



A SERVICE  
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OF THE  
LA GRANGE  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
708-579-2338

### LOCAL EVENTS – 2017

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

IAFF Local 2338 24th  
Annual Golf Outing  
\*\*NEW DATE\*\*  
Friday September 29, 2017

West End Arts Festival  
September 9 – 10, 2017

Fire Department  
Annual Open House  
Saturday October 7, 2017  
11:00AM - 2:00PM

Halloween Party  
Friday October 27, 2017  
6:00PM – 8:00 PM

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

# LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2017



Pictured is our 1967 American La France Aero Chief 90' Snorkel ladder truck that served the Village until it was retired in 1989.

### **LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE – Upcoming Event**

On Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Fire Department will host a Fire Prevention Open House at the Fire Station located at 300 W. Burlington Avenue. This year's theme is 'Every Second Counts, Plan 2 Ways Out!'

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF**

#### **Safety Guidelines for Burning in Fire Pits and Outdoor Fireplaces**

Residents often ask about the Village's regulations relating to open burning in fire pits and outdoor fireplaces. The following are some general guidelines that outline the requirements for the Village and the La Grange Fire Department:



#### **What is allowed:**

- Burning in a fire pit or other approved container (i.e. fireplace) provided they are used in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications including use of spark/flame arrestor;
- The fire pit is less than three feet in diameter;

**What is allowed: con't.**

- The burning pile is less than two feet in height;
- The fire pit or fireplace is placed on a non-combustible surface;
- Burning of seasoned firewood or commercial logs;
- Burning that creates a limited amount of smoke and is not a nuisance to adjoining properties;
- Burning shall be attended by an adult at all times.

**What is not allowed:**

- Don't place your fire pit or fireplace under a porch roof, power lines or under low hanging tree branches;
- Burning within 15 feet of a structure;
- Burning of construction debris, household garbage and yard waste;
- Burning of leaves is prohibited in Cook County;
- Unattended burning/fires.

Do not use lighter fluids or other flammable liquids to start your fires. They can be unpredictable and dangerous; instead, use kindling and build your fire up slowly so that it is always under control and manageable.

Any burning that causes noxious smoke, toxic odor, or smoke of significant quantity or quality to be released so as to inhibit the use and enjoyment of a neighboring property is hereby declared a nuisance and is strictly prohibited. If the fire department responds, the responding personnel have the authority to have the fire extinguished.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the La Grange Fire Department at (708) 579-2338.

**Calls of Note:**

On September 6, 2017, at 2146 hours, La Grange companies responded to Ogden and La Grange Road for the motor vehicle accident. Upon arrival, La Grange companies found a two car MVC with one car on its roof. The officer in charge requested a second ambulance as our ambulance began to triage patients and fire crew began to check for hazards. Two patients were treated and transported and one patient signed a refusal. Co. 1111 remained on scene until all hazards were removed.

On September 26, 2017, at 1432 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 00 block of S. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the possible structure fire. Upon arrival the crews found a small fire on the balcony of unit 205. The fire was extinguished using the garden hose in front of the building. Auto-aid companies were released as Lt. Cramer conducted a cause and origin determination. The fire extended from a planter with dead plants to the decking, balusters and railing. Cause was determined to be the careless use of smoking materials.

On September 27, 2017, at 0858 hours, La Grange companies responded to Ogden and Ashland Avenue for the motor vehicle accident with possible rollover. Upon arrival, La Grange companies found a four car MVC with one car on its side. The officer in charge requested a second ambulance as our ambulance began to triage patients and fire crew began to check for hazards. Two patients were

extricated from the vehicle on its side. A third ambulance was requested and a total three patients were transported to area hospitals and two patients signed a refusal. Co. 1111 remained on scene until all vehilces and hazards were removed.

**Number of Incidents by Month:**

January	174 Incidents
February	130 Incidents
March	139 Incidents
April	165 Incidents
May	188 Incidents
June	180 Incidents
July	165 Incidents
August	182 Incidents
September	135 Incidents
October	--- Incidents
November	--- Incidents
December	--- Incidents

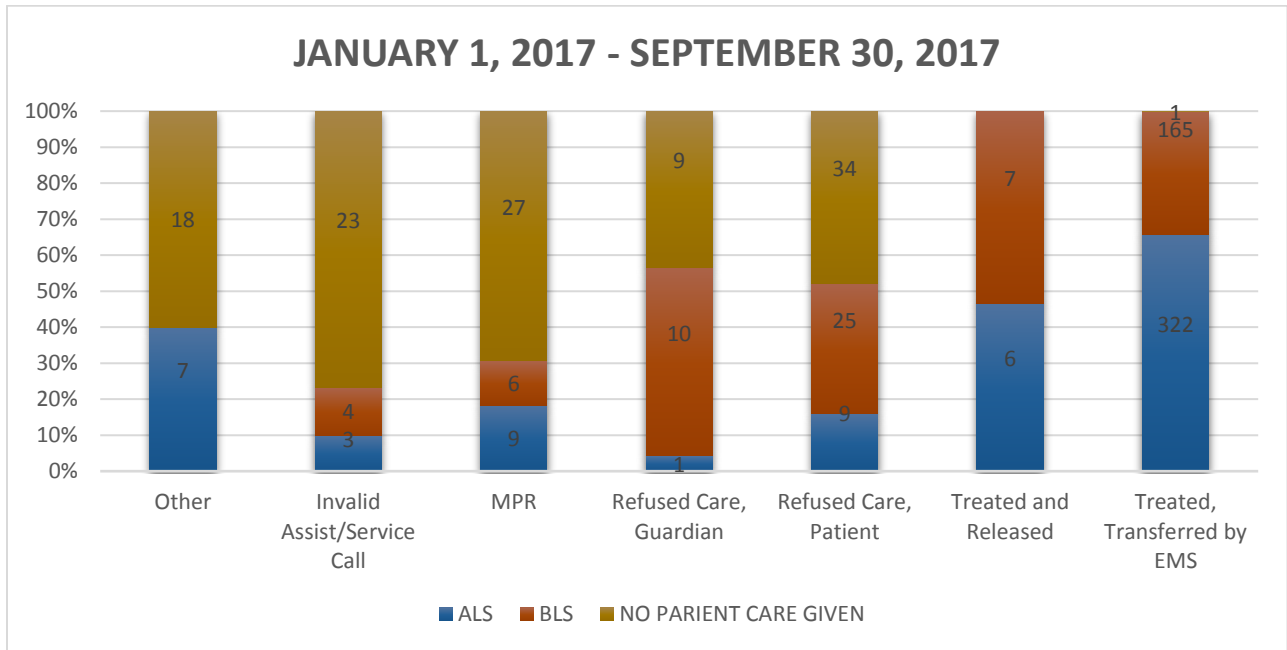
**Total Estimated Loss YTD            \$1,697,250.00            Total            1458 Incidents**

**INCIDENT CALLS FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2017  
INCIDENT CALL COMPARISONS YTD FOR 2015-2017**

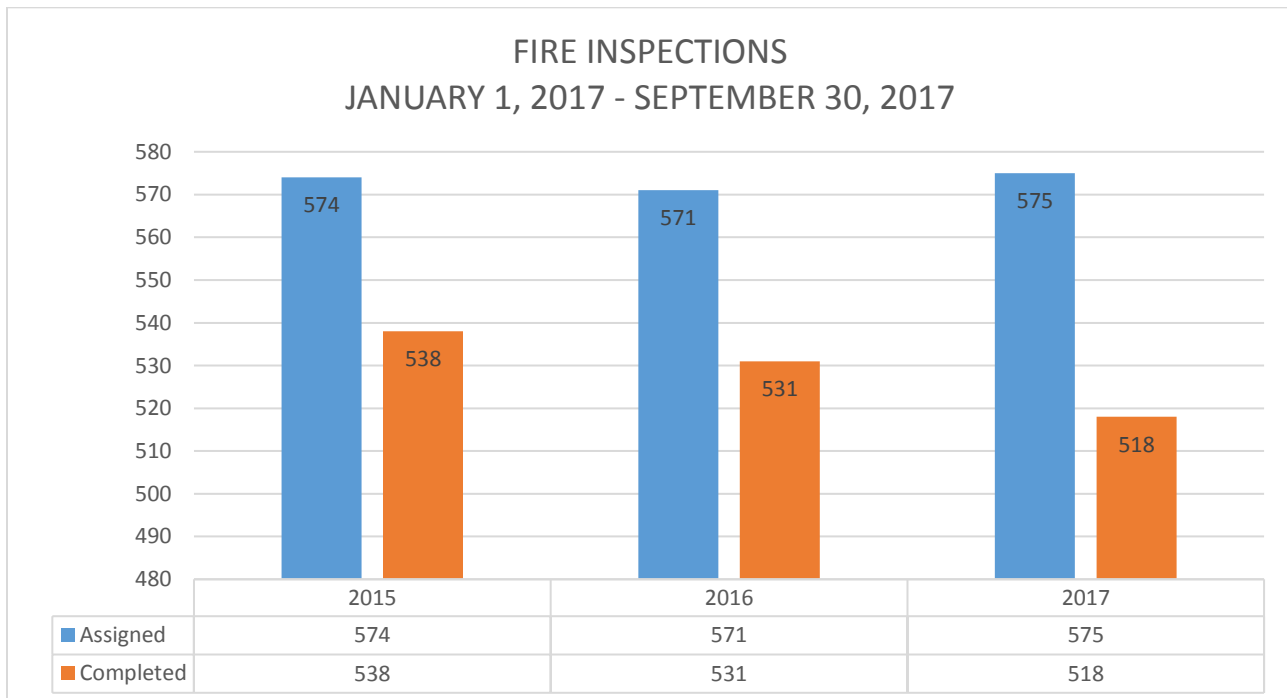
Please bare with us as we develop new, updated graphs as potential replacements for Incident Calls and Call Comparisons.

This change has been neccessitated by our migration to the new report and record keeping system, Aegis Fire Records, 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 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

<b>2015 Total</b>	<b>2016 Total</b>	<b>2017 - YTD</b>
2,781 Hours	2,239.83 Hours	2,441.96 Hours

*Fire Chief*

