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FIRE DEPARTMENT
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LOCAL EVENTS – 2017

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

Endless Summer
August 4 - 6, 2017

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 - 3:30PM

Halloween Walk - TBD

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

LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT JULY 2017



La Grange Fire Department located at 300 W. Burlington Avenue. This station was originally built in 1954 and remodeled in 1990.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Important Legal Documents for Emergency Preparedness Part 3 of 3

Disaster can strike at any time, and with little notice. Whether you live in an area that's at risk for a blizzard, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquake or flooding, you need to be prepared. Building a [disaster preparedness kit](#) will ensure your family is well protected when disaster strikes, whether you are left without power for a few days or find that you have to evacuate suddenly.

While some parts of a disaster preparedness kit are easy to remember, such as food and medicine, others are less so. One of the things that many people forget about is the important documents they need in the event of an evacuation. If your family suddenly has to vacate your home, and you only have time to grab your disaster kit and run, you will want to make sure it has the right documents to keep you on track. This list will help you prepare for the next disaster with the right documents.

Medical Documents- Finally, make sure you are prepared for the fact that a disaster will likely involve the need for medical care. Here are some of the medical documents and proofs you will need in your kit:

Insurance information - While it's already been mentioned, it bears repeating here. If you have medical insurance, put a copy of your policy numbers and your insurance card in your kit, so you can get the appropriate coverage in an emergency.

- *Immunization records* - Keep the immunization records of your children and pets in this kit, so you know what they are protected against should you have to evacuate.
- *Allergy information* - If anyone has serious allergies in your family, have a record of this information in your kit.
- *Medications list* - If anyone in your family takes medications on a regular basis, list the medications, doses and the doctor who prescribed them, and put this in your kit. Don't forget to list medications for pets.
- *Crucial medical records* - While you can't put all of your medical records into your disaster prep kit for the sake of space, you should include any information about serious diagnosis or procedures you have had done in the past.

Remember, in a serious emergency, there's a high chance that someone other than your regular doctor will be taking care of your medical needs. Make sure these professionals have the tools they need to give you the best possible care.

Why are these documents crucial? If you are involved in a natural disaster that is bad enough to destroy your home, all of these important documents will be destroyed along with your home. Should you need them again in the near future, you will be at the mercy of the office that issued them to get you copies. Having a copy of your own will help you be ahead of the curve as you get reestablished somewhere else.

The month of September is National Preparedness Month and the theme for 2017 is "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can." Every region of the United States has disasters that are expected and can be planned for, whether it is winter storms, hurricanes, or earthquakes, yet many Americans still have no plan, no kit, and have not taken the time to prepare their families or homes.

There are many resources available toward this goal on the Ready.gov website including directions for making a plan; information on special groups, how to build a kit, and how to get involved in your community's preparedness activities.

We hope that this series on Important Legal Documents for Emergency Preparedness has been helpful to you and your family. Should you have any questions or would like additional information on Emergency Preparedness, please do not hesitate to contact the Fire Department at 708-579-2338.

Calls of Note:

On July 1, 2017, at 2210 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 600 block of S. Ashland for the report of a strong smell of burnt plastic in an outside fuse box. Upon arrival, crew found that the homeowner had shut off power to the fuse box which controlled the air conditioner. The crew used the thermal imaging camera and found no excessive heat temperature. The homeowner was advised to keep the breaker to the unit off and to contact a repairman.

On July 4, 2017, at 1841 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 500 block of S. Spring for the reported garage fire. Upon arrival crews found and removed a garbage can on fire out of the garage. Auto-aid companies response was cancelled and crew extinguished the fire with a water

extinguisher. The resident stated that he cleaned his grill 1-1/2 hours earlier and thought there were no embers from the charcoal so he dumped them into a plastic garbage can located in the garage.

On July 11, 2017, at 1624 hours, La Grange companies responded to 100 block of Park for the report of smoking transformer. Upon arrival, crew found that the transformer had leaked some of its oil and that no power lines were down. Crew notified neighbors that all power lines were intact and that Com Ed was notified. Both La Grange companies returned to quarters.

On July 18, 2017, at 1734 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 00 block of S. 6th Avenue for the AFA. Upon arrival FD found the activation was due to cooking in a unit located on the second floor. Natural ventilation was used to clear residual smoke. Alarm was reset to normal condition and all companies released and returned to quarters.

On July 19, 2017 at 1121 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 900 block of Calle View for the natural gas leak. Upon arrival, crew found an electrical contractor hit a gas line while trenching the yard. Co. 1111 blocked off the area and stood by for NICOR. Crew pulled trash line to protect NICOR workers as they dug up and welded repair.

On July 22, 2017, at 2125 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded auto-aid to the 4200 block of Forest in Brookfield for the house fire. Upon arrival crew was notified by Brookfield command that it was a oven fire which had been extinguished. Crew staged until released by command.

On July 27, 2017 at 1343 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 700 block of S. Madison for the report of some type of object on fire on the driveway away from the home. Upon arrival crew found object was extinguished by family. Scene was turned over to the police.

Training: Advanced Cardiac Life Support

On July 17th, 18th and 19th, the paramedic members of the LaGrange Fire Department attended in house training in Advanced Cardiac Life Support. The Fire Department's resource hospital, Loyola Medical Center, requires ACLS training to be completed every two years, in addition to a paramedics 120 hours of continuing education. The program is the curriculum of the American Heart Association and is aimed at improving patient outcomes for those that suffer sudden cardiac syndromes, including cardiac arrest. AHA's ACLS course highlights the importance of team dynamics and communication, systems of care and immediate post-cardiac arrest care. They also cover airway management and related pharmacology. Fire Department members took this opportunity to engage in a series of "best practice" scenarios that focused on team communication and skills efficiency in an effort to achieve the goals as established by the ACLS course objectives.

Training: Fire Investigator

Firefighter/Paramedic John McReynolds has completed the three, 40-hour training module classes required by the Office of the State Fire Marshal to become certified as a Fire Investigator in the State of Illinois. This certification requires a minimum of 100 hours of additional origin and cause training be obtained over a four year period for the purpose of re-certification. John is now a member of the MABAS Division 10 Cause and Origin team.

La Grange Fire Department Receives a Federal Grant Award

The La Grange Fire Department, along with our public safety partners La Grange Park and Western Springs, have been awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant, in the total amount of \$339,000. The grant award is for the purchase of portable radios to replace existing older radios currently in service within the three communities. The radios have upgraded technology to give the Fire Departments more flexibility in the event of an emergency.

On July 10, 2017, Congressman Dan Lipinski presented the three Villages with a check in the amount of \$309,000, which represents 90% of the project cost.



Pictured, left to right; Front row; Deputy Chief Norm Rick, Fire Chief Dean Maggos of La Grange Park, Village President Tom Livingston of La Grange, Congressman Dan Lipinski, Fire Chief Donald J. Gay of La Grange, Fire Chief Patrick J. Kenny, Deputy Chief Gary Mayor of Western Springs. Back row; FF/PM Alex Barajas, FF/PM Chuck Crudele, Lieutenant Brian Cramer, Captain Dave Rapp, FF/PM Mark Poulos of La Grange.

La Grange Firefighters Association's 24th Annual Golf Outing: **Date change**

The La Grange Firefighters Association Local 2338's 24th Annual Golf Outing has been moved to Friday September 29, 2017. Please mark your calendars as the event will once again provide proceeds to "Camp I Am Me" Burn Camp supported by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance.

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	--- Incidents
September	--- Incidents
October	--- Incidents
November	--- Incidents
December	--- Incidents

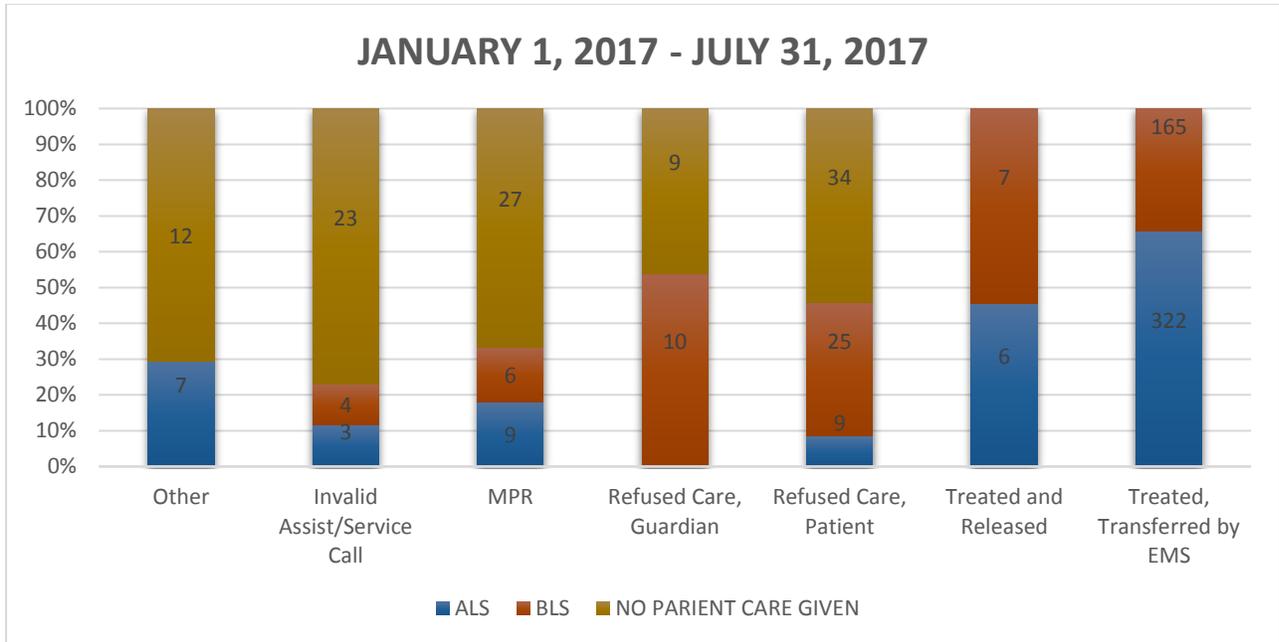
Total Estimated Loss YTD	\$1,696,750.00	Total	1141 Incidents
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INCIDENT CALLS FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 – JULY 31, 2017
INCIDENT CALL COMPARISONS YTD FOR 2015-2017

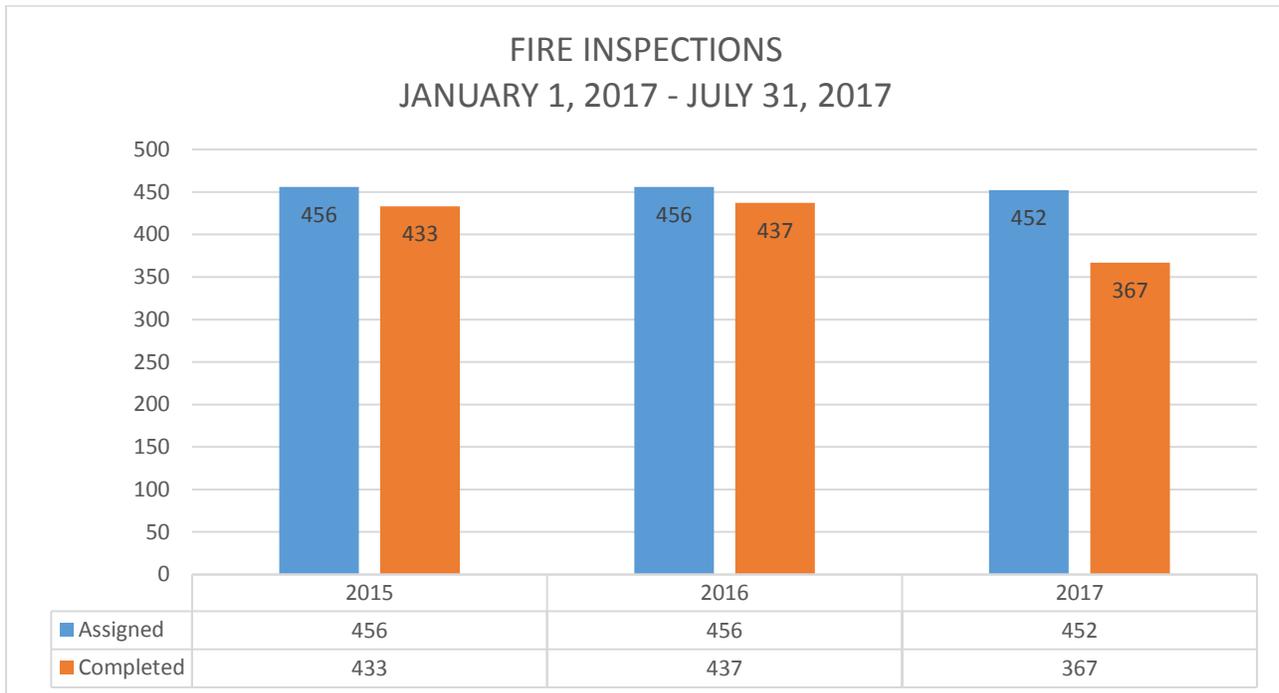
Please bare with us as we develop a new, updated graphs as potential replacements for Incident Calls and Call Comparisons.

This change has been necessitated by our migration to the new report and record keeping system, Aegis, 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



The passing of Retired Fire Captain Albin ‘Al’ Grigas



February 4, 1929 – July 14, 2017

On July 14, 2017, we received news the sad news that Retired Fire Captain Albin ‘Al’ Grigas passed away after battling a lung infection. Al started his career as a Firefighter with the La Grange Fire Department on January 1, 1958 until his retirement as a Fire Captain on June 1, 1980.

Al served in the United States Army and was assigned as a Military Police Officer in Japan. After the service he married his wife Loretta. They made their home in Berwyn until moving to Bartlett in 1995.

Wife Loretta passed on July 1, 2014. He is survived by his son Gregg and daughter-in-law Nancy.

The family held a Memorial Service at Countryside Funeral Home, 950 S. Bartlett Road, Bartlett Illinois 60103 on Saturday July 22, 2017 at 11a.m. Current and former members of the department attended to say farewell to their friend and colleague.

TRAINING DIVISION

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

2015 Total	2016 Total	2017 - YTD
2,781 Hours	2,239.83 Hours	1,982.21 Hours

Fire Chief

