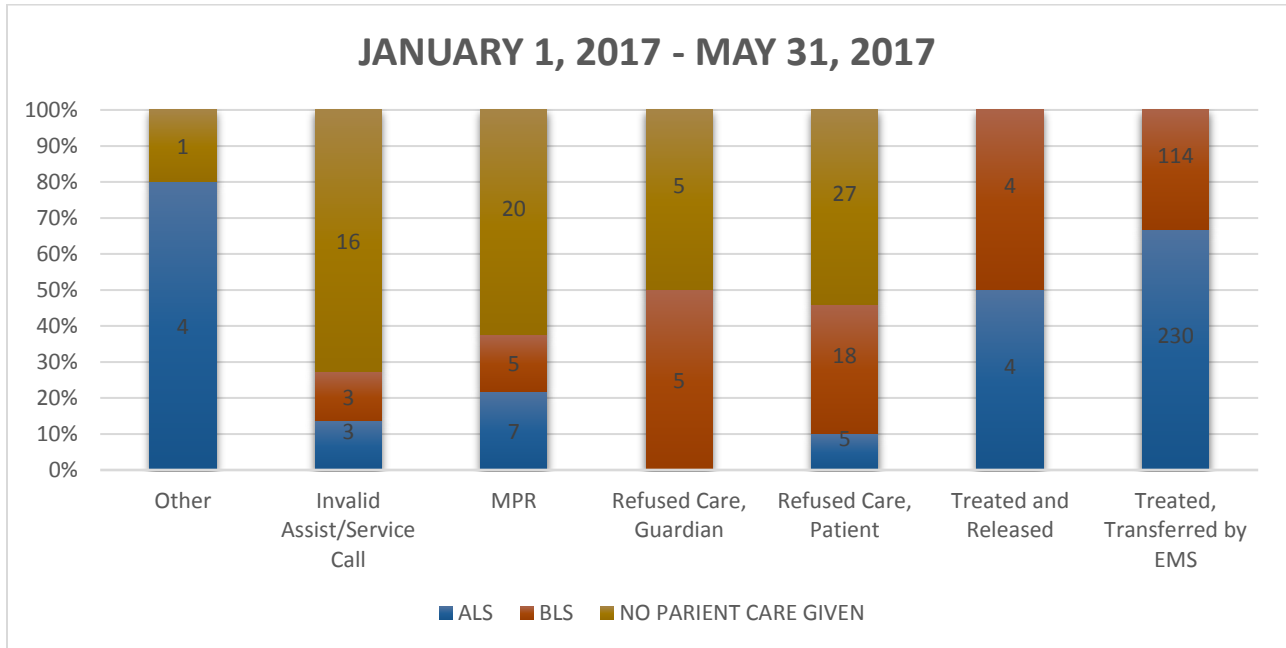
Total Estimated Loss YTD	\$1,696,500.00	Total	796 Incidents
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INCIDENT CALLS FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 – MAY 31, 2017
INCIDENT CALL COMPARISONS YTD FOR 2015-2017

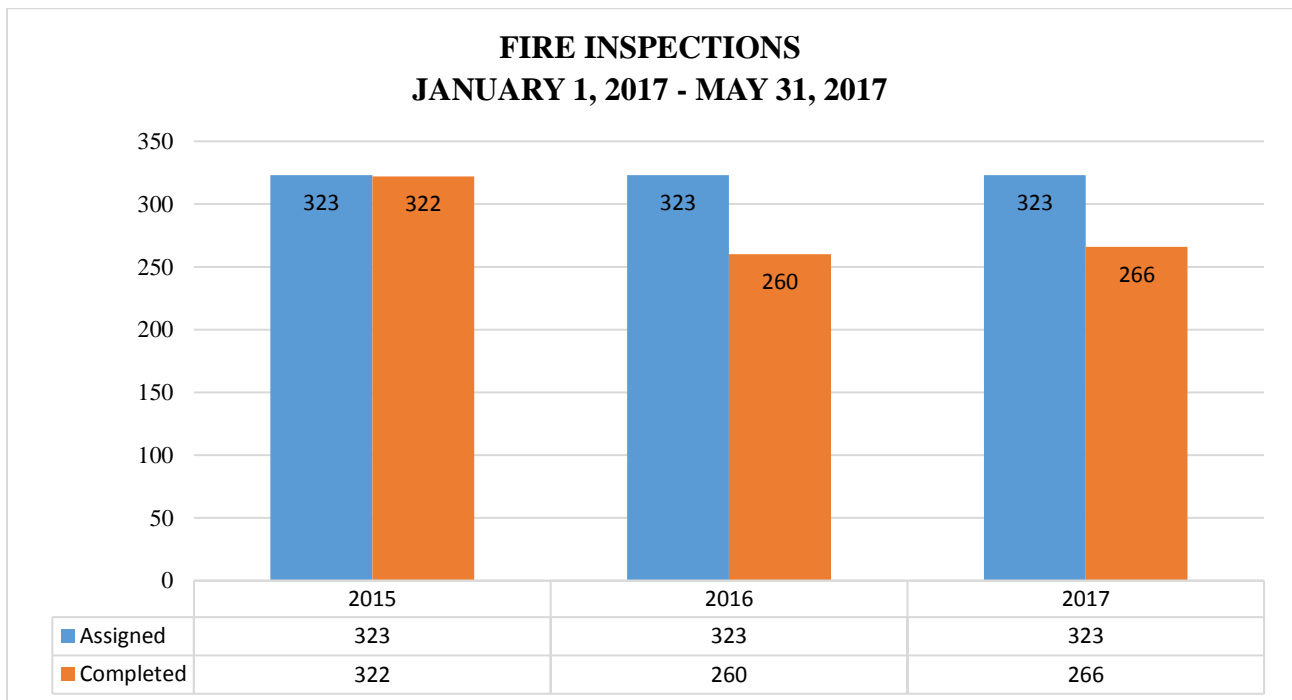
Please bare with us as we develop a new, updated graphs as potential replacements for Incident Calls and Call Comparisons.

This change has been necessitated by our migration to the new report and record keeping system, Aegis, as part of our consolidation of services under the new Lyons Township Area Communications Center with our partners La Grange Park and Western Springs.

LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



FIRE PREVENTION



TRAINING DIVISION

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

2015 Total	2016 Total	2017 - YTD
2781 Hours	2011.08 Hours	1,519.05 Hours

Fire Chief

