



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

LOCAL EVENTS – 2018

71st Annual Pet Parade
Saturday June 2, 2018
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

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

Annual Craft Fair
July 13-15, 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 JANUARY 2018



Above is a 1980 E-One fire engine that served the Village of La Grange from 1980 until it was replaced in 2003. The vehicle carried 500 gallons of water, had a 1500 GPM pump and top mounted pump panel.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Does your home have a working Carbon Monoxide Detector?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is odorless, colorless, and tasteless. It is produced when any fossil fuel, including natural gas, is burned. When fossil fuels do not burn properly, CO can build up and cause sickness and even death. Carbon monoxide kills approximately 200 people in the U.S. every year.

If your home uses natural gas to cook, heat or produce hot water, you should install carbon monoxide (CO) detectors within 15 feet of rooms used for sleeping.

The carbon monoxide detector may be battery operated, plug-in with battery back-up, or wired into the home's AC power with a secondary battery back-up. It must also bear the label of a nationally recognized testing laboratory and must comply with the most recent standards of the Underwriters Laboratories.

Safety measures:

- Never heat your home with your gas range or oven.
- Never burn charcoal inside your home or garage.
- Always open the chimney flue when you use your fireplace.
- Never run a combustion engine, such as your car, lawn mower or snow blower, in enclosed areas.

Install a CO detector:

- Install a CO detector within 15' of any room used for sleeping in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- **Do not install** a CO detector in your garage or in a room with a furnace.
- If your CO detector goes off and you feel ill, leave the house and call 911. Meet the fire department as they arrive and let them know that everyone is well and accounted for.
- If you do not feel ill, you can check the back of the detector for a date and list of beeps. A detector that beeps every 10 – 30 seconds will most likely need a new battery. If you find the detector is more than six years old, it should be replaced.
- A detector that activates due to CO will activate constantly with no interruption in the alarm.
- If you are uncomfortable or unsure, please do not hesitate to call 911. The fire department will happily come out to check and verify that your home is safe and free of carbon monoxide.

Recognize the symptoms of CO poisoning:

- Dizziness, nausea, headache and coughing
- Irregular heartbeat
- Pale skin with cherry red lips and ear tips

Know what to do if you suspect CO poisoning:

- Get fresh air and stay outside.
- Call 911 or the local fire department.

Warming Shelter available during the winter months

AMITA Health Medical Center, Adventist La Grange Hospital will provide immediate shelter to area residents that have experienced a power outage or are unable to heat their residence. The Warming Shelter season runs October 1st thru May 15th. Shelter hours begin at 10:00 am and end at 8:00 pm. Persons needing assistance should enter through the Emergency Department to request temporary shelter.

Should residents need overnight shelter; the Hospital will work with area churches regarding overnight shelter locations. Please check the Village of La Grange website for shelter operation dates and times.

Calls of Note:

On January 2, 2018, at 1745 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 300 block of S. Ninth Avenue for the automatic fire alarm. Upon arrival, companies found a ruptured sprinkler pipe in the kitchen. The crew from 1114 located the sprinkler shut off valve and closed it, and opened the main system drain. Auto-aid companies were released. Maintenance staff on site was advised they would be on fire watch until Sprinkler Company could make repairs and bring the system back up. All La Grange companies returned to quarters.

On January 3, 2018, at 0541 hours, La Grange Co.1111 responded to the 800 block of S. Spring for the burst water pipe. Upon arrival, crew met with homeowner and located main water shut off and stopped the leak. The homeowner stated he would contact a plumber for repairs.

On January 6, 2018 at 1847 hours, La Grange company 1113 responded to the 4500 block of Forest in Brookfield for the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, crew was assigned to search residence. Crew then assisted with ventilation, overhaul and cause and origin.

On January 7, 2018 at 2200 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to 00 block of E. Ogden for the AFA. Upon arrival, crews found activation was due to a water flow alarm in stairwell C and D. Investigation found a broken sprinkler pipe in stairwell D. The broken pipe was isolated and auto-aid companies released. Management was advised to have sprinkler contractor out immediately to conduct repairs and place system back in full service.

On January 8, 2018 at 0243 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded to the 1400 block of W. Cossitt Avenue for the water leak. Upon arrival, crew isolated the leak in unit 1W and diverted water from electrical panels located in basement. Building owner advised to contact a plumber for repairs.

On January 10, 2018 at 0655 hours, all La Grange companies responded to Harris and Bluff for the report of a roll-over accident with entrapment. Upon arrival, crews attended to victims and stabilized a vehicle before removing the windshield to gain access to entrapped patient. Patient was removed, treated and transported to the hospital. Co. 1111 remained on scene until both vehicles were removed.

On January 12, 2018 at 0004 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 and 1101 responded to the 700 block of W. Burlington Avenue for the outside gas leak. Upon arrival, 1111 found that a Public Works crew had hit an unmarked gas line while attempting to repair a leaking water main. As crews waited for Nicor to arrive, fire crew continually monitored combustible gas levels in surrounding area and sewers with department monitors. Nicor arrived on scene and also monitored. Fire crews remained on scene waiting for leak to be controlled by Nicor. Once Nicor verified that the leak was controlled, fire crews returned to quarters.

On January 20, 2018 at 2120 hours, La Grange crews responded to the 800 block of S. Spring for the CO detector that was activating. Upon arrival crews went in to check and had immediate readings of 200 ppm of CO just inside the front door. Crews donned breathing apparatus, re-entered and began to attempt to locate the source of CO. Crews found 499 ppm in the basement furnace room. Crews shut down the furnace and hot water heater and ventilated home until they had zero readings. Crew then turned the furnace and water heater back on. The water heater slowly began to have an increase in CO. Crews shut down the gas to the hot water heater and advised owner to have it serviced.

On January 25, 2018 at 1044 hours, the fire station received a call on the non-emergency line from the homeowner in the 200 block of S. Brainard stating they have the odor of something burning in their home. La Grange companies responded and found that the home's boiler had an overheated motor. The crew shut down the boiler and advised the homeowner to contact a repair service.

On January 31, 2018 at 0241 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded mutual aid to the 6700 block of Park Lane in Westmont for the 3-11 apartment fire. Upon arrival, crew was assigned to a unit on the third floor to overhaul unit and assist roof crew with extinguishment. After completing assignment, crew assisted with lowering multiple ground ladders and rolling multiple hoselines. Crew was released by fire command and returned to quarters.

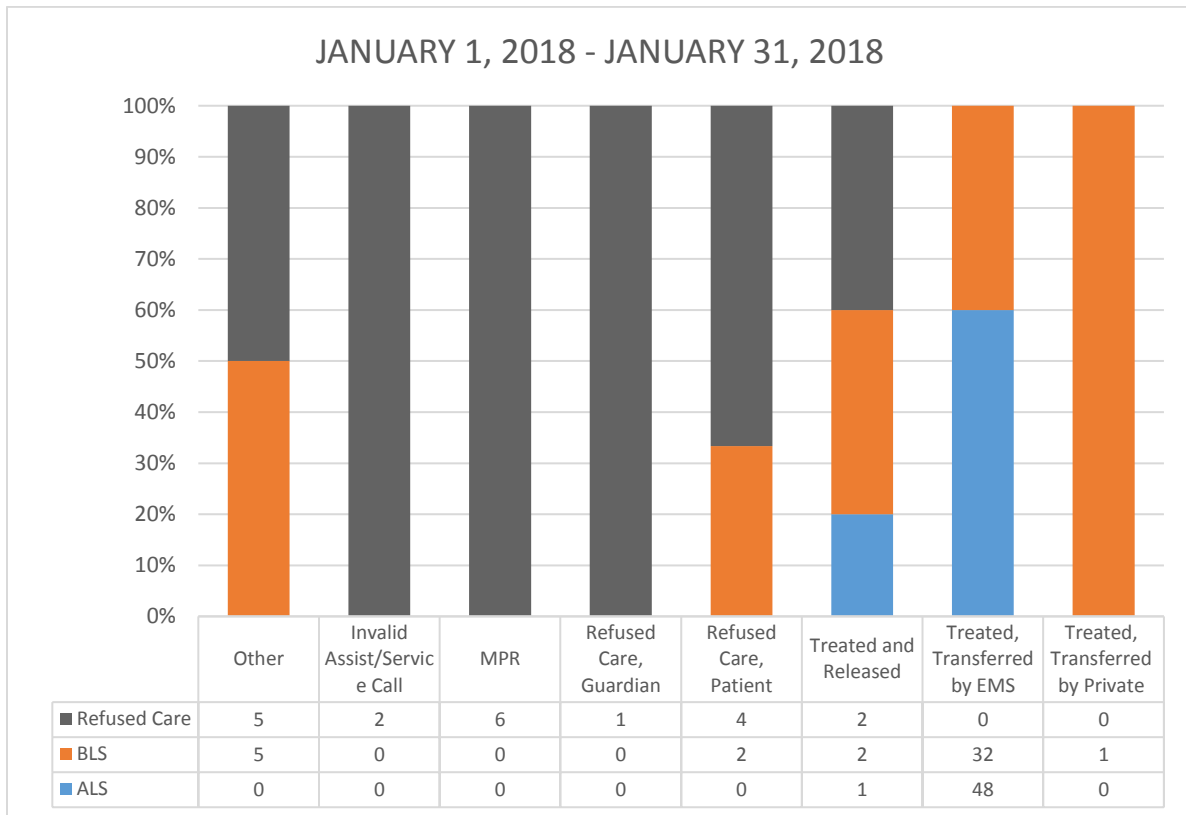
3 Year Response Numbers	2015	2016	2017
Fire Responses	530	530	665
EMS Responses	1326	1230	1120
Other	215	194	200
Total Number of Responses	2068	1954	1985

Incidents by Month:

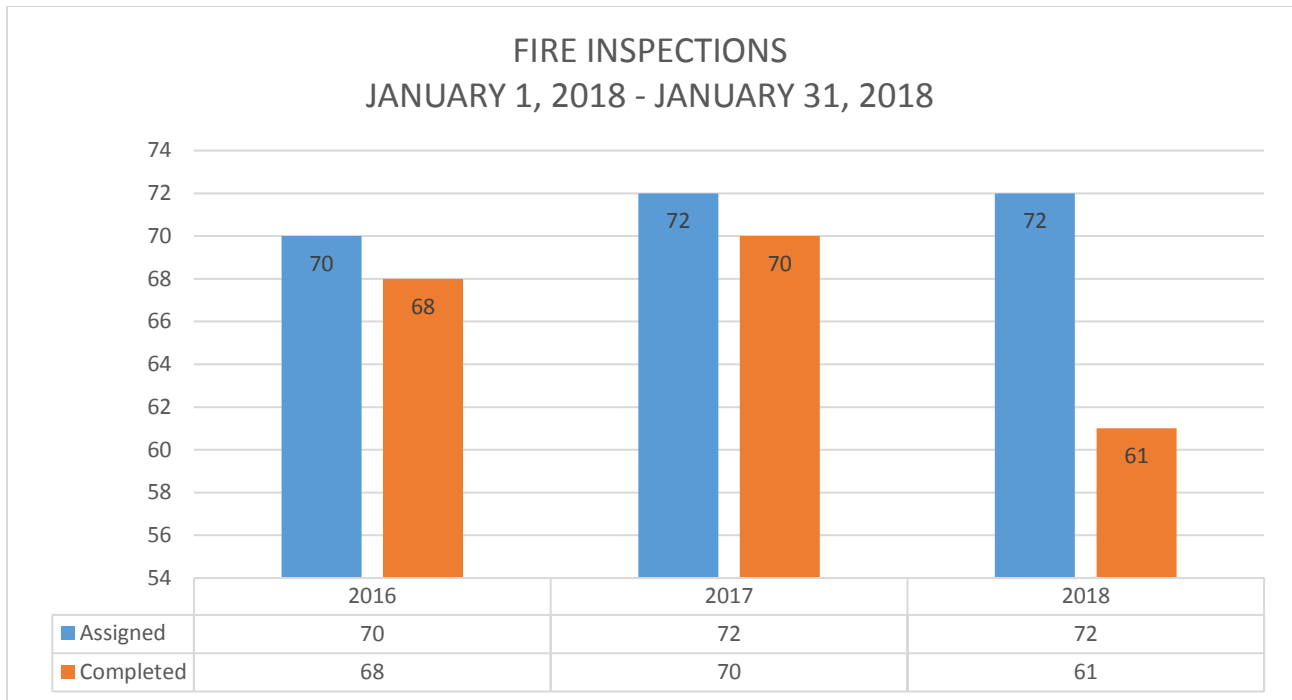
January	195 Incidents
February	--- Incidents
March	--- Incidents
April	--- Incidents
May	--- Incidents
June	--- Incidents
July	--- Incidents
August	--- Incidents
September	--- Incidents
October	--- Incidents
November	--- Incidents
December	--- Incidents

Total Estimated Loss YTD \$0.00 Total 195 Incidents

LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



FIRE PREVENTION



TRAINING DIVISION

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

2016 Total	2017 Total	2018 - YTD
2,239.83 Hours	2,813.21 Hours	317.5 Hours

Fire Chief