



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

LOCAL EVENTS – 2017

70th Annual Pet Parade
Saturday June 3, 2017
9:30AM-11:00AM

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

Annual Craft Fair
July 15 – 16, 2017

Endless Summer
August 4 - 6, 2017

IAFF Local 2338 24th
Annual Golf Outing
TBD

West End Arts Festival
TBD

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 JANUARY 2017



THE LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT 'SCRAMBLE' WAS ADDED TO THE DEPARTMENT FLEET OF VEHICLES IN 2005-06 UNDER THEN FIRE CHIEF DAVID FLEEGE.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

When they pin on the La Grange badge, a symbol of pride that represents over 100 years of honorable and extraordinary service on your La Grange Fire Department uniform you are accepting both a privilege and responsibility. The privilege is being in a position to change or even save someone's life at a moment's notice. The responsibility is preparing for that moment every day of your career.

A lot has changed throughout our history. The equipment we use the vehicles we drive and the policies we follow. However, what will never change is our unwavering commitment to improving the lives of the people who work, live, visit and travel through the Village of La Grange on any given day.

The members of the La Grange Fire Department have continued to provide excellent services to the residents and visitors of our award-winning village.

The La Grange Fire Department's station is located at 300 W. Burlington Avenue. Office staff hours of operation are 8 am to Noon and 1 pm to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Our station is manned 24 hours a day with full-time firefighters capable of responding to your emergency.

In case of an emergency Call 911.

Our non-emergency number is 708-579-2338

CALLS OF NOTE

On January 1, 2017, at 1341 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 200 block of S. La Grange Road for the report of a basement fire. Upon arrival, crews found a working fire in the basement of the home. The first arriving officer upgraded the response to a Full-Still, which brings in additional fire companies to the scene and companies to cover our station. Crew stretched a 1-3/4" pre-connect to the rear of the building and began extinguishments of the fire. Auto-aid crews were assigned the roof, first floor, second floor, and attic to search for fire extension and to ventilate. To ensure that the fire had been extinguished, the brick floor hearth was removed, and a final wash down of the area was performed. The homeowner was updated regarding the incident.

On January 3, 2017, at 0651 hours, La Grange Co. 1101 and 1112 responded auto-aid to the 600 block of N. Catherine in La Grange Park for the structure fire. Upon arrival, 1112 was assigned to assist with a water supply. Additional assignments for ventilation and search for fire extension were completed.

On January 3, 2017, at 1721 hours, La Grange companies responded to the 00 block of N. Catherine for the smell of gas inside the building. Upon arrival, crews used Sensit and Gas-Trac meters and found no LEL. The crew did notice a slight chemical odor consistent to roofing tar. The business owner stated that they did have some repairs on the roof earlier in the day. No further problems, both companies returned to quarters.

On January 4, 2017, at 2113 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to Maple and Leitch for the Christmas tree on fire in the middle of the street. Upon arrival, crews found the remains of a burnt up Christmas tree on the side of the road. The crew extinguished the remaining embers and returned to quarters.

On January 5, 2017, at 2015 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded auto-aid to the 5700 block of Leitch in Countryside for the house fire. Upon arrival, the crew was assigned to overhaul operations. Overhaul work completed and Pleasantview command released co. 1112.

On January 7, 2017, at 0133 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 00 block of S. La Grange Rd. for the activated fire alarm. Upon arrival, La Grange crews found the sprinkler alarm had activated. Once crews confirmed that there was no fire, the sprinkler system was shut down and alarm silenced. Auto-aid companies were released as La Grange crews attempted to control water flow. Building and business owner contacts notified of broken sprinkler pipe and the building was turned over to the business owner. The owner was notified that the sprinkler system needed to be repaired before either business could re-open.

On January 7, 2017, at 1925 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 500 block of S. Madison for the grease fire that may be out. Upon arrival, La Grange crews noted a light haze in the home visible from the street. The crew found that the fire had been extinguished and auto-aid was released. La Grange crew used a smoke ejector to remove residual smoke.

On January 7, 2017, at 1938 hours La Grange Co. 1115 along with auto-aid companies responded to 00 block of S. 6th Avenue for the report of a kitchen fire. Upon arrival, La Grange crew found alarm was due to cooking and there was no fire evident in surrounding areas. Auto-aid companies released and La Grange crew ventilated before resetting fire alarm.

On January 10, 2017, at 0007 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 00 block of Malden for the report of a garage fire. Upon arrival, crews found a fully involved garage fire. The first arriving officer upgraded the response to a Full-Still, which brings in additional fire companies to the scene and companies to cover our station. Crew stretched a 1-3/4" pre-connect to the rear of the garage and attempted to cool down exposures and extinguish the fire. Auto-aid crew from Pleasantview was assigned to the 00 block of Dover, as that garage became involved with fire. Crews were able to remove two vehicles from the Dover garage before extinguishment. In total, one garage with two vehicles were a total loss, three garages, two vehicles, and a fence were damaged. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

On January 20, 2017, at 0848 hours, La Grange companies responded for the report of a garbage truck on fire at Harris and 6th Avenue. Upon arrival, units found the engine compartment of the truck on fire. The fire was extinguished with a 1 3/4" hose line.

Special Concerns

Over the last year and a half area Fire Departments have responded to three fire incidents in which home dehumidifiers appear to have contributed to the fire cause. Luckily, no one was hurt in any of these incidents.

The Fire Department would like to make residents aware that the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) has issued a recall for a large number of dehumidifiers of various makes and models during the last several years. We encourage residents that have dehumidifiers to check the make, model, and serial numbers to determine if their unit is one of those subject to recall. Residents then can reference the CPSC at www.cpsc.gov or www.recalls.gov and search their make and model to see if it is on the recall list.

Residents are also encouraged to shut off and unplug any dehumidifier or other electrical appliances when they are away from home. Residents should also strongly consider returning the warranty card to the manufacturer after product purchases. Manufacturers use this information to notify you in the event of a product recall.

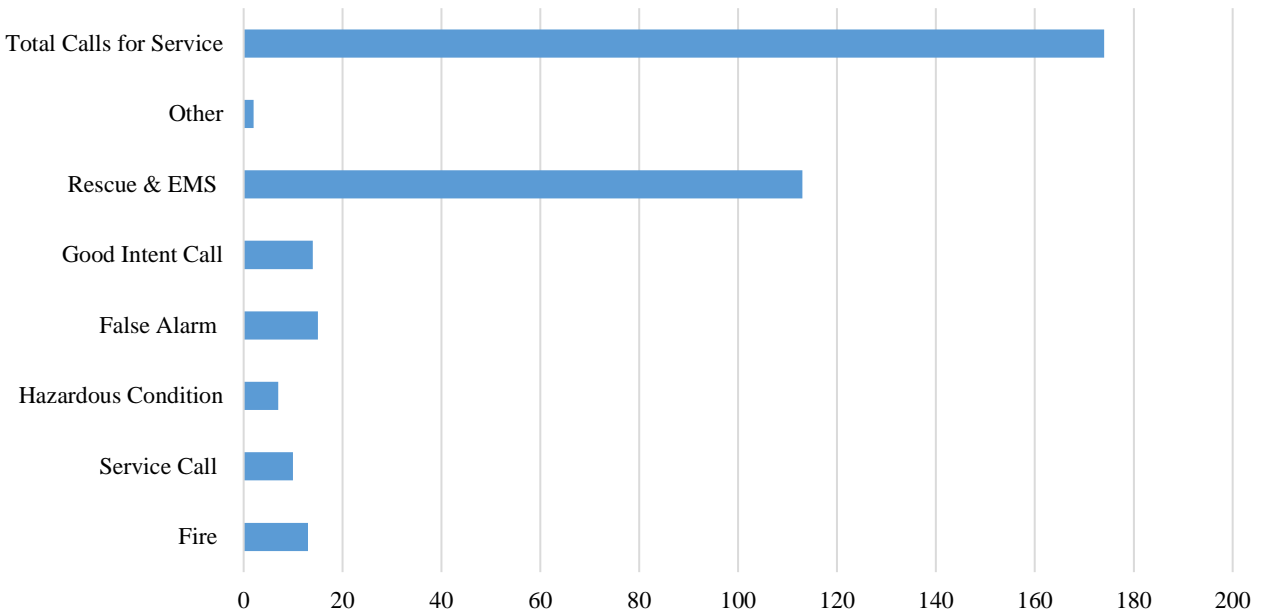
Additional recalls

HP Expands Recall of Batteries for HP and Compaq Notebook Computers Due to Fire and Burn Hazards: <https://cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/HP-Expands-Recall-of-Batteries-for-HP-and-Compaq-Notebook-Computers>

Pulse Performance Recalls Children's Electric Scooters Due to Fall Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Target: <https://cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Pulse-Performance-Recalls-Childrens-Electric-Scooters>

INCIDENT CALLS FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017

YEAR TO DATE



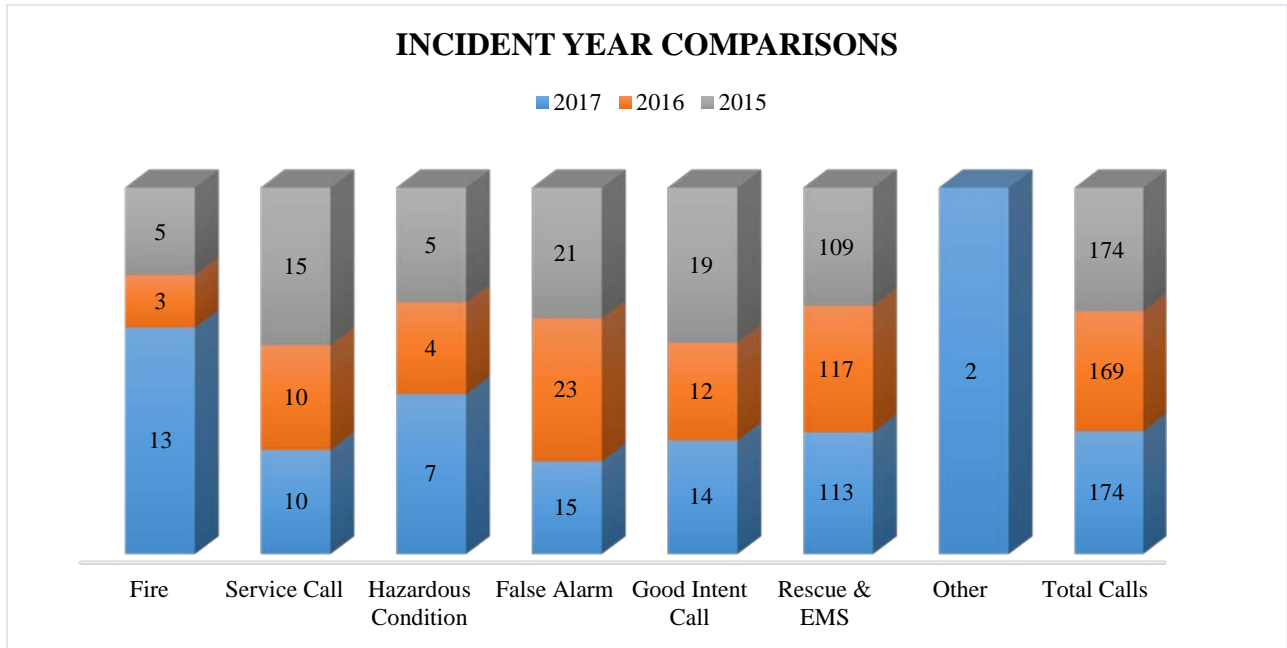
	Fire	Service Call	Hazardous Condition	False Alarm	Good Intent Call	Rescue & EMS	Other	Total Calls for Service
■ Year to Date	13	10	7	15	14	113	2	174

Number of Incidents by Month:

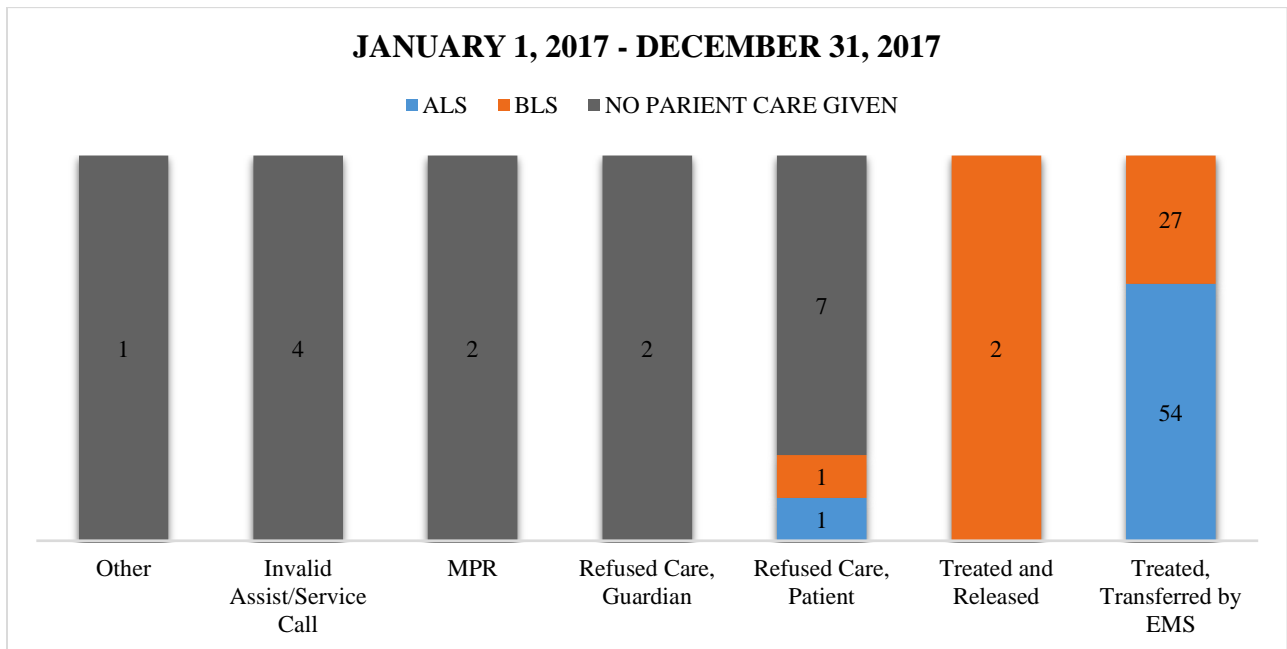
January	174 Incidents
February	--- Incidents
March	--- Incidents
April	--- Incidents
May	--- Incidents
June	--- Incidents
July	--- Incidents
August	--- Incidents
September	--- Incidents
October	--- Incidents
November	--- Incidents
December	--- Incidents

Total Estimated Loss YTD	\$212,500.00	Total	174 Incidents
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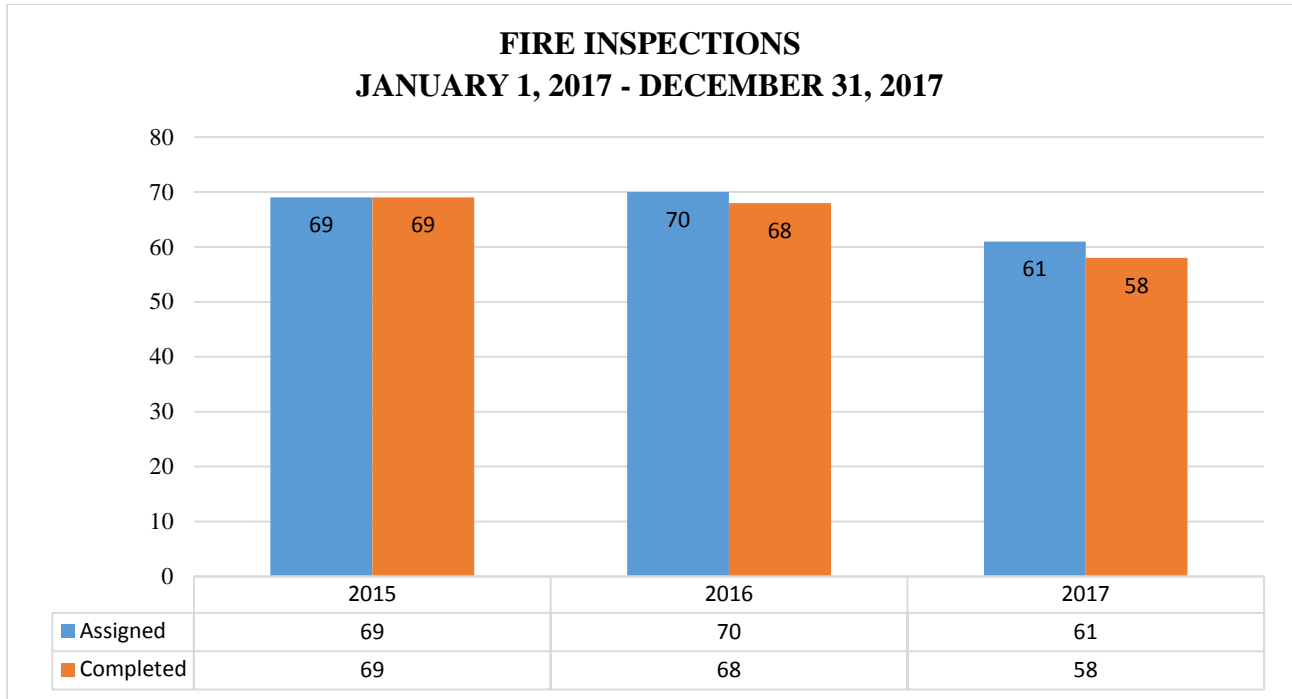
INCIDENT CALL COMPARISONS YTD FOR 2015-2017



LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



FIRE PREVENTION



TRAINING DIVISION

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

2015	2016	2017 - YTD
2781 Hours	2011.08 Hours	248.5 Hours

Fire Chief