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FIRE DEPARTMENT
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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
Friday June 2, 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 APRIL 2017



Engine Co. 1111 is a 2012 Ferrara fire engine that carries 1000 gallons of water. 'Standing at the ready' to serve the residents of La Grange.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Severe Weather - Thunderstorms

Springtime is a wonderful time of the year. But as the weather transitions from winter to spring and summer, our area weather patterns can become unstable and change rapidly. This month we would like to provide our readers the following weather-related safety tips.

A thunderstorm is considered severe if it produces hail at least 1 inch in diameter or has wind gusts of at least 58 miles per hour. Every thunderstorm produces lightning, which kills more people some years than tornadoes or hurricanes. Heavy rain from thunderstorms can cause flash flooding. High winds can damage homes and blow down trees and utility poles, causing widespread power outages. Every year people are killed or seriously injured because they didn't hear or ignored severe thunderstorms warnings. The information in this section, combined with timely watches and warnings about severe weather, could save your life.

- Listen to local news or [NOAA Weather Radio](#) for emergency updates. Watch for signs of a storm, like darkening skies, lightning flashes or increasing wind.
- If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be in danger from lightning. If thunder roars, go indoors! Don't wait for rain. Lightning can strike out of a clear blue sky. Learn more about [lightning safety](#).

- Avoid electrical equipment and corded telephones. Cordless phones, cell phones, and other wireless handheld devices are safe to use.
- Keep away from windows.
- If you are driving, try to safely exit the roadway and park. Stay in the vehicle and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends.

If you are outside and cannot reach a safe building, avoid high ground; water; tall, isolated trees; and metal objects such as fences or bleachers. Picnic shelters, dugouts, and sheds are NOT safe.

Calls of Note:

On April 16, 2017, at 1215 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 300 block of Bluff for the report of smoke coming from the building. Upon arrival, the crew found the resident heating up charcoal briquettes. No hazardous condition present, auto-aid companies released and La Grange companies returned to quarters.

On April 16, 2017, at 1315 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 00 block of 6th Avenue for the activated fire alarm. Upon arrival, crews were met by a resident stating there was smoke coming from her stove. The crew removed hazard and opened windows to ventilate. Auto-aid companies released and the alarm was reset. La Grange companies returned to quarters.

On April 16, 2017, at 1340 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 1200 block of Carriage Lane for the report of a stove and microwave on fire. The first arriving units from La Grange removed a burnt pot that was left unattended on the stove. Before the FD's arrival, the homeowner put a lid on the pot and used a wet towel to suppress the melting plastic on the microwave. Auto-aid companies were released and La Grange crews used a ventilation fan to remove the remaining smoke from home. Power to the damaged microwave was disconnected before the fire department returning to quarters.

On April 16, 2017, at 1759 hours, La Grange companies responded to Kensington and Elm for the bicyclist struck by a vehicle. Upon arrival, crews found the bicyclist with no complaint of injury. Co. 1114 obtained a refusal of service from the bicyclist. Both La Grange companies returned to quarters.

On April 16, 2017, at 2158 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 0 block of W. Burlington for the report of an odor of natural gas in the apartment above a business. Upon arrival, crews used a GasTrac monitor to locate a small leak in the gas fitting for the furnace. The crew shut off gas valve to eliminate the leak. The resident was advised to contact landlord for repairs.

On April 17, 2017, at 1633 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 00 block of S. La Grange Road for the report of a leaf pile on fire near the back of the building. Prior to FD arrival, the fire was extinguished by the store owner using three buckets of water. Crews removed the debris pile and ensured there was no extension to the back of the building.

On April 20, 2017, at 0624 hours, La Grange companies responded to the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks, between Gilbert and Brainard Avenues for the report of a pedestrian struck by a train. Crews remained available on the scene during the police investigation.

On April 22, 2017, at 0615 hours, La Grange companies responded to the 200 block of S. 7th Avenue for a boiler that 'sounds like it is ready to explode.' Upon arrival crews found the heat pump motor overheating. The system was shut down and the homeowner was advised to contact a repairman.

On April 22, 2017, at 1111 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 00 block of E. Burlington Avenue for the report of an outside gas leak. Upon arrival, the crew was directed to the rear of the building where workers were attempting to remove bushes and roots when they struck a low-pressure gas line. The crew remained on the scene until NICOR arrived and completed repairs.

On April 27, 2017, at 1547 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 300 block of S. 6th Avenue for the reported house fire. Prior to the fire department's arrival, PD arrived on the scene and reported a working fire. The fire response was immediately upgraded to a Full Still response which brings in additional resources to the scene and companies to cover our station. La Grange crew stretched a 1.75" pre-connect to the basement through the rear door and began a coordinated attack with ventilation of basement windows. Additional crews completed primary and secondary searches, deployed a second pre-connect, ventilation and completed salvage and overhaul to ensure the fire was extinguished. No one was home at the time of the fire and there were no injuries to civilians or emergency service personnel. The fire is under investigation.

Farewell to Retired Fire Captain George Wilson

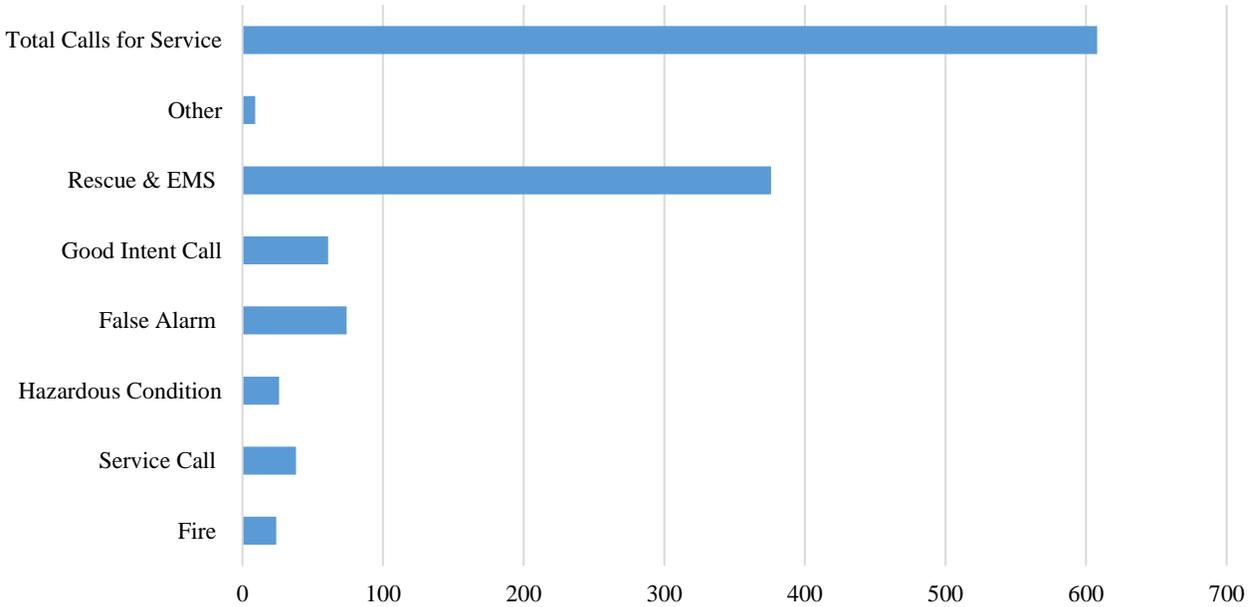
On April 3, 2017, we received news that Retired Fire Captain George Wilson passed away with his daughter Jorie at his side. George started his career with the La Grange Fire Department on November 16, 1970 until his retirement on September 17, 1992.

George served in the United States Navy and was assigned to Submarine Services during the Vietnam Era. After the service he became an electrician by trade. He is survived by his daughter Jorie, Grandson Ryan and his brother William.

Current and former members of the La Grange Fire Department along with many members from surrounding area departments participated in the Traditional Fire Department Walk Through to pay tribute to our friend and colleague.

INCIDENT CALLS FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 – APRIL 30, 2017

YEAR TO DATE



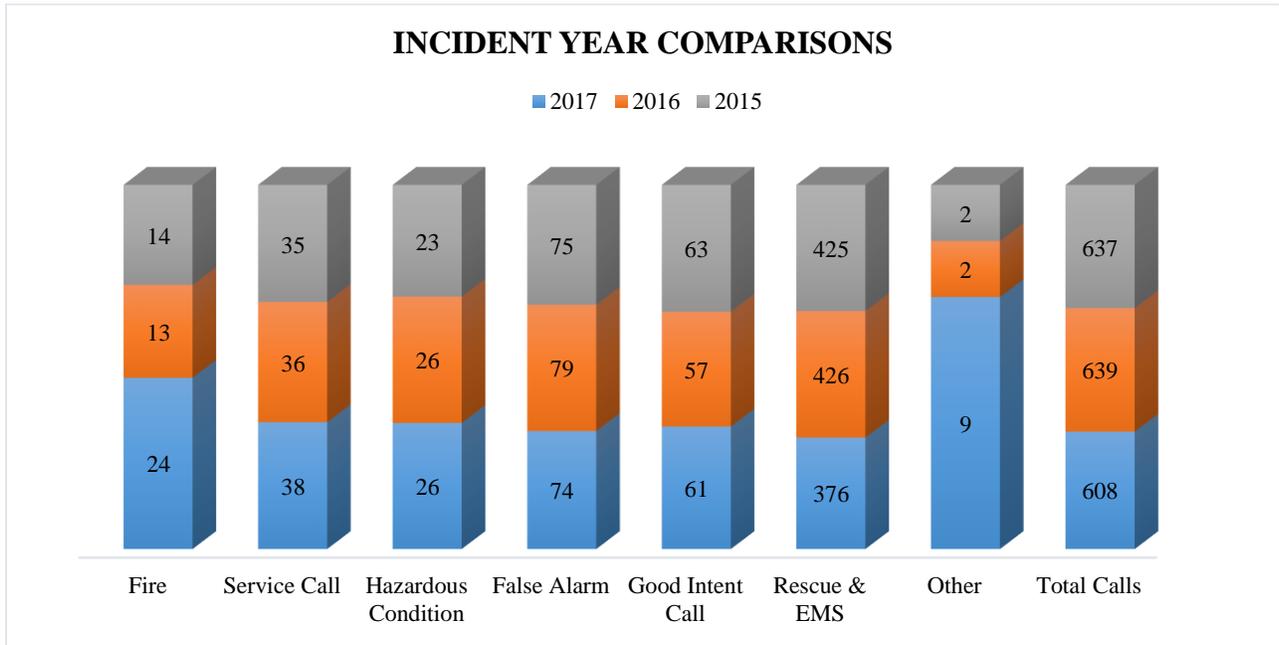
	Fire	Service Call	Hazardous Condition	False Alarm	Good Intent Call	Rescue & EMS	Other	Total Calls for Service
■ Year to Date	24	38	26	74	61	376	9	608

Number of Incidents by Month:

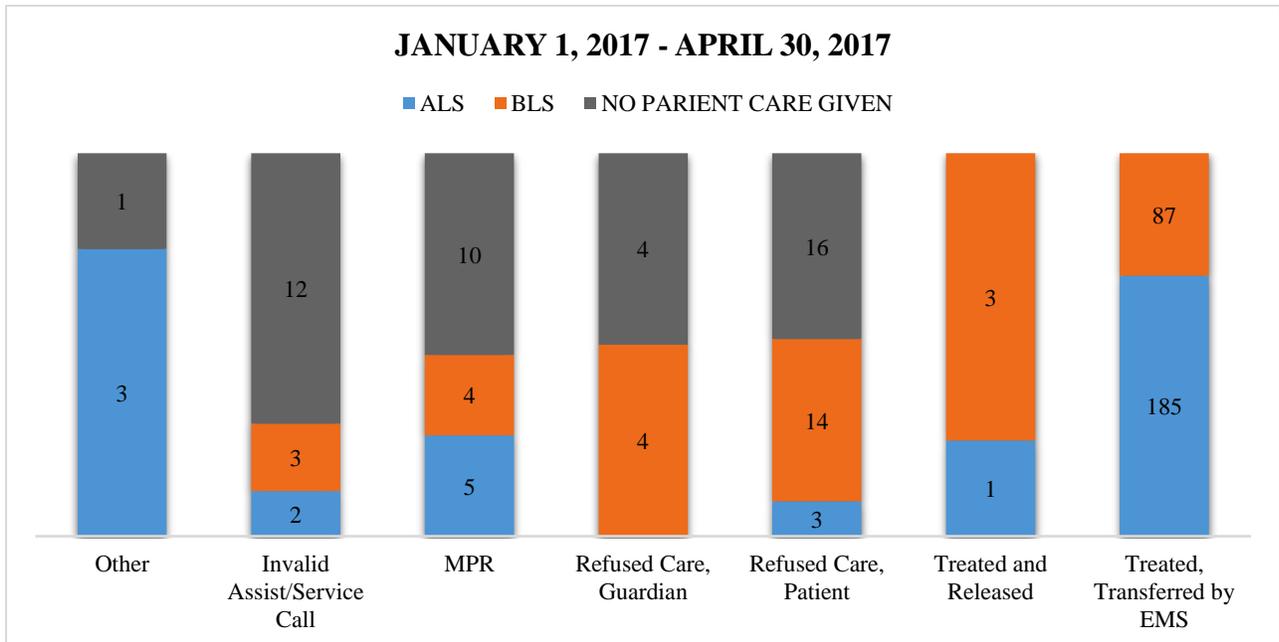
January	174 Incidents
February	130 Incidents
March	139 Incidents
April	165 Incidents
May	--- Incidents
June	--- Incidents
July	--- Incidents
August	--- Incidents
September	--- Incidents
October	--- Incidents
November	--- Incidents
December	--- Incidents

Total Estimated Loss YTD	\$1,695,000.00	Total	608 Incidents
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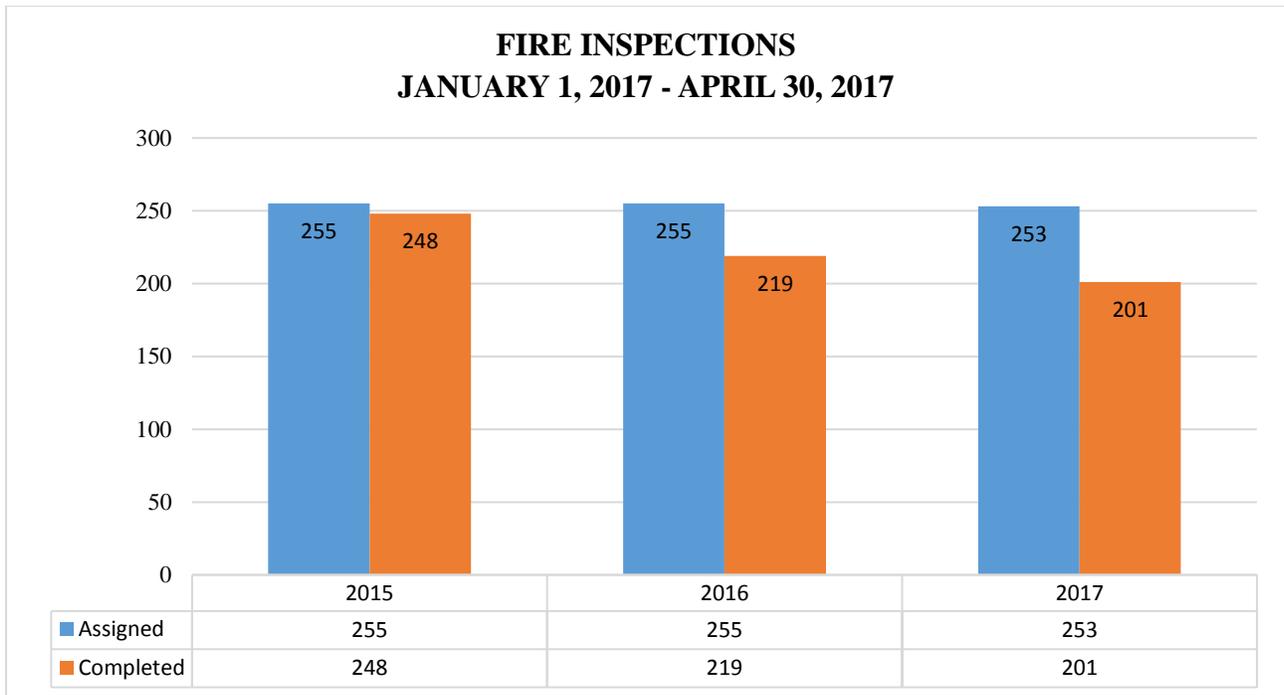
INCIDENT CALL COMPARISONS YTD FOR 2015-2017



LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



FIRE PREVENTION



TRAINING DIVISION

TRAINING HOURS FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 – APRIL 30, 2017

2015 Total	2016 Total	2017 - YTD
2781 Hours	2011.08 Hours	1,272.05 Hours

Fire Chief