



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

LOCAL EVENTS – 2017

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

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 OCTOBER 2017



La Grange Fire Departments first actual ambulance. A 1964 International Carryall with a raised roof. This vehicle replaced a 1959 Chevrolet station wagon that was converted into an ambulance.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Fire Prevention Week is on record as the longest running public health observance, according to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center.

The National Fire Protection Association, or NFPA, has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922, when the commemoration began.

1871 - Blaming it on the cow: The Great Chicago Fire

According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow - belonging to Mrs. O'Leary - kicked over a lamp, setting fire first the barn, located on the property of 137 Dekoven Street on the city's southwest side, and then pretty much the entire city. Chances are you've have heard some version of this story yourself; people have been blaming the Great Chicago Fire on the cow and Mrs. O'Leary, for more than 130 years.

This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. But...

Did you Know: This was not the biggest blaze that week?

The Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American history, was the biggest blaze that week, but drew little notice outside of the region, in and around Peshtigo, Wisconsin because of the attention drawn by the Great Chicago Fire.

The Peshtigo Fire, which also occurred on October 8th, 1871, roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

Historical accounts of the fire say that the blaze began when several railroad workers clearing land for tracks unintentionally started a brush fire. Before long, the fast-moving flames were whipping through the area 'like a tornado,' some survivors said. It was the small town of Peshtigo, Wisconsin, that suffered the worst damage. Within an hour, the entire town had been destroyed.

Time Change:

If you have yet to check the batteries in your smoke detectors, please do so. An easy way to remember to do so, is when you reset your clocks for the fall time-change. "Change your clocks – Change your batteries".

Calls of Note:

On October 2, 2017, at 1941 hours, La Grange companies 1112 and 1101 responded to 4400 block of Eberly in Brookfield for the structure fire. Upon arrival, Co. 1112's crew was assigned the attack line and 1101 was assigned interior sector. The fire was raised to the Box Alarm level by Brookfield command. La Grange crew also assisted with search, overhaul and repacking of equipment. Co. 1101 remained on scene until the cause and origin determination was completed.

On October 6, 2017 at 0231 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded auto-aid to Western Springs for the Automatic Fire Alarm at 4900 S. Gilbert. La Grange then received a report of some type of explosion in the 300 block of S. Edgewood at 0233 hours. At 0247 hours, La Grange received an Automatic Fire Alarm for 5101 S. Willow Springs Road and at 0254 hours, another AFA at 31 E. Ogden. All calls were handled by La Grange companies with assistance from auto-aid companies from Brookfield and Hinsdale.

On October 14, 2017 at 2111 hours, La Grange companies responded to the 500 block of S. Ashland for the tree that fell into a home. Upon arrival, crews found a large branch on the residence. Crew assessed the scene and determined there were no immediate hazards. Homeowner to contact a tree service for removal.

On October 14, 2017 at 2213 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded to the 00 block of N. Edgewood for the flooding and furnace problem. Upon arrival crew met with the homeowner who was concerned that their basement was flooding and would effect the furnace. Flooding was minor and not in the vicinity of the furnace. Crew advised the homeowner that there was no need to shut off gas to the furnace and homeowner agreed. Crew did show the homeowner how to shut off the gas for future reference.

On October 20, 2017, at 1059 hours, a La Grange Hazardous Materials Technician responded to the 6200 block of Cass Avenue in Westmont for the hazardous materials incident. Upon arrival the tech was assigned to monitor numerous sewers in Westmont, Burr Ridge and Clarendon Hills for LEL or

lower explosive levels. This was necessary due to a under ground gasoline tank that leaked product into the sewer waste and storm sewer systems.

On October 28, 2017, at 1030 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to 00 block of S. La Grange Road for the activated carbon monoxide detector. Upon arrival, crew used both the four gas detector and single gas CO detector to monitor area. Detectors captured 7ppm readings of CO in office area. The roof top furnace was shut down and the office area was ventilated to remove the CO. The business was advised to have the furnace serviced.

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	183 Incidents
November	--- Incidents
December	--- Incidents

Total Estimated Loss YTD \$1,697,250.00 Total 1641 Incidents

**INCIDENT CALLS FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 – OCTOBER 31, 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 necessitated 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.

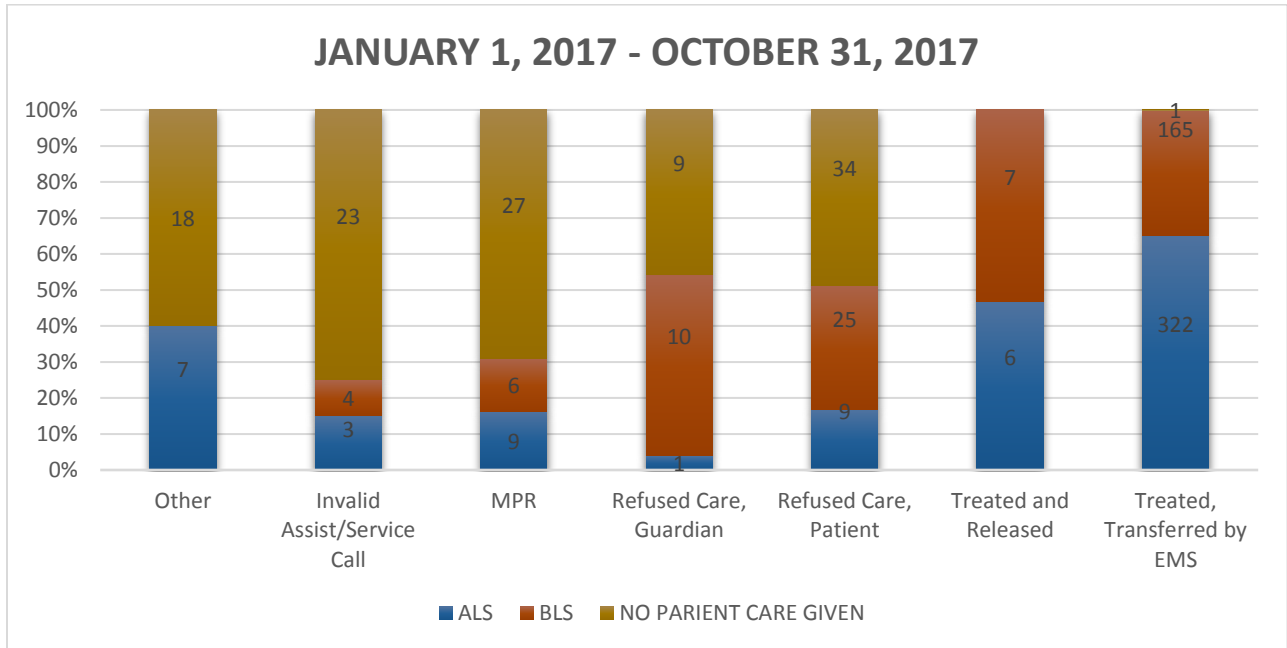
Open House Saturday October 7, 2017

The Fire Department held its annual Open House on Saturday, October 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The weather held out and the crowd, estimated between 250-300 people, enjoyed the day with our many participants. Kids had an opportunity to extinguish a prop house fire using a real fire hose and kids and adults alike, enjoyed watching a 'burn room' fire grow from the ignition stage to flashover before the firefighters extinguished the fire.

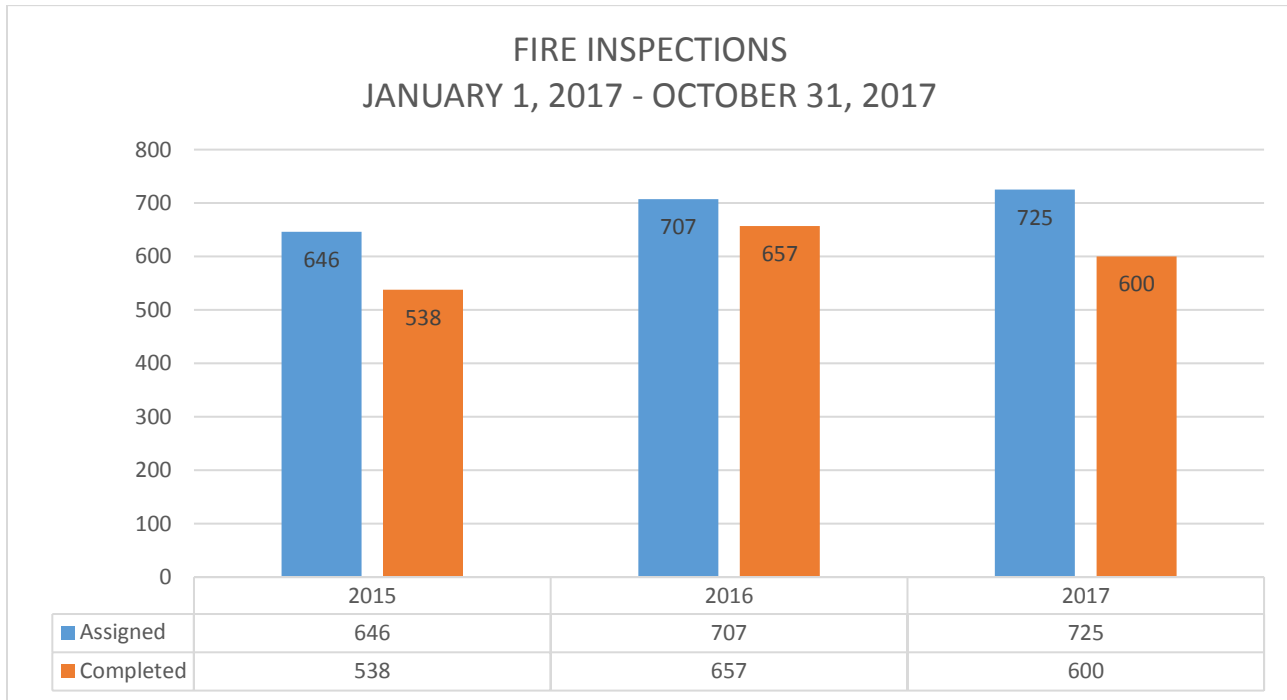
We would like to thank our many participants such as Amita-La Grange Hospital, Park District of La Grange, La Grange Public Library, Hinsdale Humane Society, Project LifeSaver, Com Ed, Nicor, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, La Grange Police, Illinois State Treasurer's Office, Aging Care Connections, Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and retired Fire Chief turned author, Bill Ruting for their time and efforts to help make this day a memorable one.



LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



FIRE PREVENTION



TRAINING DIVISION

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

2015 Total	2016 Total	2017 - YTD
2,781 Hours	2,239.83 Hours	2,436.21 Hours

Fire Chief

