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LA GRANGE
FIRE DEPARTMENT
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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 MAY 2018



Truck Co. 427 was a 1967 American La France Aero Chief 90' Snorkel. The vehicle was originally equipped with a 1250 gpm pump, which was later removed to add more cabinet space. This vehicle served the residents of La Grange until it was de-commissioned in 1989.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Grilling Safety Tips

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons. To keep you and your family safe while grilling, follow these general guidelines:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

Before you use your grill:

- Check the major connection points between the gas (propane) tank hose and the regulator and cylinder, and where the hose connects to the burners. Tighten if loose.
- Check the gas (propane) tank hose for the potential (gas) leaks. To do that:
 - Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose using a brush or spray bottle.

- Turn the propane tank on. If there is a gas leak, the propane will release bubbles around the hose (big enough to see).
- If there are no bubbles, your grill is safe to use.
- If there are bubbles, turn off the tank and check connections, then have your grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak doesn't stop, call the fire department immediately.

When the grill is on:

- As you are cooking, if you smell gas, turn off the gas tank and burners.
- If the leak stops immediately, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If the smell continues, move away from the grill and call the fire department immediately. Do not move the grill.

Charcoal grills:

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquid to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of reach of children and away from heat sources.
- When finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing into a metal container.

Calls of Note:

On May 1, 2018, at 1929 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 500 block of S. Ninth Avenue for the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival crews found homeowner in the backyard with a garden hose watering down the siding on his home. The siding had caught fire due to combustible mulch being placed up against the wood siding. Auto-aid companies were released as La Grange crews overhauled the fire area and removed mulch from contacting siding around the entire home.

On May 8, 2018, at 0832 hours, La Grange Co.1111 and 1101 responded to the 300 block of E. Plainfield for the commercial work van on fire next to a building. Upon arrival, crew deployed a 1 ¾" hose line to extinguish the fire. The fire destroyed the van and caused minor damage to a Com Ed electric pole. No damage to the building was reported.

On May 17, 2018, at 0750 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 00 block of S. La Grange Road for the automatic fire alarm. Upon arrival, 1106 reported a roofer on scene, stating that they had a small fire on the roof, but that it was extinguished. Fire crews entered the first floor business to access the fire alarm and crews smelled burnt wood and saw smoke in the rear of the kitchen. Access to the unoccupied second floor was gained and crews found the rear stairwell charged with smoke. Crews ventilated the first and second floors as another crew overhauled the roof, fascia and siding to ensure the fire had been extinguished. No further actions were taken, the building and business was turned back over to the business owner. La Grange received assistance from Pleasantview, Brookfield and La Grange Park.

On May 25, 2018, at 1330 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded to the 100 block of Washington for the person locked out of the home with the stove on. Upon arrival, crew gained entry through an unlocked second floor window. The homeowner was let back into the home and no damage was caused by entry.

On May 25, 2018, at 1942 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded to the 100 block of N. Peck for the person locked out of the home with the stove on. Upon arrival, crew gained entry through an unlocked second floor window. The homeowner was let back into the home and no damage was caused by entry.

On May 26, 2018, at 2237 hours, La Grange Co. 1113 responded to the Change of Quarters request to 8800 S. Madison in Burr Ridge for the Tri-State Fire Protection District. Upon arrival, crew did not respond to any additional incidents. Assignment completed and Co. 1113 returned to quarters at 2335 hours.

On May 27, 2018, at 1646 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 00 block of Bluff Avenue for the smoke detector activation called in by an alarm company. Upon arrival crew met homeowner outside of the home who was unaware of any activation. Upon entry into the home, crews found smoke on the first floor caused by burnt food. Crew ventilated home with fan and released auto-aid companies.

On May 27, 2018, at 2107 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 100 block of E. 50th Street for the garage fire. Upon arrival, crews found a two story garage fully involved. Crews attacked the fire through the open overhead door and a second floor window as the alarm was upgraded to a Full Still Alarm response. A Fire Investigators Box Alarm was requested for the purpose of determining the origin and cause of the fire. All assignments completed, the garage was released back to the homeowner. The cause of the fire is listed as undetermined at this time.

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:

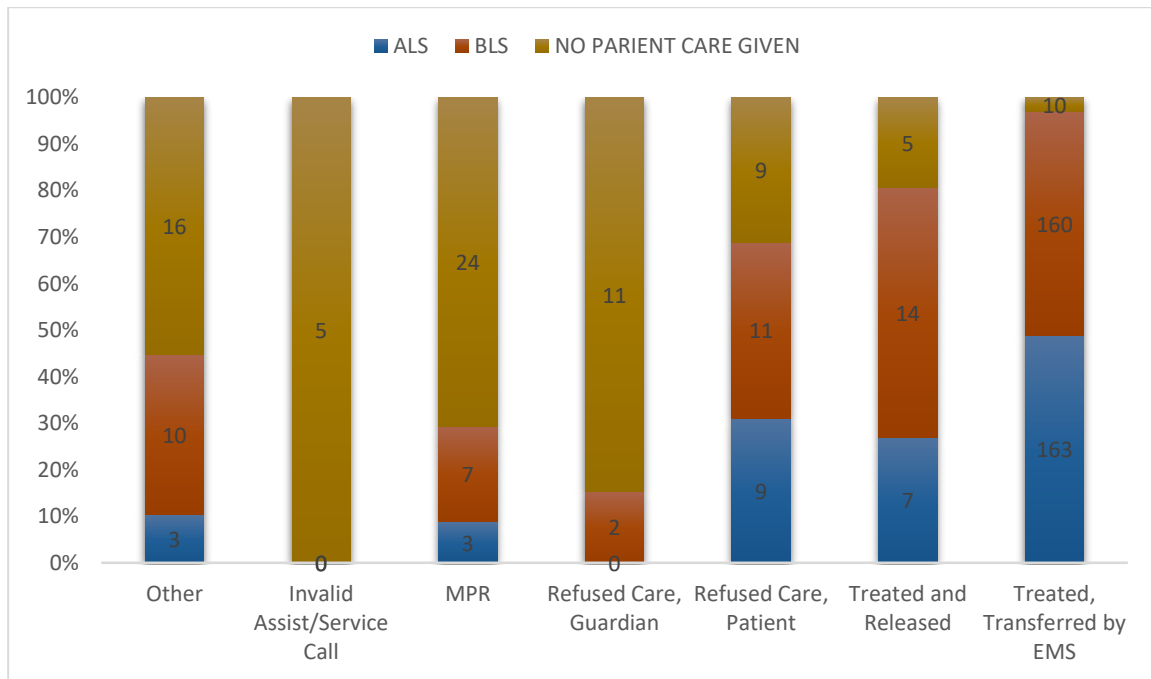
January	195 Incidents
February	154 Incidents
March	145 Incidents
April	143 Incidents
May	159 Incidents
June	--- Incidents
July	--- Incidents
August	--- Incidents
September	--- Incidents
October	--- Incidents
November	--- Incidents
December	--- Incidents

Total Estimated Loss YTD: \$215,500.00

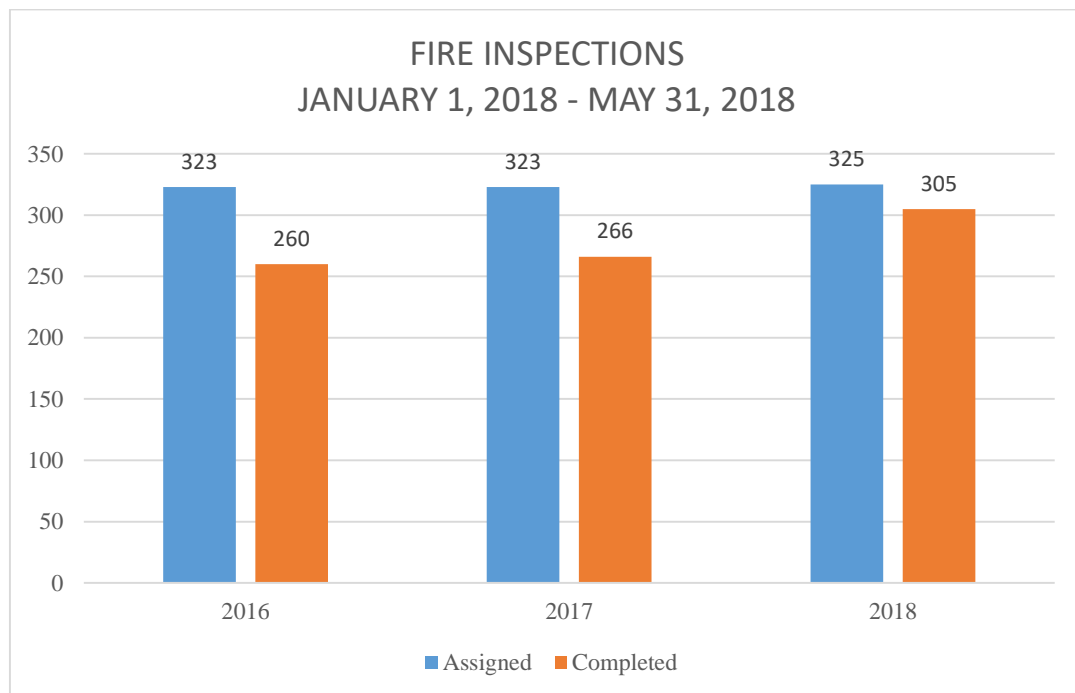
Total: 637 Incidents

LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY

JANUARY 2018-MAY 2018



FIRE PREVENTION



The passing of Retired Fire Captain Larry Taggart



August 7, 1941 – May 20, 2018

On May 20, 2018, we received news that Retired Fire Captain Larry Taggart passed away from complications as a result of his heart disease, with his family by his side.

Larry started his career with the La Grange Fire Department as a Paid-On-Call Firefighter on April 19, 1960. He was appointed to the position of 'Fireman' effective January 2, 1964.

Larry was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on March 1, 1971 and to the rank of Fire Captain on March 15, 1978. Larry retired from the Fire Department on June 17, 1998.

Upon retirement, Larry and his wife Joanne originally moved to Chandler Arizona before settling in Gilbert Arizona.

He is survived by his wife Joanne, sons, Daniel, David (Melanie), daughter Suzie (Billy) and six grandchildren.

Larry was laid to rest at the Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery in Mesa Arizona on May 26, 2018.

In lieu of flowers the family ask that you donate to the Hall of Flame Volunteers Organization, Hall of Flame, 6101 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix, AZ. 85008.

TRAINING DIVISION

TRAINING HOURS FROM JANUARY 1, 2018 – MAY 31, 2018

2016 Total	2017 Total	2018 - YTD
2,239.83 Hours	2,813.21 Hours	1583.75 Hours

Fire Chief

