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LA GRANGE  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
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### LOCAL EVENTS – 2018

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

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

44<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Fair  
July 14-15, 2018

Endless Summer  
August 3-5, 2018

IAFF Local 2338  
25<sup>th</sup> 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 MARCH 2018



Above is our latest fire engine to serve the Village of La Grange. Co. 1111 is a 2012 Ferrara engine that carries 1000 gallons of water and a 1500 gpm pump. The vehicle is pictured 'working' on the scene of a garage fire.

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF**

### **Springtime - 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 thunderstorm 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 March 10, 2018, at 1448 hours, La Grange companies responded to the 5100 block of S. Willow Springs Road for the report of a possible chemical leak. Upon arrival, company was escorted to the chemical/cleaning storage room emitting a heavy ammonia type smell. Fire crews determined the type of chemical leaking and located the Material Safety Data Sheets for further information. Crews requested a hospital spill kit as they prepared to make entry and mitigate the problem. Crews donned full PPE including SCBA as they cleaned the spill using an absorbant pad and washed the area down with copious amounts of water. After clean up was completed, the room was ventilated to remove the odor.

On March 11, 2018, at 0042 hours, La Grange Companies 1111 and 1114 responded to the 700 block of S. La Grange Road for the single vehicle accident. Upon arrival, the engine crew extricated one patient from the vehicle. Ambulance 1114 treated and transported one patient to the hospital.

On March 12, 2018, at 1814 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 700 block of S. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the report of a carbon monoxide activation. Upon arrival, the homeowner stated that the detector began to chirp a short time ago. Crew checked the home with a CO monitor to ensure there were zero readings of CO present. The crew advised the homeowner that the chirping every 30-40 seconds is the indication of the detector needing a new battery. The battery was replaced and the detector was reset. No further problems, Co. 1111 returned to quarters.

On March 18, 2018, at 0557 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 100 block of East Avenue for smoke in the house. Upon arrival, crew met the homeowner at the door. He stated his wife was warming a baby bottle on the stove and fell asleep. Auto-aid companies were released as La Grange crews ventilated the area as they removed the melted plastic. Prior to leaving the scene, crews put the smoke detector back in place.

On March 19, 2018, at 0540 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 and 1101 responded to the 500 block of N. Stone in La Grange Park for the structure fire. Upon arrival, crew from Co. 1112 assisted with extinguishment, water supply, overhaul and clean up as 1101 was assigned to Scene Safety. All assignments were completed without incident and both La Grange companies returned when released.

On March 20, 2018, at 1322 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies from Brookfield and Pleasantview responded to the 800 block of S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the report of smoke detectors going off and the smell of smoke. Upon arrival, crews found a gas dryer located on the second floor on fire with fire beginning to extend up the side. The first arriving crew deployed a 1-3/4" pre-connect and began a coordinated interior attack with ventilation of windows. Crew on the first floor threw a tarp to protect personal belongings. All companies remained working until the fire was extinguished. The home

remains habitable and was turned back over to the homeowner. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

On March 26, 2018, at 0702 hours, La Grange Co. 1112 responded to the 6200 Rogers Lane in Hodgkins for the structure fire. Upon arrival, crew was assigned to assist with overhaul and extinguishment of remaining hotspots. Crew also assisted with rebedding supply hose and handlines used during the fire. All assignments completed, Co. 1112 was released and returned to La Grange. Fire investigator McReynolds assisted with the determination of the cause and origin of the fire.

### Happy One Year Anniversary



During the month of March 2018, the Lyons Township Area Communications Center celebrated its one year anniversary. The center known as LTACC, serves the Police and Fire agencies for the villages of La Grange, La Grange Park and Western Springs.

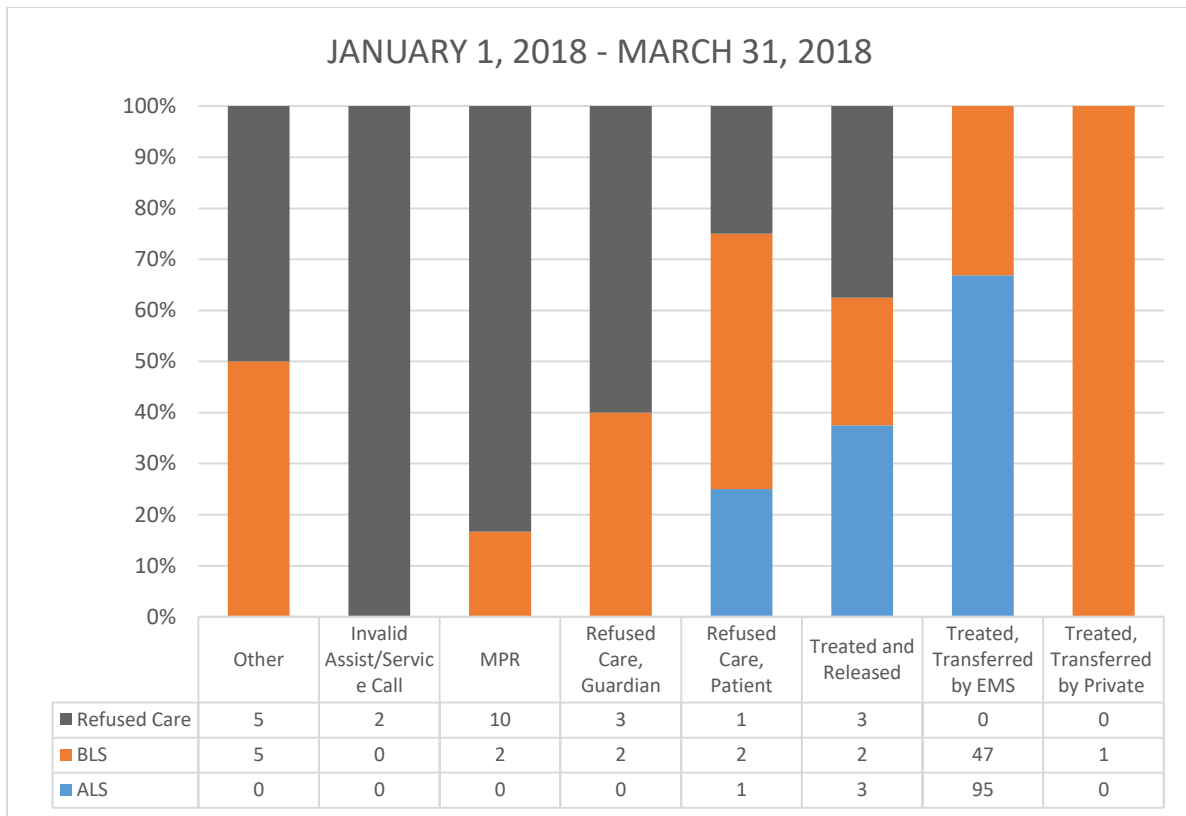
<b>3 Year Response Numbers</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Fire Responses	530	530	665
EMS Responses	1326	1230	1120
Other	215	194	200
<b>Total Number of Responses</b>	<b>2068</b>	<b>1954</b>	<b>1985</b>

### Incidents by Month:

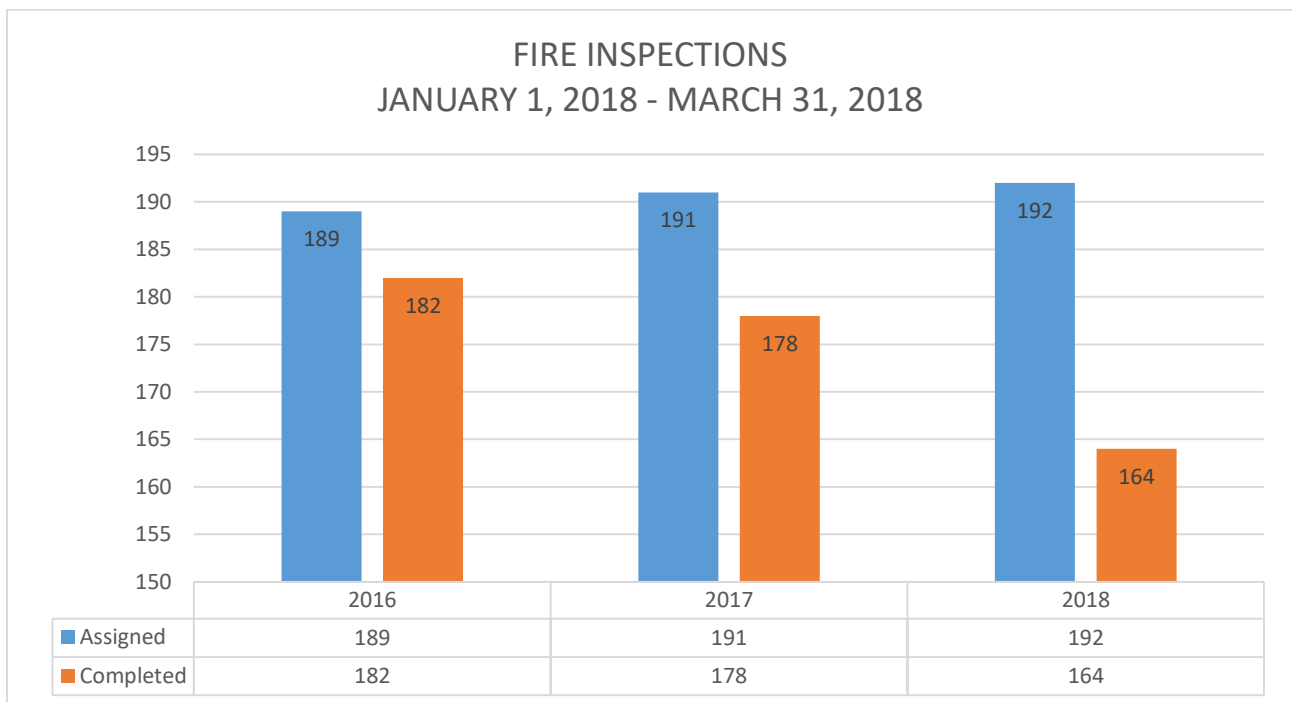
January	195 Incidents
February	154 Incidents
March	145 Incidents
April	--- Incidents
May	--- Incidents
June	--- Incidents
July	--- Incidents
August	--- Incidents
September	--- Incidents
October	--- Incidents
November	--- Incidents
December	--- Incidents

**Total Estimated Loss YTD      \$0.00      Total      494 Incidents**

## LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



## FIRE PREVENTION



## Consumer Product Safety Commission – Recall Notice



Kidde dual-sensor (photoelectric and ionization) smoke alarms | Consumer Product Safety Commission

### National: Kidde fire alarm recall, what you need to know

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has issued a recall for Kidde dual sensor smoke alarms, citing concerns that the detectors won't properly alert people in the event of a fire.

According to the CPSC, a yellow cap left on during manufacturing can cover one of the alarm's two smoke sensors, thereby compromising its ability to detect smoke. The model numbers for the smoke alarms impacted are PI9010 and PI2010.

The CPSC recommends consumers remove the alarm and visually inspect the alarm through the opening on the side to see if there is a yellow cap. If the cap is present then Kidde should be contacted. If there isn't a cap then the alarm can be reinstalled. The CPSC cautions not to take apart the alarm to inspect or remove the cap. There were 452,000 alarms sold in the U.S. and another 40,000 in Canada.

According to Consumer Reports, the smoke alarms were sold at numerous department and hardware stores, including Menards, Home Depot, Walmart and online at Amazon.com, ShopKidde.com and other websites from September 2016 through January 2018.

**Source:** <http://www.fox32chicago.com/news/national/kidde-fire-alarm-recall-what-you-need-to-know>

**TRAINING DIVISION**

**TRAINING HOURS FROM JANUARY 1, 2018 – MARCH 31, 2018**

<b>2016 Total</b>	<b>2017 Total</b>	<b>2018 - YTD</b>
2,239.83 Hours	2,813.21 Hours	828.00 Hours

**St. Baldrick's Foundation**

On March 18, members of the La Grange Firefighter Association Local 2338 participated in the annual St. Baldrick's Foundation fundraiser and head shaving event that helps raise money for the fight against pediatric cancer.

The Locals "Baldest & Bravest" team raised \$2,530 for this year's event. Over the past six years, Local 2338 has helped raise over \$36,700 toward the fight.

*Fire Chief*

