



A SERVICE
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LA GRANGE
FIRE DEPARTMENT
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LOCAL EVENTS – 2018

72nd Annual Pet Parade
Saturday June 2, 2018
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Farmers Market
May – October – Thursdays
9:00AM – 1:00PM

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 FEBRUARY 2018



Above is a 1951 American LaFrance fire engine that served the Village of La Grange from 1951 until it was replaced in 1980. The vehicle is pictured outside of the firehouse then located at 27 W. Calendar.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Does your home have working Smoke Detectors?

A working smoke detector can increase your chance of surviving a house fire by more than 50%.

Protect yourself and your family by:

- Purchasing multiple smoke detectors.
- Install your smoke detectors correctly. Follow the manufacturers recommendation or call the fire department non-emergency line for assistance.
- Identifying and practicing escape routes.
- Maintain your smoke detectors by testing them monthly and changing batteries twice a year.

What kind should I buy and how much should I spend?

- Smoke detectors can be either electrically hard-wired or battery operated.
- The two most common smoke detectors are ionization and photoelectric
- Ionization detectors are more responsive to a flaming fire.

- Photoelectric detectors are quicker at sensing smoldering, smoky fires.
- Either smoke detectors will provide sufficient time for escape for all fires, however, for the best protection, it is recommended both types be installed.
- Make sure the model you choose has been listed by a recognized testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratory of Factory Mutual.
- Smoke detectors can be purchased at local hardware stores for about \$10 - \$30.
- Smoke detectors have a life span of 8-10 years and should be replaced after this time.

Where to install smoke detectors:

- Smoke detectors must be installed on each level of your home, within 15' of sleeping areas and inside each bedroom.
- Smoke detectors should be placed on the ceiling or high on a wall, 4-6 inches below the ceiling.
- For the best protection, smoke detectors should be interconnected so that a fire detected by any detector will sound an alarm in all smoke detectors.
- A detector that beeps every 10 – 30 seconds will most likely need a new battery. Electronically hard-wired detectors also have batteries for back up power. These will also beep every 10-30 seconds when the battery needs to be replaced.
- A detector that activates due to smoke will activate constantly with no interruption in the alarm.
- Never disregard your smoke detector. If your detector activates please do not hesitate to call 911. The fire department will come out to check and verify the cause of the activation.

Calls of Note:

On February 13, 2018, at 0443 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded to the 800 block of Arlington Avenue for the report of an outside gas leak. Upon arrival, company found that a snow removal crew had struck the gas meter located on the front of the business, causing the leak. The crew from 1112 shut off the gas line feeding the meter, thus controlling the leak. NiCor was notified and Co. 1112 returned to quarters.

On February 20, 2018, at 1731 hours, La Grange received a call on the non emergency phone line from a resident in the 300 block of S. Brainard stating that all of his hard-wired smoke detectors are activated but there is no problem and he does not know how to shut the detectors off.. Upon arrival, crew met with the homeowner and checked and verified finding no problems. The crew began to systematically disconnect detectors until finding the faulty detector in the attic. All other detectors were re-connected. The homeowner stated he would have the faulty detector replaced.

On February 23, 2018 at 0921 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to 00 block of W. Hillgrove for the report of a fire under a desk. Upon arrival, crews found a burned up power strip still smoldering after experiencing a failure. Once the power to the power strip was isolated, crews found the building had lost partial power. Auto-aid companies response were cancelled. Com Ed was requested to the scene. Co's 1114 and 1111 responded to a vehicle accident and 1101 remained on scene to locate the electrical problem. The power problem was located on an outside power line as Com Ed arrived on scene.

On February 27, 2018 at 1555 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 800 block of S. 10th Avenue for the woman stuck on the roof of her house. Upon arrival, crew assisted the woman down a ladder without incident.

The Park Junior High Mighty Patriots 2018



On February 15th members from local area Fire and Police departments took on the Park Junior High, Mighty Patriots Special Olympics Basketball Team for their annual end of the season ‘Heros’ game. The crowd favorite Mighty Patriots did not disappoint as they handily defeated the local area ‘heros’. The Mighty Patriots remain undefeated against the ‘heros’.

Regional Grant for Portable Radio’s - Update

In the fall of 2016, the fire departments of La Grange, La Grange Park, and Western Springs worked together and applied for a regional grant through the 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program for the purpose of updating our portable radios to new technology that allows for interoperable communications between other municipalities, counties, states and federal agencies.

In July 2017, the Department of Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program approved our application and awarded us \$309,000 for 75 P25 compliant portable radios. As a condition of this award, the three municipalities were required to contribute a cost match of approximately 10 percent for a total projected budget value of \$339,900.

We are happy to report that all the requested equipment purchased through Motorola Solutions and Chicago Communications of Elmhurst has arrived, been programmed and each of the three municipalities have placed the new portable radios in operation. The available funds have been requested and released by the Department of Homeland Security.

Citizen Awards for Civilian Life-Saving Efforts

On February 20th the La Grange Fire and Police Departments recognized four area citizens for their life-saving efforts on December 1, 2017.

On December 1, 2017 at approximately 3:18pm the La Grange Fire Department responded for an emergency medical response at Brainard and Bell Avenues for a report of a woman unresponsive but breathing. Upon arrival of emergency crews, bystander cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was being performed for a woman in cardiac arrest.

During cardiac emergencies time is of the essence. Patients who experience delays in restoring circulation generally face longer odds on surviving. Without bystander intervention and advanced life support efforts the outcome could very well have been much different.

‘That meant so much to me to finally meet the people that saved my life. It was quite emotional but I am so very grateful for everyone that helped me. Thank you!’ - Sonia Perez-Morales



Pictured from left to right, Front row; Rescuer Mallory Glover, Sonia Perez-Morales, Rescuer Chris Psenicka Jr., Rescuer Noah Arroyo. Back row; Sgt. Dave Rohlicek, FF/PM Alex Barajas, Capt. Dave Rapp, FF/PM Chris Conrad, FF/PM Chuck Crudele, Lt. Brian Cramer. Not pictured is Rescuer Cara Farnan.

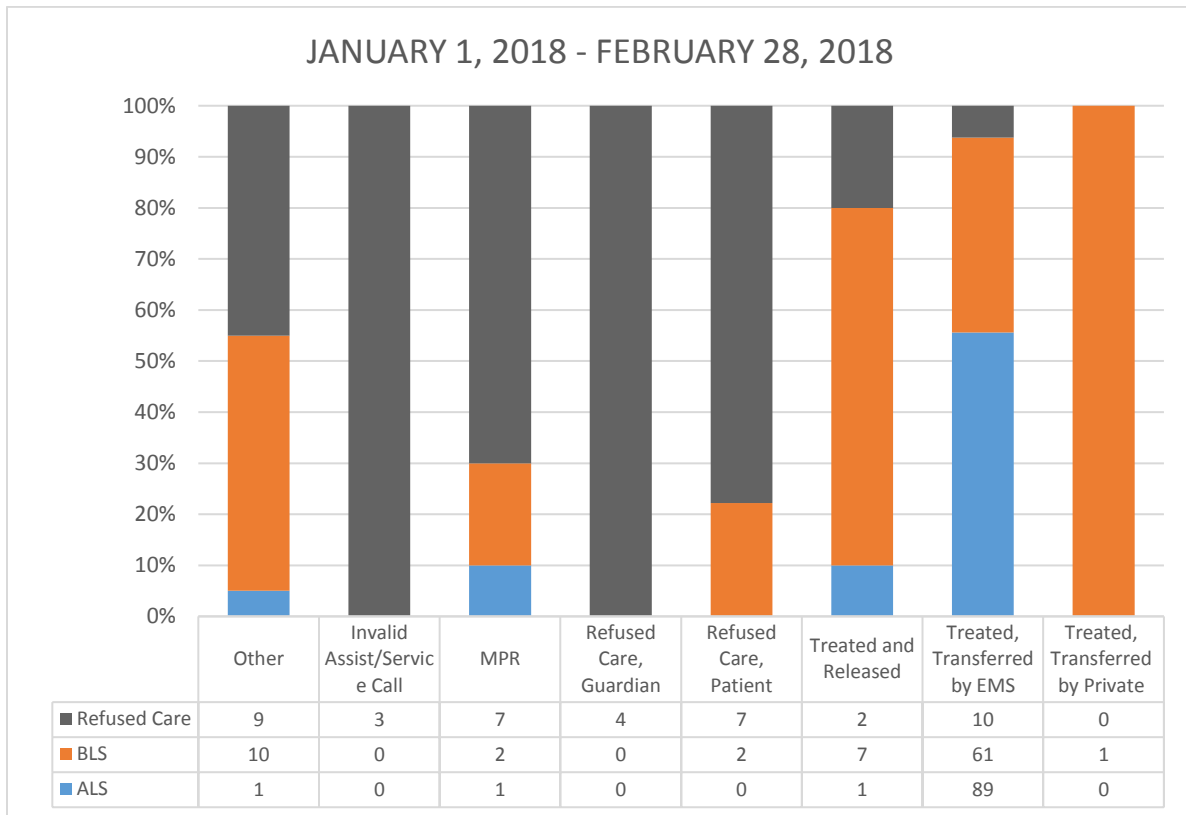
3 Year Response Numbers	2015	2016	2017
Fire Responses	530	530	665
EMS Responses	1326	1230	1120
Other	215	194	200
Total Number of Responses	2068	1954	1985

Incidents by Month:

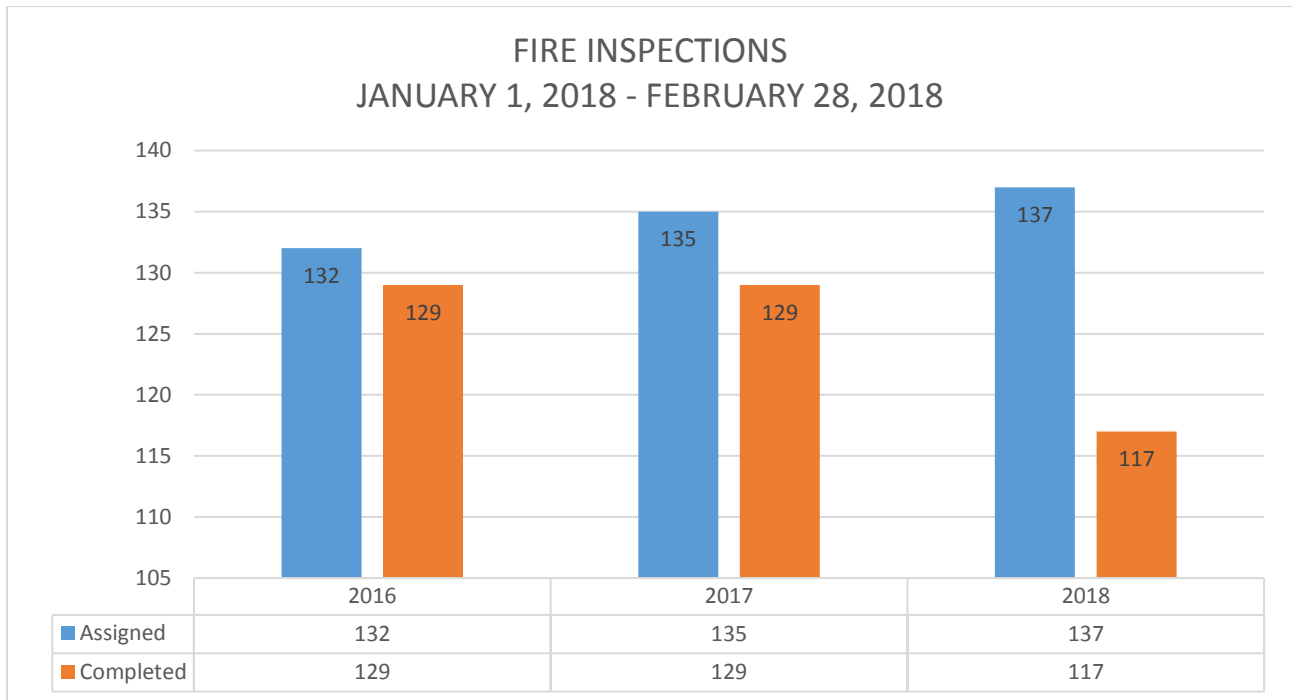
January	195 Incidents
February	154 Incidents
March	--- Incidents
April	--- Incidents
May	--- Incidents
June	--- Incidents
July	--- Incidents
August	--- Incidents
September	--- Incidents
October	--- Incidents
November	--- Incidents
December	--- Incidents

Total Estimated Loss YTD \$0.00 Total 349 Incidents

LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



FIRE PREVENTION



TRAINING DIVISION

TRAINING HOURS FROM JANUARY 1, 2018 – FEBRUARY 28, 2018

2016 Total	2017 Total	2018 - YTD
2,239.83 Hours	2,813.21 Hours	632.00 Hours

Fire Chief