



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

LOCAL EVENTS – 2018

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

44th Annual Craft Fair
July 14-15, 2018

Endless Summer
August 3-5, 2018

West End Arts Festival
September 8-9, 2018

IAFF Local 2338
25th Annual Golf Outing
Friday September 28, 2018

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

La Grange Business
Association - Halloween
Walk, Saturday October 27th
10:00AM-12:00PM

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

LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT JULY 2018



Engine Co. 1113 is a 1991 Pierce Lance fire engine. The vehicle is equipped with a 1500 gpm pump and 500 gallon water. This vehicle still serves the residents of La Grange today.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Summertime is outdoor fun time; don't let your fun turn tragic. Hazards are all around us, but with proper precautions, summertime can be both enjoyable and safe. Protect yourself, your home and property, your family and neighbors, by following these simple guidelines.

Bike Safety Tips

- Obey the rules of the road.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Wear bright-colored or reflective clothing while riding at night.
- Always ride with traffic – never against it.
- Tell your parent/guardian where you are heading.
- Always keep bicycles locked up.

Summer Barbecues

- Always keep the grill at a safe distance from anything that can burn.
- Never leave a hot grill unattended, and keep children and pets away.
- Wear an oven mitt to protect your hands and forearms.
- Know what to do if you are burned. (Flush with cool water for 10 - 15 minutes)
- Never use a barbecue grill indoors. Not only is this a fire hazard, it is a source of carbon monoxide.
- Use only starter fluid designed for grills when lighting charcoal grills. Never use gasoline, as a flash fire can occur.
- Make sure the charcoal is completely cooled before leaving unattended. Soak the coals in water before discarding them. For gas grills, always be sure to turn off the valve when not in use.

- Never store gas cylinders indoors or too close to your home.
- Frequently check for leaks or excessive wear to the cylinder or connections.

For more fire and grilling safety tips, check out <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information>.

Outdoor Fire Pits

- Don't place your fire pit under a porch roof, power lines or under low hanging tree branches.
- Burn only seasoned firewood or commercial logs.
- Do not use lighter fluid or other flammable liquids to start your fire. They can be unpredictable and dangerous: instead, use kindling and build your fire slowly so that it is always under control.
- Burning of construction debris, household garbage and yard waste (twigs, leaves, and branches) is prohibited.
- An adult should attend burning at all times.
- Use common sense and have respect for your neighbors and neighborhoods. Smoke that creates a hazardous or objectionable condition is prohibited. Fire personnel are authorized to order the extinguishment should a hazardous or objectionable condition exist.

Water Safety

- Never swim alone.
- Never leave children unsupervised around water, even if they know how to swim.
- Do not allow running or rough play around water.
- Always wear a life jacket when on a lake, river, etc. or boating, water skiing or tubing.
- Backyard pools should have a fence (at least 4 feet high) with a self-closing and self-latching gate surrounding the entire pool.
- Always store and use pool chemicals according to manufactures' recommendations.
- Never store pool chemicals in your home.
- Know CPR and have a phone available poolside for emergencies.

Sun Safety

Sun exposure can cause serious burns and put us at risk for skin cancer. Most exposure occurs during childhood. Protect your children with regular use of a sunscreen, even on cloudy days. Most of the sun's radiation penetrates the clouds and can still cause sunburn. Choose a sunscreen that offers both UVA and UVB protection and has an SPF of 15 or higher. Wear protective clothing including a hat, sunglasses, and long shirts and pants. Limit exposure during the sun's strongest hours, 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

If you would like more fire safety tips, feel free to call the La Grange Fire Department at 708-579-2338.

Calls of Note:

On July 2, 2018, at 2030 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 900 block of S. Eighth Avenue for the report of a smoke odor on the second floor, no flames visible. Upon arrival crews smelled smoke and heard a smoke detector activating inside of unit 3. Crew forced the locked door and found moderate smoke conditions due to food on the stove. Auto-aid companies assisted in ventilating the unit. After the unit was ventilated, the unit was able to be secured by the lock on the door knob only as no owner was home. Auto-aid companies were released and all companies returned to quarters.

On July 4, 2018, at 1914 hours, La Grange Co. 1113 responded to the 500 block of N. Cass Avenue in Westmont on the 3-11 fire. Upon arrival, crew was assigned, and completed a secondary search of the second floor units. Crew was then assigned to the third floor to extinguish remaining hotspots in the unit where the roof collapsed. After exiting the building, the crew was assigned to rehab prior to being released and returned.

On July 7, 2018, at 0733 hours, La Grange companies 1111 and 1114 responded to the 00 block of south La Grange Road for the carbon monoxide detector activating inside a restaurant. Upon arrival crews entered the building with meters and found 81 ppm of CO at the front door. All workers were evacuated from the building as crews attempted to locate the source. Crews found the source to be a stove top and pasta oven. Crews shut off both units and ventilated the building. Workers were allowed to re-enter and manager was advised to have both units serviced before using them again. Manager was also advised to call 911 and evacuate all workers and patrons when the CO detector alarms.

On July 8, 2018, at 1757 hours, La Grange and auto-aid companies responded to the 1000 block of south Ashland for the report of a oven fire. Upon arrival crew found homeowner had used a dry chemical extinguisher to extinguish a small fire inside the broiler of her new stove. Crew found remnants of placemats inside of broiler. Homeowner stated that's where she stored them in their old stove. Pleasantview assisted with ventilation and Brookfield was re-assigned to another La Grange call.

On July 14 2018, at 1409 hours, La Grange Co. 1113 responded mutual-aid to the 4900 block of Major Avenue in Central Stickney for the structure fire. Co.1113 remained staged near scene as directed by command. No further orders given until crew was released.

On July 15, 2018, at 1135 hours, La Grange Co. 1113 responded auto-aid to the 3800 block of Madison Avenue in Brookfield for the house fire. Upon arrival, crew was ordered to the front of the building with tools then ordered to go inside and perform salvage duties. After assignment was completed the crew was released and returned to quarters.

On July 17 2018, at 2041 hours, La Grange Co. 1113 responded mutual-aid to the 6600 block of Conrad in Hodgkins for the structure fire. Upon arrival, Co.1113 was assigned as the RIT team for the duration of the call. No further orders given until crew was released.

On July 18, 2018, at 1756 hours, La Grange Co. 1113 responded mutual aid for the box alarm request as a change of quarters company to Argonne National Laboratories Fire Department. Company remained staged in quarters until released by command.

On July 28, 2018, at 1547 hours, La Grange Co.1111 responded to the 400 block of S. Park for the report of power lines down and sparking. Upon arrival, crew found a home under going major renovations with carpenter on scene. The carpenter states he was attempting to stabilize the electrical mast on the rear of the home when it fell to the ground. The area was secured as crew waited for ComEd to arrive. ComEd arrived and removed the power line from the pole to the home. No further hazard, Co. 1111 returned to quarters.

On July 31, 2018, at 0939 hours, La Grange Ambulance Co. 1114 responded auto-aid to 40th and Powell in Lyons for the gas leak with people feeling ill. Crew assessed numerous patients. No transports related to this incident. Co. 1114 was then assigned to the 1900 block of Harlem Avenue for

a medical call. Crew treated and transported patient to MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn. Unit then returned to quarters after being released by command.

On July 31 2018, at 1000 hours, La Grange Co. 1111 responded to the 300 block of Sunset for the person with an injury. Upon arrival, crew found construction worker on top of a one-story framed structure with an injury caused by a nail gun. A La Grange Park ambulance assisted and transported patient to the hospital.

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

Incidents by Month:

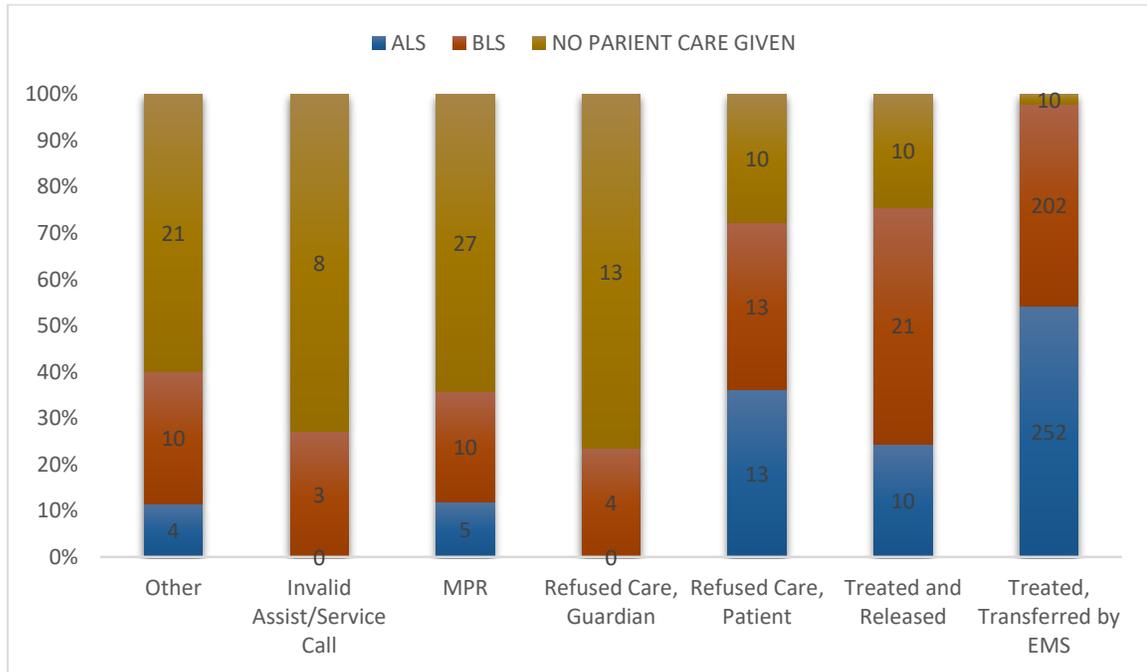
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| January | 195 Incidents |
| February | 154 Incidents |
| March | 145 Incidents |
| April | 143 Incidents |
| May | 159 Incidents |
| June | 179 Incidents |
| July | 181 Incidents |
| August | --- Incidents |
| September | --- Incidents |
| October | --- Incidents |
| November | --- Incidents |
| December | --- Incidents |

Total Estimated Loss YTD: \$218,000.00

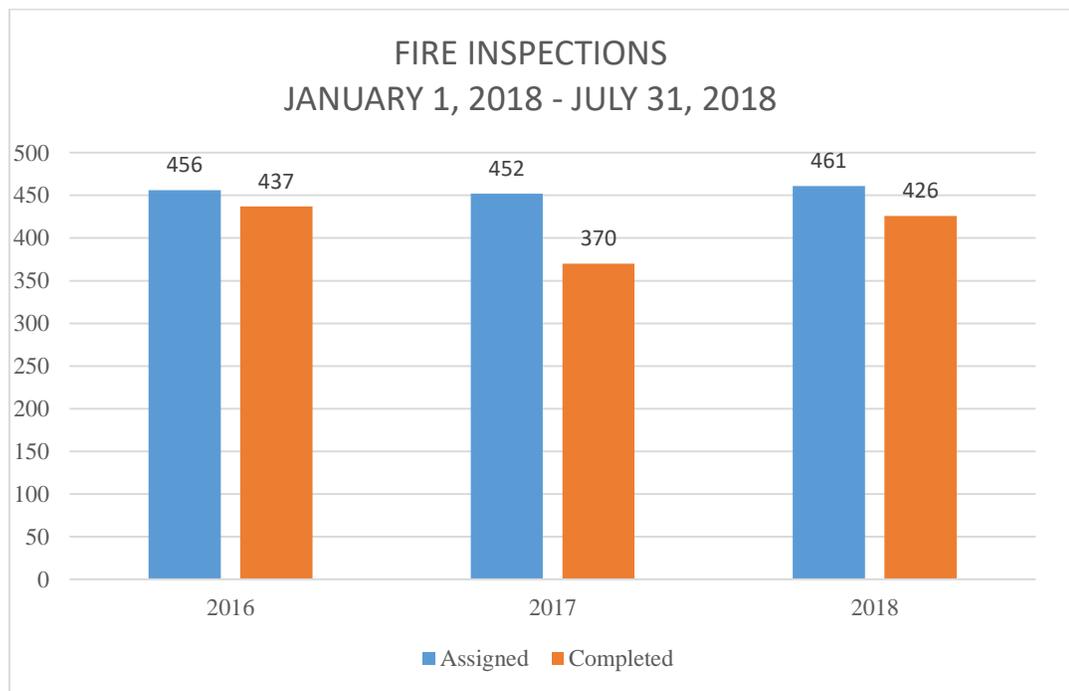
Total: 1166 Incidents

LEVEL OF CARE SUMMARY

JANUARY 2018-JULY 2018



FIRE PREVENTION



TRAINING DIVISION

TRAINING HOURS FROM JANUARY 1, 2018 – JULY 31, 2018

| 2016 Total | 2017 Total | 2018 - YTD |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2,239.83 Hours | 2,813.21 Hours | 2130.25 Hours |

Fire Chief

