



A SERVICE
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LAGRANGE
FIRE DEPARTMENT
708-579-2338

LOCAL EVENTS – 2017

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

Unwrap La Grange
Through December 31st

LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 2017



La Grange Fire Departments Co. 1113 delivering Santa Claus to the village hall for the Hometown Holiday tree lighting ceremony. Engine company 1113 is a 1991 Pierce Arrow with a 1500 gpm pump and carries 500 gallons of water.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

The Winter Holiday season is upon us and it's time for families and friends to gather together to enjoy each other's company and celebrate another new year.

Here are a few simple tips for you to follow to help ensure you have a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

Holiday Decorating;

- Choose decorations that are flame retardant.
- Keep candles away from decorations and other items that can burn.
- Be sure to check your holiday lights. Some are designed for indoors use and others for outdoor.
- Never hang lights using nails or staples. This can damage cords and cause arching.
- Use clips to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Replace any string of lights that has worn or damaged cords or loose bulb connections. In fact, the Village of La Grange has a recycling program for old and damaged holiday lights. Please check out the village web site at <http://www.villageoflagrange.com> for a location near you.
- Real Christmas trees should be watered daily and not placed directly in front of a heat vent.
- Dry, brittle trees should be discarded immediately.

Fireplaces:

- Fireplaces should never be used as a furnace. Use a fireplace for short durations or five hours or less.
- Be sure to open the flue before starting a fire. Never use a flammable liquid to start a fire.
- Keep the glass doors open to allow air to be drawn up to cool the chimney, but keep the screen closed to prevent sparks and crackles from jumping out onto flooring.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Use fireplace tools to handle burning logs. Never use your hands.
- Fireplace coals can remain hot enough to start a fire for up to three days. When discarding ash, place in a metal container with a lid.
- If you can't remember the last time you had your fireplace chimney inspected or have recently purchased a home with an existing fireplace, contact a chimney sweep for an inspection and cleaning.

Do's:

- Be sure to check your smoke detectors. Never remove the battery from a detector to place in a child's toy.
- Be sure to blow out candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Turn off all strings of lights and decorations before leaving the home or going to bed.

From all of us here at the fire station, have a safe and joyous holiday season.

Calls of Note:

On November 1, 2017, at 0713 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 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. Detector readings began to climb reaching 31ppm of CO. The furnace, gas and electric were shut down as crew ventilated to remove the CO. The homeowner was advised to have the furnace serviced.

On November 7, 2017, at 1136 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded auto-aid to the 3400 block of Grand Avenue in Brookfield for the structure fire. Upon arrival, Co. 1112's crew was assigned to ventilate the roof. The crew ascended to roof and used power saw to cut 4' x 4' hole in metal pan roof. After completing the assignment the crew descended from the roof and awaited further assignment.

On November 17, 2017 at 1255 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 900 block of S. La Grange Road for the report of smoke coming from the kitchen. Upon arrival LGRG officer 1104 reported a working fire with fire venting from a rear window of a four unit townhome. The call was upgraded to a Full Still bring in additional fire companies. LGRG crew stretched an 1-3/4" handline and attacked the fire as crew from Pleasantview began primary search, Brookfield stretched a second handline and McCook ambulance began treatment and transport of resident. Alarm was elevated to a Box Alarm as BRKF 401 removed owners pet and began resuscitation efforts. The pet was transported to a local animal hospital by police. The cause of the fire remains undetermined and under investigation. La Grange also received assistance from La Grange Park, Western Springs, Lyons, Riverside, Hinsdale, Broadview, Downers Grove, Westmont, TriState, Oak Brook, Clarendon Hills and Hillside.

On November 22, 2017 at 2103 hours, La Grange companies responded to the 800 block of S. Spring for the carbon monoxide detector activation with illness. Upon arrival, Co. 1111 investigated the CO incident and Co. 1115 evaluated three patients. As crew from 1111 entered building and CO detector immediately spiked to 100 ppm. Crew exited building and donned SCBA. Crew re-entered and CO levels rose to approximately 200 ppm. After ventilating the home, crew determined the cause of the CO to be the homes oven. The gas to the oven was shut off and the homeowner was advised not to use the oven until it is serviced. All three patients signed a refusal of treatment.

On November 23, 2017 at 1714 hours, after receiving a call on the in-house non-emergency line, La Grange companies responded to the 400 block of East Avenue for the garbage can on fire. Upon arrival crew found a dumpster on fire. Crew extinguished the fire with a pre-connected trash line.

On November 30, 2017, at 1720 hours, a La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 300 block of S. Ninth Avenue for the person stuck in the elevator. Upon arrival the opened the outer elevator door and found the elevator stuck between the lower and first floor. The crew shut down and locked out power to the elevator before lowering a step ladder into the elevator car. A crew member descended the ladder to assist the person up and out of the elevator. The elevator door was closed and the lock was removed from the power source. Power was not restored to elevator by crew. Crew spoke to building administrator about the elevator remaining out of service until repaired by service company.

Number of Incidents by Month:

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| 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 | 158 Incidents |
| December | --- Incidents |

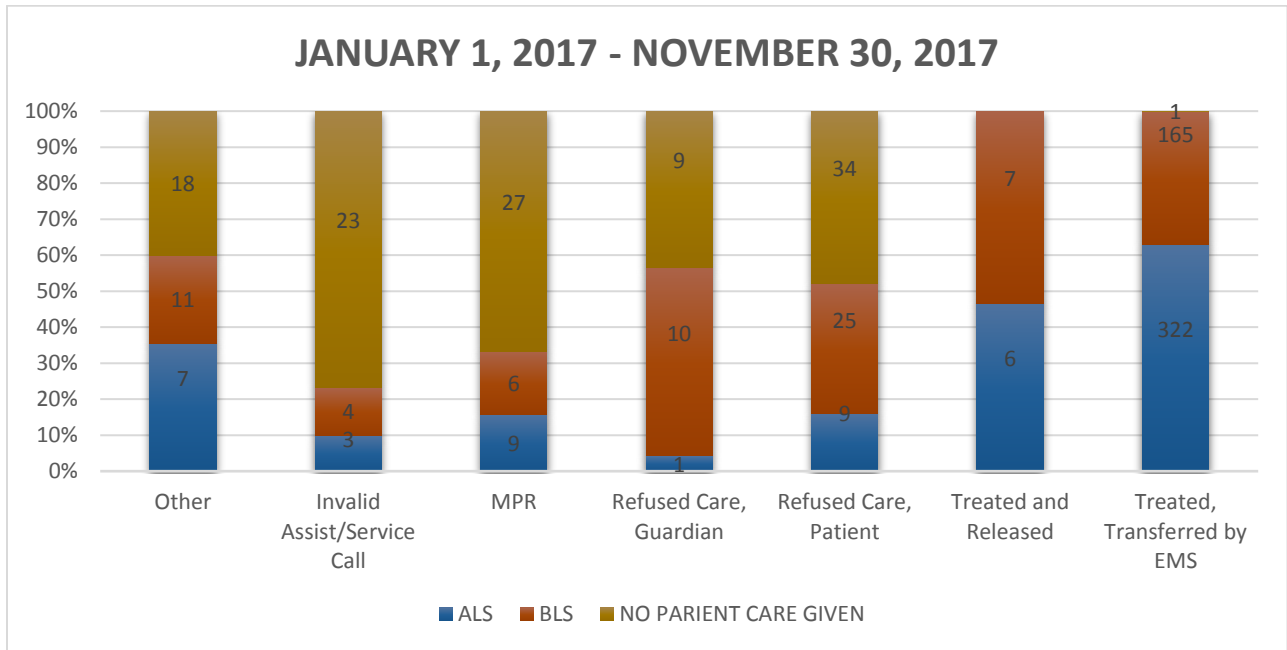
Total Estimated Loss YTD \$1,775,734.58 Total 1799 Incidents

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

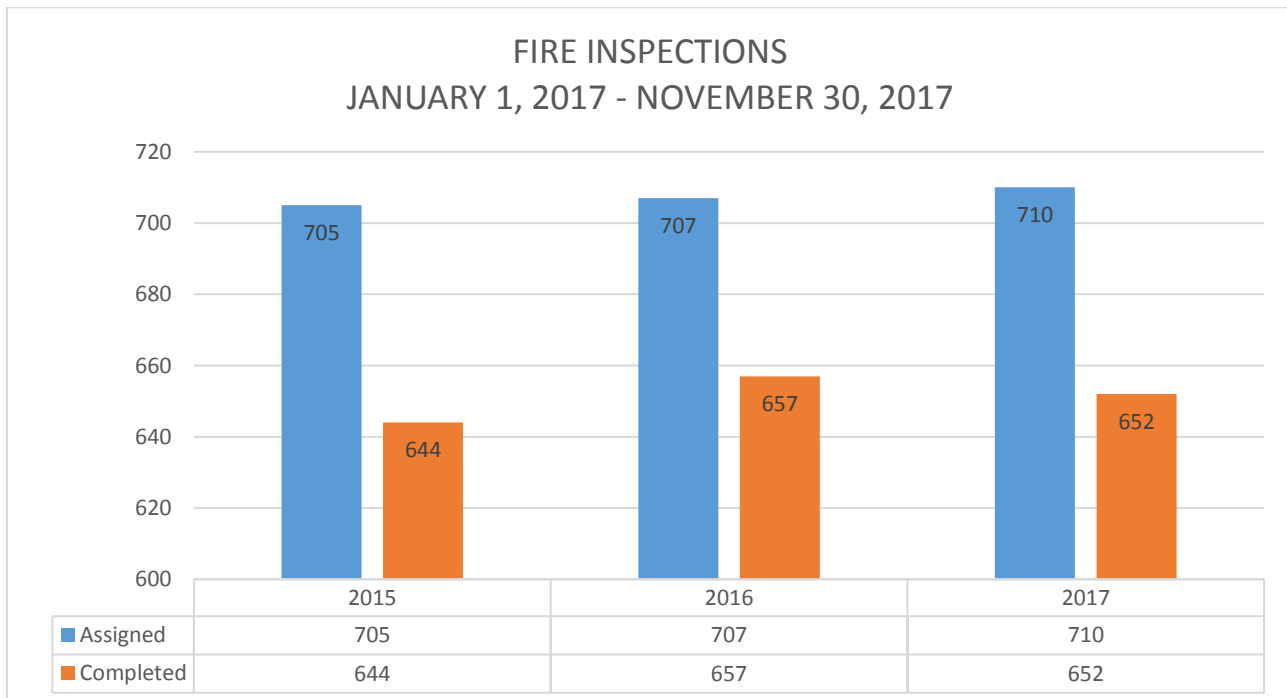
Please bare with us as we develop new, updated graphs as potential replacements for Incident Calls and Call Comparisons.

This change has been 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.

LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



FIRE PREVENTION



TRAINING DIVISION

TRAINING HOURS FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 – NOVEMBER 30, 2017

| 2015 Total | 2016 Total | 2017 - YTD |
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| 2,781 Hours | 2,239.83 Hours | 2,653.71 Hours |

Fire Chief

