



A SERVICE
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LAGRANGE
FIRE DEPARTMENT
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LOCAL EVENTS – 2018

71st Annual Pet Parade
Saturday June 2, 2018
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

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

Annual Craft Fair – TBD

Endless Summer – TBD

IAFF Local 2338 25th
Annual Golf Outing – TBD

West End Arts Festival –
TBD

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

Park District of LaGrange
Halloween Walk – TBD

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

LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 2017



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

Prepare Your Home for Winter

Although periods of extreme cold cannot always be predicted far in advance, weather forecasts can sometimes provide you with several days' notice. Listen to weather forecasts regularly and check your food supplies whenever a period of extreme cold is predicted.

If you plan to use a fireplace or wood stove for emergency heating, have your chimney or flue inspected each year. Also, if you will be using a fireplace, wood stove, or kerosene heater, install a smoke detector and a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector near the area to be heated. Test them monthly and replace batteries twice a year. All fuel-burning equipment should vent to the outside. You should **NEVER** use your kitchen oven to heat your home.

Your ability to feel a change in temperature decreases with age. Older people are more susceptible to health problems caused by cold. If you are over 65 years old, place an easy-to-read thermometer in an indoor location where you will see it frequently. Check the temperature of your home often during the winter months.

Insulate any water lines that run along exterior walls, so your water supply will be less likely to freeze. To the extent possible, weatherproof your home by adding weather-stripping, insulation, insulated doors, and storm windows or thermal-pane windows.

If you have pets, bring them indoors. If you cannot bring them inside, provide adequate shelter to keep them warm and make sure they have access to unfrozen water.

Checklist

- Listen to weather forecasts.
- Check your food supplies.
- Have your chimney or flue inspected every year.
- Install a smoke detector and a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector. Test the batteries each month and replace them twice a year.
- Disconnect garden hoses from outside water spigots.
- Weatherproof your home.
- Bring your pets indoors during the winter.
- Check in with elderly relatives and neighbors.

Warming Shelter

AMITA Health Medical Center, Adventist La Grange Hospital will provide immediate shelter to area residents that have experienced a power outage or are unable to heat their residence. The Warming Shelter season runs October 1st thru May 15th. Shelter hours begin at 10:00 am and end at 8:00 pm. Persons needing assistance should enter through the Emergency Department to request temporary shelter.

Should residents need overnight shelter; the Hospital will work with area churches regarding overnight shelter locations. Please check the Village of La Grange website for shelter operation dates and times.

Calls of Note:

On December 1, 2017, at 1518 hours, La Grange Companies 1114 and 1111 responded to Brainard and Bell for the report of a person down. Upon arrival, companies found four bystanders administering CPR to a woman in cardiac arrest. Fire department personnel initiated advanced life support care and transported the woman to the hospital with a pulse and breathing with assistance.

On December 4, 2017, at 1756 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 0 block of N. Gilbert for the report of a garage fire. Upon arrival, crew found Com Ed was on scene fixing a power line and attempting to extinguish a brush fire adjacent to the garage. Co. 1111 deployed a single hand 1-3/4" hand line to the rear of the garage and extinguished embers on the garage roof and the brush along side of the garage. Crew checked to ensure the fire did not communicate into the garage, all auto-aid response was cancelled. Com Ed stated the brush caught fire due to the power lines aching.

On December 5, 2017 at 1317 hours, La Grange company 1111 responded to the 900 block of W. Hillgrove for the report of a power line issue. Upon arrival company found that roofing material had fallen onto a service line. Com Ed was notified with no ETA. Crew laddered the building and found that the membrane roof had blown off and was resting on the power lines. Crew secured a safe zone around the area and notified business owners of the situation. After Com Ed's arrival, roofing material was cut away until enough weight was removed to allow the remaining material to fall off. No power lines were damaged and the building material was removed.

On December 21, 2017 at 1048 hours, La Grange companies responded to Ogden and Washington Avenues for the gas leak at a construction site. Upon arrival, crews met up with contractor and found

their backhoe struck and severed the gas service. Dispatch notified Nicor as crews cleared the area and stood by for Nicor. Nicor arrived and fire crew stood by with a fire extinguisher as gas company crew made repairs. No businesses or homes were affected by this leak.

On December 23, 2017 at 2315 hours, La Grange companies responded to the 200 block of Hayes for the grill on fire. Upon arrival crew found some debris burning in a grill. Crew extinguished the fire with a pre-connected trash line.

On December 25, 2017, at 0137 hours, a La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 200 block of S. Sixth Avenue for smoke coming from the oven. Upon arrival first in crew found a heavy smoke push coming from underneath the countertops and cabinetry around the oven. The kick plate below the oven was removed and fire was found below the oven. A dry chemical extinguisher was used to extinguish the fire. The oven was removed and the area was overhauled. No fire extension into the walls or adjacent cabinetry, floor boards had charring but no burn through. Electrical circuits to all adjacent areas of the fire origin were disconnected at the service panel. All burned material was removed from the home. Crews from Brookfield and Pleasantview assisted with ventilation and overhaul.

On December 25, 2017, at 1313 hours, La Grange Companies 1114 and 1111 responded to the 100 block of East Avenue for the unresponsive person in a car. Upon arrival, companies found an off-duty Berwyn Firefighter administering CPR to a man in cardiac arrest. Fire department personnel initiated advanced life support care and transported the person to the hospital.

On December 28, 2017 at 1028 hours, La Grange crews responded to the 500 block of S. Spring for the person with difficulty breathing. Upon arrival as the paramedics were attending to the patient, the CO detector kept on the EMS jump bag alarmed for 15 ppm of CO. The engine crew monitored the home and found the source of the CO coming from the gas fireplace. Gas was shut off to the fireplace and the homeowner was advised to have the unit serviced. The patient was treated and transported to the hospital.

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	182 Incidents
September	135 Incidents
October	183 Incidents
November	158 Incidents
December	187 Incidents

Total Estimated Loss YTD \$1,812,734.58 Total 1986 Incidents

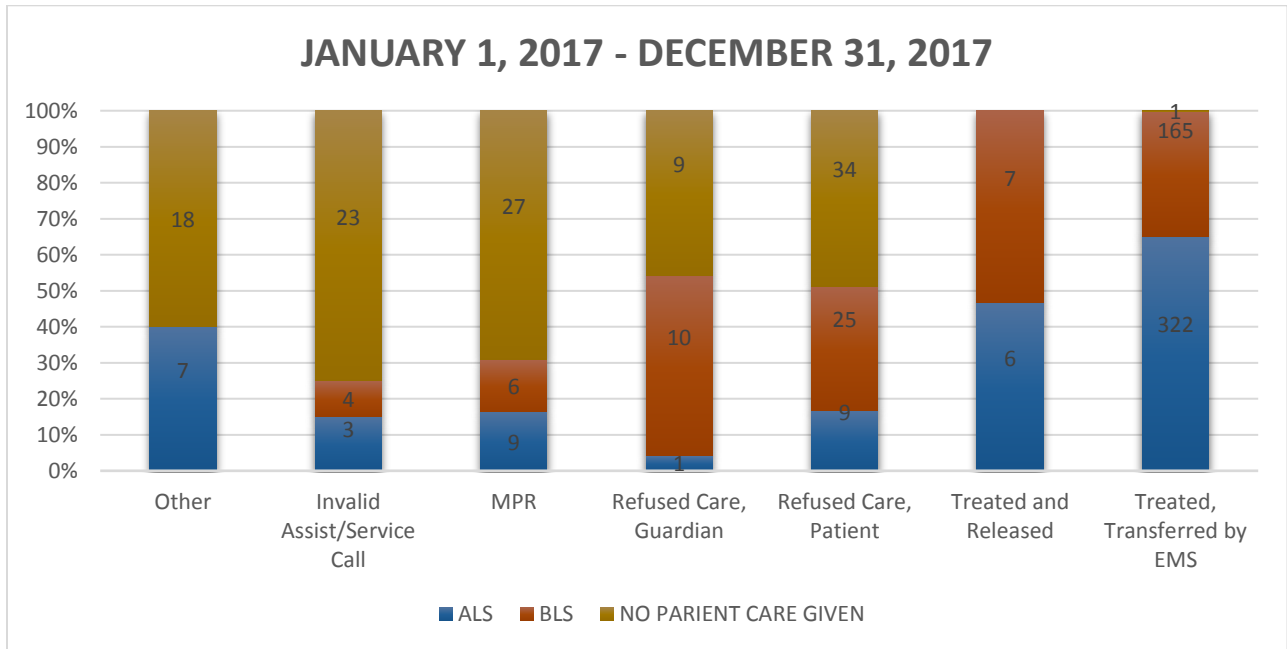


On Monday December 4th members of the American Legion Post 1941 and La Grange police and fire department members prepare to raise the State of Illinois Bi-Centennial flag in front of the La Grange Village Hall.

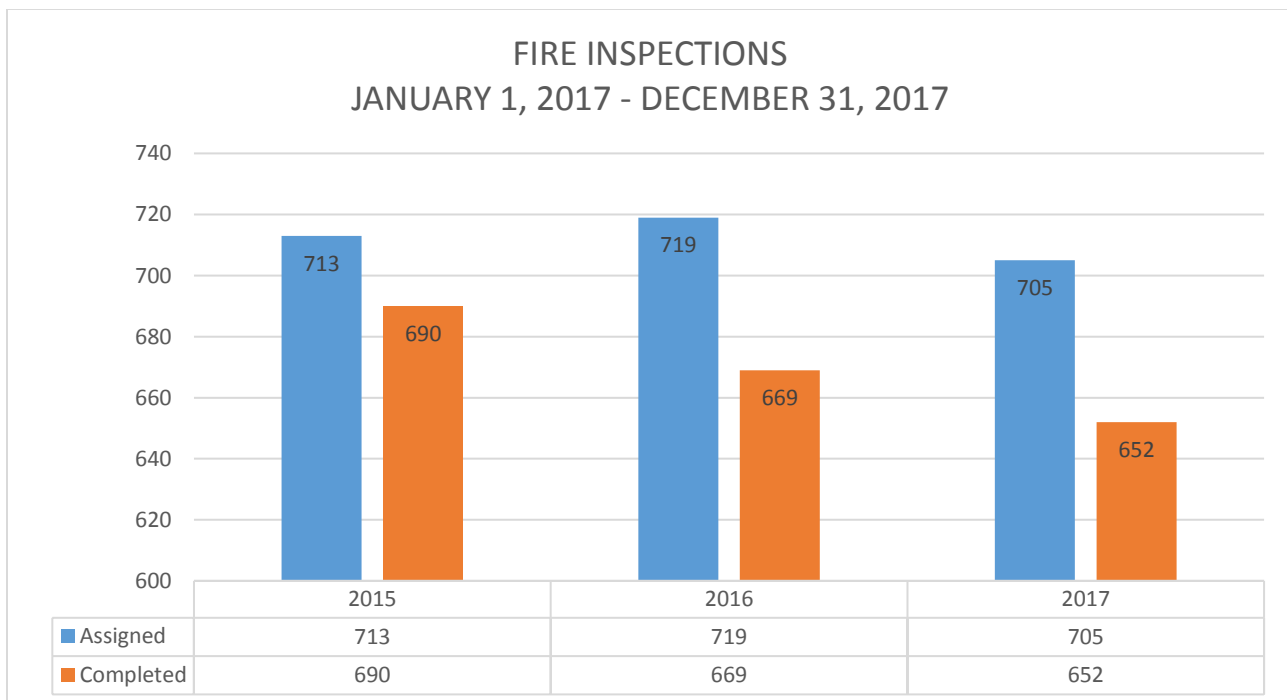


On Monday December 11, 2017 Acting Captain Brian Sible was recognized by the Village Board for his 25 years of service to the citizens of La Grange. Pictured with Brian is his family.

LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



FIRE PREVENTION



Along with completing routine fire inspections the Fire Prevention Bureau in 2017 was also responsible for completing 22 General Plan Reviews, 11 Fire Alarm Plan Reviews, 4 Sprinkler System Plan Reviews and 2 Hood and Duct Plan Reviews.

The Bureau also conducted 22 Certificate of Occupancy Inspections for new businesses, 23 Fire Alarm Inspections, 10 Sprinkler System Inspections and 3 Hood and Duct Inspections.

TRAINING DIVISION

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

2015 Total	2016 Total	2017 - YTD
2,781 Hours	2,239.83 Hours	2,813.21 Hours

Fire Chief

