



A SERVICE
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LA GRANGE
FIRE DEPARTMENT
708-579-2338

LOCAL EVENTS – 2018

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

Fire Department
Annual Open House
Saturday October 6, 2018
11:00 AM – 2:00PM

La Grange Business
Association - Halloween
Walk, Saturday October 27th
10:00AM-12:00PM

Hometown Holiday
Saturday December 1, 2018
5:00PM – 9:00PM

LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 2018



Above is a 1968 American LaFrance fire engine that served the Village of La Grange from 1968 until it was replaced in 1991.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Smoke Detectors Save Lives

Save Lives and Protect Property

Smoke alarms contribute significantly to the safety of your family by sensing smoke long before fire has had time to spread. Fire, smoke and toxic gases move swiftly and silently through a structure, reducing visibility and your ability to escape from the house safely. Poisonous gases and smoke from a fire in your home can numb the senses in a very short time. Every home needs a device that can wake people up in time to escape.

Choosing a Smoke Alarm

There are several name brands available including Underwriters Laboratories (UL) and Factory Mutual (FM). It is recommended to have a combination ionization/photoelectric smoke alarm. Smoke alarms are available for the hearing impaired and can be purchased through your local fire equipment companies. It is important that you follow the manufacturer's recommendations for installation, testing and maintenance.

How Many Smoke Alarms Do You Need?

Install at least one smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and one on each level of the home. Smoke alarms are not recommended for kitchens because of false alarms from cooking vapors, garages where automobile exhaust

might cause false alarms, attics or other unheated spaces where extremes of temperature or humidity might affect their operation. In these areas, you should install a heat detector.

Installation - Where and How?

If you are a renter, the property owner is responsible for installing and maintaining alarms. To install most smoke alarms, all you need is a screwdriver and a drill. Because smoke rises, each alarm should be mounted high on a wall or on the ceiling to detect traces of smoke. Wall mounted alarms should be no less than 4" or not more than 12" from the ceiling. Ceiling mounted detectors should be at least 4" from a wall. Smoke alarms should not be mounted near air vents.

Maintenance

It is extremely important to test and clean all detectors regularly. You need to test your alarm at least once a month and most alarms are equipped with a test button. Dust or cobwebs can reduce an alarm's sensitivity to smoke. Clean your smoke alarm at least 3-4 times a year by using the brush end of your vacuum cleaner. Replace the batteries at least once a year if the alarm is battery operated. Smoke alarms need to be replaced every ten years and never paint a smoke alarm.

Should you have any questions or concerns about your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, do not hesitate to contact us at 708-579-2338.

Calls of Note:

On October 3, 2018, at 1631 hours, La Grange crews responded to the 00 block of N. Spring for the CO detector that was activating. Upon arrival, crews went in to check and had immediate high readings of CO coming from the burners on the kitchen stove. Crews shut down the stove and advised the resident not to use it until it is repaired or replaced. Crews continued to ventilate until the CO readings were at zero.

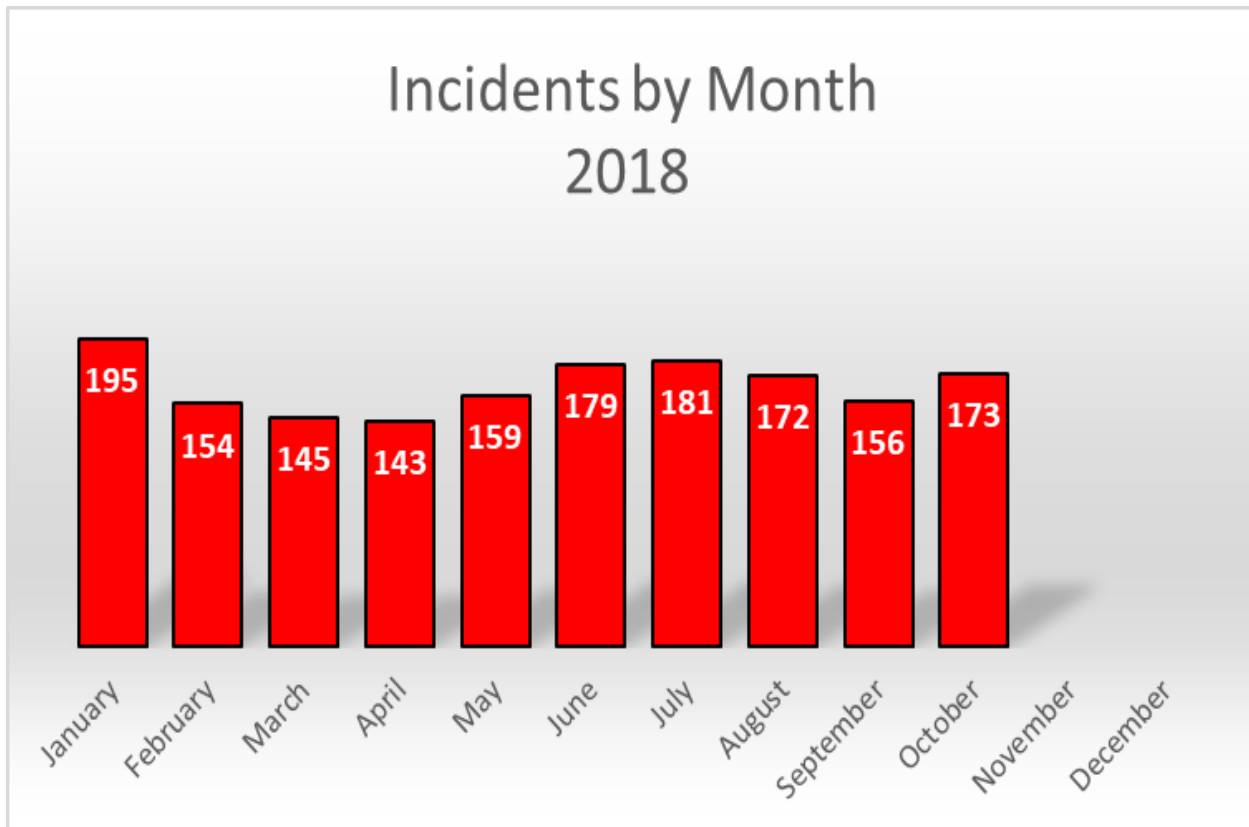
On October 8, 2018, at 1434 hours, La Grange Ambulance 1114 responded mutual-aid to Addison and Harlem Avenue in Riverside on the EMS box alarm. Upon arrival, crew was assigned one patient who was evaluated, treated and transported BLS to MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn. The crew was later released and returned to quarters.

On October 10, 2018, at 0639 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 00 block of E. Ogden for the inside gas odor investigation on the third floor. Upon arrival crew walked hallway and found odor of natural gas with readings up to 2% LEL. Crew noted odor and readings increased near a specific unit. Crew knocked on door and woke resident. After advising resident of possible gas leak in unit, crew noted a burner on the stove in the "on" position. Meter readings in unit increased to 3-5% LEL. Stove burner was turned off and unit ventilated. Resident was advised to double check that all burners are in "off" position once finished using the stove.

On October 11, 2018, at 1042 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 and 1101 responded to the 3800 block of Madison Avenue in Brookfield for the possible fire. Upon arrival crew from 1112 was assigned to search the second floor as 1101 assisted with command. Crew assisted with ventilation and overhaul operations before exiting the building. Crew assisted Brookfield crews with breaking down and re-bedding hoselines before being released and returned to quarters.

On October 16, 2018, at 0902 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 100 block of W. Cossitt for the activated fire alarm. While enroute, the dispatch center stated there was a confirmed fire in the S/W stairwell of the school. Lieutenant Bensfield increased the alarm response to a full still level. Crews assigned to interior confirmed the fire was extinguished by the sprinkler system and began to ventilate and shutting down the sprinkler system. Crews used squeegees and water vac to remove water from stairwell and gymnasium. Smoke ejector fans were placed in the hallway to remove smoke. One firefighter was injured during this operation and transported to the hospital. Auto-aid was received from Pleasantview, La Grange Park, Brookfield, Western Springs, McCook, Riverside, Lyons and Hillside. The fire is under investigation.

On October 27, 2018, at 1257 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 600 block of S. Madison Avenue for the carbon monoxide detector that is activating. Upon arrival, crew noticed a distinct odor of sulfur. Crew checked the battery back-up to the sump pump and found the batteries overheating. The unit was removed and the basement ventilated. Resident was advised that the false CO readings were due to the battery back-up system. No further issues, Co. 1111 returned to quarters.

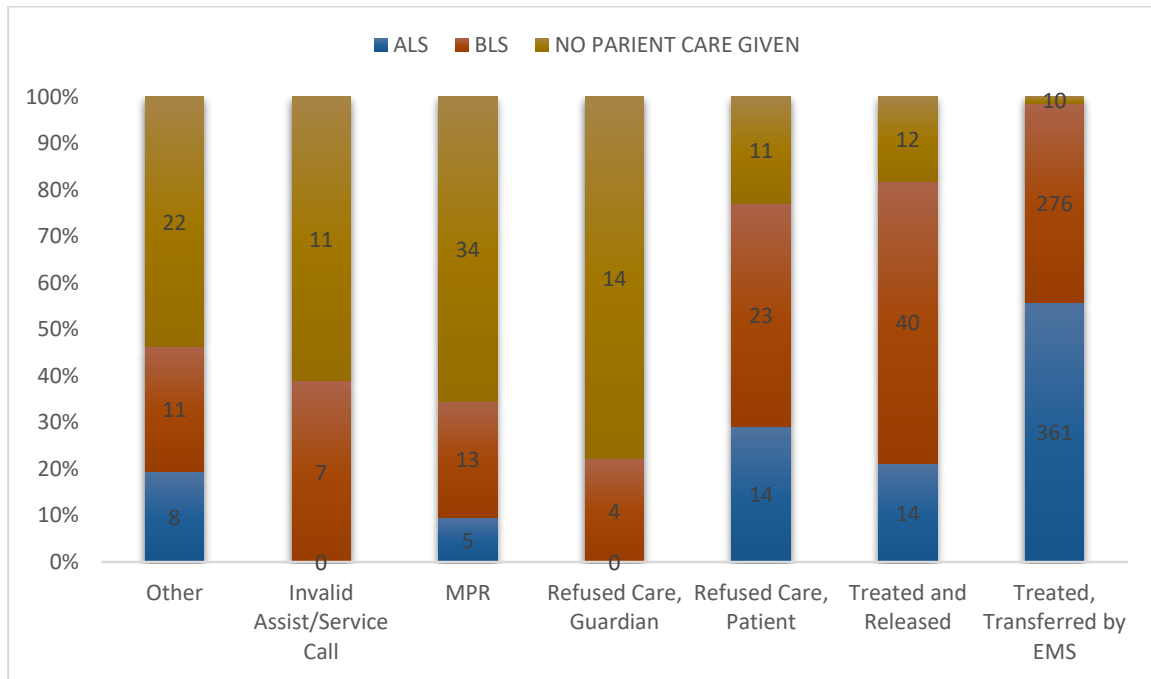


Total Estimated Loss YTD: \$235,000.00

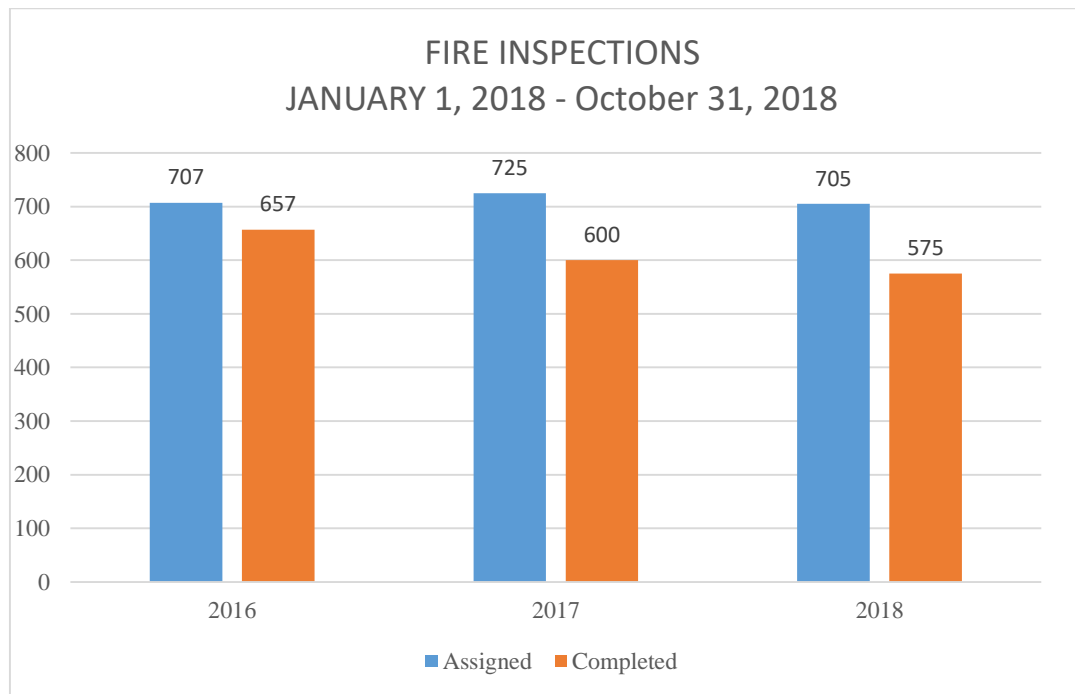
Total: 1657 Incidents

LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY

JANUARY 2018-OCTOBER 2018



FIRE PREVENTION



TRAINING DIVISION

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

2016 Total	2017 Total	2018 - YTD
2,239.83 Hours	2,813.21 Hours	3213.75 Hours

Fire Chief

