



A SERVICE
PUBLICATION
OF THE
LAGRANGE
FIRE DEPARTMENT
708-579-2338

LOCAL EVENTS – 2018

Farmers Market
Thursdays - May – October
9:00AM – 1:00PM

72nd Annual Pet Parade
Saturday June 2, 2018
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

44th Annual Craft Fair
July 14-15, 2018

Endless Summer
August 3-5, 2018

IAFF Local 2338
25th Annual Golf Outing
TBD

West End Arts Festival
September 8-9, 2018

Fire Department
Annual Open House
Saturday October 6, 2018
11:00 AM – 2:00PM

Park District of La Grange
Halloween Walk – TBD

Hometown Holiday
December 1, 2018
5:00PM – 9:00PM

LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT APRIL 2018



Engine Co. 326 is a 1951 American La France pumper with a curb-side mounted pump panel. The ladder rack on top is not original, it was added later and carried a 35' ladder with tormentor poles. This vehicle served the residents of La Grange until de-commissioned in 1980.

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.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- 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.
- Discontinue using your dryer if the vent pipe is made of vinyl material. Have it replaced with rigid or flexible metal venting material.
- 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 clean the lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service 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 leak free.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.

- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- During winter months, check the outdoor vent flap to make sure it is not covered by snow.
- Turn the dryer **off** if you leave home or when you go to bed.
- 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 the dryer. By following these few simple steps, you can help prevent a potential disaster for you and your family.

Calls of Note:

On April 1, 2018, at 0350 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 100 block of N. Spring for the possible house fire. Prior to fire company's arrival, units were notified by LTACC dispatch that all occupants were out of the house. Upon arrival, 1103 reported a fire venting from a second floor window and immediately upgraded response to a full still alarm. Fire crews knocked down a large portion of the fire from the exterior before transitioning to an interior attack and advancing to the second floor to extinguish the remaining fire. Crews from Pleasantview and Brookfield began search and overhaul operations on the second floor while Western Springs crew began salvage operations on the first floor. After overhaul was completed it was determined fire did not spread into the attic area and was held to the room of origin. A McCook ambulance evaluated the two residents and they refused further medical attention. A Lyons engine and Argonne ambulance covered the village of La Grange during this incident. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

On April 1, 2018, at 1216 hours, La Grange Co.1111 responded to the 300 block of S. Catherine for the activated smoke detector. Upon arrival, the homeowner stated that they just returned from a weekend trip and all their detectors are going off. Crew entered the home and determined that detectors activated for no other reason than due to age. All detectors are from 2006. The homeowner was advised to replace detectors.

On April 9, 2018, at 1301 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 800 block of S. Ashland for the report of a carbon monoxide activation. Upon arrival, crew met a real estate broker who stated that the detector began to activate when she removed it to test. Crew checked the home with a CO monitor to ensure there were zero readings of CO present. The home was left in care of the real estate broker.

On April 11, 2018, at 1549 hours, La Grange Co. 1113 responded to the 300 block of East Sixth Street in Hinsdale for the structure fire. Upon arrival, crew assisted with extinguishment, overhaul, re-bedding supply line hose and rehab. All assignments were completed without incident and company returned to La Grange when released.

On April 18, 2018, at 0104 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 300 block of S. Brainard for the report of smoke detectors going off and there is no smoke. Upon arrival, crews met homeowner at front door stating that the detectors have been going off for the last 15 minutes. Crew searched the home for the activation and located the activated detector in the attic. The detector was removed and all other detectors reset. The dirty detector was cleaned and reinstalled. Co. 1111 returned to quarters.

On April 23, 2018, at 1157 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded to the 100 block of Hawthorne in Countryside for the structure fire. Upon arrival, crew was assigned to assist with overhaul and extinguishment of remaining hotspots. All assignments completed, Co. 1112 was released and returned to La Grange.

100 Club Awards – Job Well Done



Pictured left to right: Lt. Brian Cramer, FF/PM James Baum, FF/PM Chuck Crudele, 100 Club Board President Darrell B. Jackson, 100 Club CEO Joe Ahern, Capt. Dave Rapp and FF/PM Alejandro Barajas.

The 100 Club of Chicago honors those that serve in public safety, police and fire departments throughout Cook and Lake Counties. The mission of the 100 Club is to provide several forms of financial assistance, access to resources and moral support to the families of first responders who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

On April 19, 2018, five La Grange Firefighters were honored as 100 Club Valor Award Recipients for their life saving efforts during a medical emergency event on December 1, 2017. The 100 Club Valor Award is one of the highest civilian awards a firefighter and police officer can receive.

The La Grange Fire Department is honored to present 100 Club Valor Award Recipients, Suburban Cook County 2017, Captain David Rapp, Lieutenant Brian Cramer, Firefighter/Paramedics James Baum, Chuck Crudele and Alejandro Barajas.

3 Year Response Numbers	2015	2016	2017
Fire Responses	530	530	665
EMS Responses	1326	1230	1120
Other	215	194	200
Total Number of Responses	2068	1954	1985

Incidents by Month:

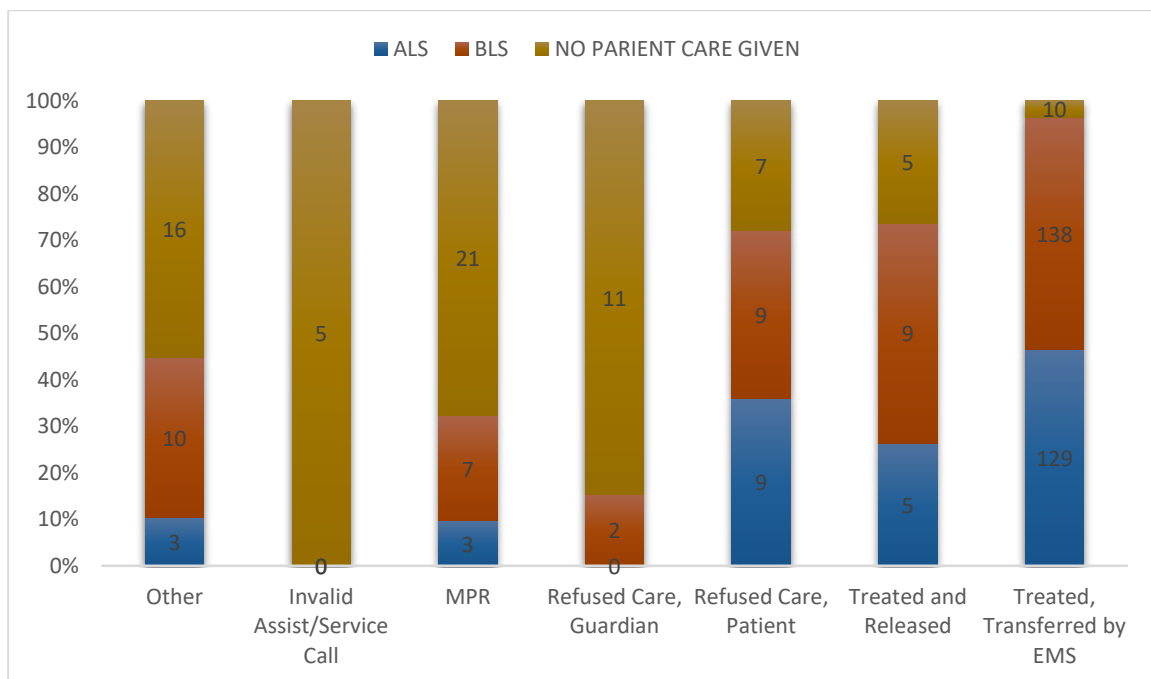
January 195 Incidents
 February 154 Incidents
 March 145 Incidents
 April 143 Incidents
 May --- Incidents
 June --- Incidents
 July --- Incidents
 August --- Incidents
 September --- Incidents
 October --- Incidents
 November --- Incidents
 December --- Incidents

Total Estimated Loss YTD: \$100,500.00

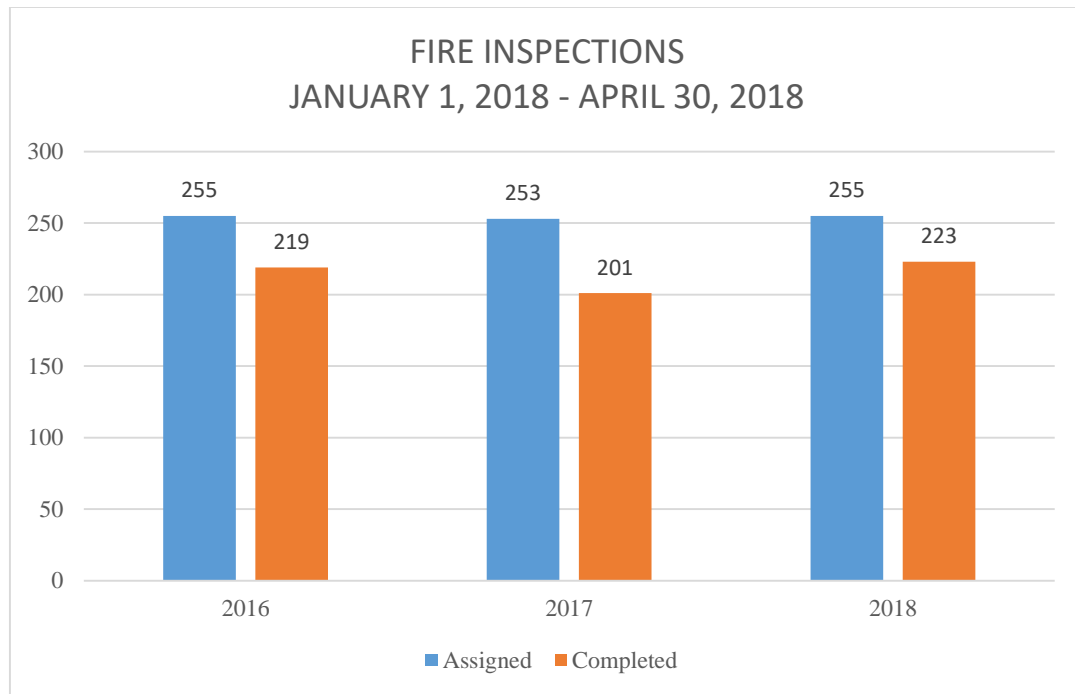
Total: 637 Incidents

LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY

JANUARY 2018-APRIL 2018



FIRE PREVENTION



TRAINING DIVISION

TRAINING HOURS FROM JANUARY 1, 2018 – APRIL 30, 2018

2016 Total	2017 Total	2018 - YTD
2,239.83 Hours	2,813.21 Hours	1172.50 Hours

Fire Chief