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FIRE DEPARTMENT
708-579-2338

LOCAL EVENTS – 2017

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
NEW DATE
Friday September 29, 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 JUNE 2017



Engine Co. 1112 is a 2003 Crimson Spartan fire engine that carries 1000 gallons of water. Photograph is courtesy of Chi-Town Fire Photos.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Important Legal Documents for Emergency Preparedness Part 2 of 3

Disaster can strike at any time, and with little notice. Whether you live in an area that's at risk for a blizzard, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquake or flooding, you need to be prepared. Building a [disaster preparedness kit](#) will ensure your family is well protected when disaster strikes, whether you are left without power for a few days or find that you have to evacuate suddenly.

While some parts of a disaster preparedness kit are easy to remember, such as food and medicine, others are less so. One of the things that many people forget about is the important documents they need in the event of an evacuation. If your family suddenly has to vacate your home, and you only have time to grab your disaster kit and run, you will want to make sure it has the right documents to keep you on track. This list will help you prepare for the next disaster with the right documents.

Legal Documents:

If your home burns down or is leveled in an earthquake, would you have to start all of your end-of-life planning from scratch? Here are some important legal documents to copy for your disaster preparedness kit.

- *Will* - If you've crafted a last will and testament, put a copy of it into your disaster preparedness kit. If you have not created one, consider doing so

immediately. This is the very minimum you need to have for a solid end-of-life plan.

- *Living will* – A living will is a document outlining the medical treatments you wish to have or not have if you are seriously injured or suffer a terminal illness. The living will also names the individual who is allowed to make medical decisions when you can't do so for yourself. Have one of these made, and put it in your kit.
- *Power of Attorney* - A power of attorney document provides someone with the power to act on your behalf for financial or legal concerns if you are not able to do so, such as if you are hospitalized in a coma. This should be part of your kit and your end-of-life plan.
- *Trust documents* - If you have a trust, make sure you have copies of all of the documents relating to it.
- *Titles and deeds to property you own* - From the car to your home, order copies of your titles and deeds, and place them in your disaster prep kit. Make sure these are actual copies from the appropriate government entity, not photocopies, so you can have legitimate proof of ownership.
- *Naturalization or citizenship documents* - If you were not born in the United States, make sure you get a copy of your naturalization or citizenship papers for your disaster prep kit.

It's important to think of all possible problems that could happen in a serious emergency, and prepare for them accordingly, when building your disaster preparation kit.

Why are these documents crucial? If you are involved in a natural disaster that is bad enough to destroy your home, all of these important documents may be destroyed along with your home. Should you need them again in the near future, you will be at the mercy of the office that issued them to get you copies. Having a copy of your own will help you be ahead of the curve as you get reestablished somewhere else.

We hope that this series on Important Legal Documents for Emergency Preparedness is helpful to you and your family. Should you have any questions or would like additional information on Emergency Preparedness, please do not hesitate to contact the Fire Department at 708-579-2338.

Calls of Note:

On June 6, 2017, at 2022 hours, La Grange companies responded to the 700 block of Mason Drive for the power strip that shorted out. Upon arrival, La Grange crews found a small amount of smoke and noted an area of carpet with a small burn mark where the power strip was located.. Crew checked the main electrical panel and found the breaker had tripped. Crew set up ventilation to remove the remaining smoke from the basement.

On June 6, 2017, at 2059 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 00 block of S. 6th Avenue for the report of a small fire in the parking garage. The first arriving unit from La Grange found a light fixture on fire on the second level of the garage. The fire was extinguished with a dry chemical extinguisher. Crew from Brookfield assisted in rendering a burned up light fixture safe. Other auto-aid responding units were returned. All fire companies were released and returned to quarters.

On June 8, 2017, at 0855 hours, La Grange company 1111 responded to the 700 block of S. 6th Avenue for the report of a dog stuck under a porch. Upon arrival, crew found that the dog had self-extricated itself and was no longer in need of assistance. Co. 1111 returned to quarters.

On June 14, 2017, at 1956 hours, La Grange companies responded to 47th and 8th Avenue for the power line down in the street. Upon arrival crews found a primary power line down in the street actively arching. The fire officer established a safe area and requested additional barricades from Public Works. The fire crew along with a number of police officers remained on the scene for over three hours before Com Ed arrived and rendered the power line safe. La Grange Public Works repaired the damaged street before the street was opened to vehicle traffic.

On June 16, 2017, at 1001 hours, La Grange companies responded to the 300 block of Washington for the report of a truck on fire. Upon arrival, crew used a pre-connected 1-3/4 inch hoseline to extinguish the fire. The cab of the truck was a total loss.

On June 16, 2017, at 2226 hours, La Grange Ambulance 1114 responded to 47th and Hawthorne Avenue in Lyons for the EMS Box Alarm. Upon arrival, 1114 treated and transported one patient to MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn.

On June 21, 2017 at 0843 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 1000 block of S. La Grange Road for the report of smoke in the building. Upon arrival crews found a light haze inside the building. Crew found a small fire smoldering under the counter. Crews found paper bags and paper cup holders had ignited in the area of the steam table. A cause and origin investigation was conducted by a Division 10 Fire Investigator and a Fire Investigator from the State Fire Marshals Office.

2017 Ken Straube Scholarship Award Recipient

The 2017 Ken Straube Scholarship went to Lyons Township High School senior Bradley Udziela. The scholarship is provided annually by Ken's family for students looking into the fire service as a career and for students with family members currently serving in public safety. Ken Straube was a Paid-on-call firefighter with La Grange for more than 45 years. Congratulations to Bradley and thanks again to the Straube Family.



Pictured with Bradley is Fire Lieutenant Bill Kallal.

La Grange Fire Department Federal Grant Award

The La Grange Fire Department, along with our regional Fire Department partners La Grange Park and Western Springs, have been awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighters Grant, in the amount of \$309,000. The grant award is for the purchase of portable radios to replace existing older radios currently in service within the three communities. The grant award is a result of the three communities working together to try and help reduce public safety costs to our citizens.

Please Note - Date Change

The La Grange Firefighters Association Local 2338's 24th Annual Golf Outing has been moved to Friday September 29, 2017. Please mark your calendars as the event will once again provide proceeds to "Camp I Am Me" Burn Camp supported by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance.

Number of Incidents by Month:

January	174 Incidents
February	130 Incidents
March	139 Incidents
April	165 Incidents
May	188 Incidents
June	180 Incidents
July	--- Incidents
August	--- Incidents
September	--- Incidents
October	--- Incidents
November	--- Incidents
December	--- Incidents

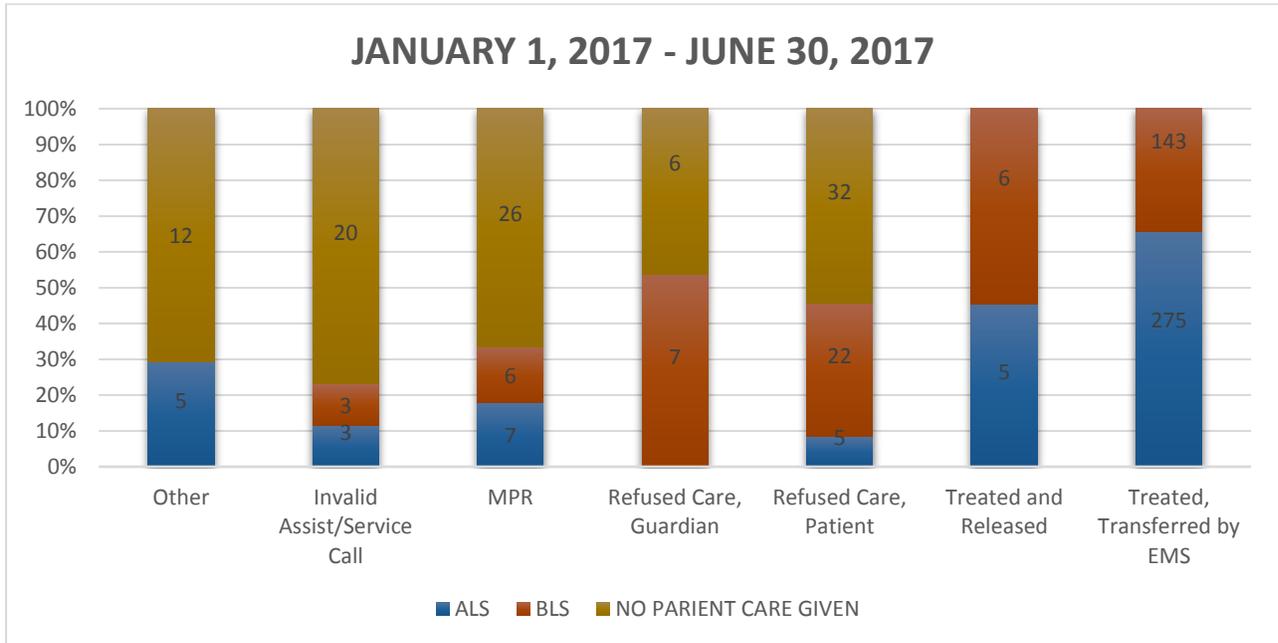
Total Estimated Loss YTD	\$1,696,750.00	Total	976 Incidents
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INCIDENT CALLS FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2017 INCIDENT CALL COMPARISONS YTD FOR 2015-2017

Please bare with us as we develop a new, updated graphs as potential replacements for Incident Calls and Call Comparisons.

This change has been necessitated by our migration to the new report and record keeping system, Aegis, as part of our consolidation of services under the new Lyons Township Area Communications Center with our partners La Grange Park and Western Springs.

LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY



FIRE PREVENTION



The passing of Retired Fire Captain Robert G. Novy



June 28, 1948 – July 4, 2017

On July 4, 2017, we received news that Retired Fire Captain Robert (Bob) G. Novy passed away with his family by his side. Bob started his career with the La Grange Fire Department on May 20, 1971 until his retirement on May 31, 1996. During his time on the department, Bob worked his way through the ranks and was promoted to Fire Lieutenant October 16, 1978 and to Fire Captain June 1, 1980.

Bob came from a family dedicated to the fire service as his father served as a Paid-on-Call Fire Captain with the Westchester Fire Department, his brother Tom and brother-in-law Richard McHale both retired as Battalion Chiefs with the Bolingbrook Fire Department and his brother Pete retired as a Battalion Chief with the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District

He is survived by his wife Phyllis, Beloved father to Deb, Ray, Sal and Sue. Grandfather, Great Gramps and Uncle to many. Brother to Patricia, Tom and Pete.

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

TRAINING DIVISION

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

2015 Total	2016 Total	2017 - YTD
2,781 Hours	2,239.83 Hours	1,562.21 Hours

Fire Chief

