

La Grange Park Fire Department Monthly Report January 2015



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Village Board Meeting Fire Department Activity Memo

To: Julia Cedillo, Village Manager

From: Dean J. Maggos, Director of Fire & Building



Date: February 18, 2015

Re: Fire Department Activities – JANUARY 2015

As requested for insertion into the Village Board meeting agenda packet, the following is a brief summary of Fire Department activity highlights for the month of January. As usual, a more comprehensive monthly report is kept within the department for your review.

There were 155 EMS responses this month. There were 143 during the month of January in 2014. There were 47 fire/rescue incidents this month. There were 80 during the month of January in 2014.

Six new paid-on-call employees began attending the part-time fire academy which is being hosted by the Western Springs Fire Department this year. Most of their classroom instruction takes place during the week in the evening, with practical skill sessions taking place mostly on weekends.

From Wednesday (01/07) at 7:30 am, until Thursday (01/08) at Noon, we kept additional staff in our stations due to the extreme cold weather. This staffing allows for a quicker response to emergencies, as such weather can hamper our operations somewhat, especially using our mostly paid-on-call staffing system. We responded to 13 separate incidents during this time, including on Wednesday morning, when our department responded to five EMS requests, four within 20 minutes of one another.

CPR and AED training was provided to Public Works employees during the month. Also, our personnel spoke to students involved in the Health Careers Club at Nazareth Academy as part of their career day program.

01/01 (THUR) 4:29 PM: Responded with an Engine to assist Westchester. Our personnel stood-by in their station to provide coverage for their Village while Westchester firefighters handled another incident. Our personnel responded to one incident for Westchester during the stand-by.

01/08 (THUR) 9:00 AM: Responded to a fire in one of the chicken fryers at Bill's Place, at 1146 Maple Ave. The fire was extinguished prior to arrival, but fire crews remained on the scene until the equipment could be properly cooled.

01/08 (THUR) 10:00 PM: Responded with salvage equipment to assist Hinsdale with a substantial water leak at one of their schools.

01/10 (SAT) 5:14 PM: Responded to an activated fire alarm at Ace Hardware, at 900 E. 31st, which turned out to be an activated sprinkler. Fire crews assisted the owner with clean-up of water in the business.

01/30 (FRI) 4:30 PM: Responded to Bethlehem Woods to assist with removing three occupants stuck in a stalled elevator.

Incident Reports By Incident Type, Summary

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Incident Type	Total Incidents:
111 Building fire	1
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	1
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	10
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	141
322 Vehicle accident with injuries	5
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2
500 Service Call, other	1
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1
611 Dispatched & canceled en route	4
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2
671 Hazmat release investigation w/ no hazmat	1
700 False alarm or false call, other	1
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	2
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	3
745 Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional	4
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	3
815 Severe weather or natural disaster standby	4
Total Number of Incidents:	189
Total Number of Incident Types:	20

Print Date: 2/17/2015

**LAGRANGE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT
SIGNIFICANT FIRES - 2015**

DATE	TYPE OF OCCUPANCY	ADDRESS	ESTIMATED LOSS	MOST PROBABLE FIRE CAUSE
01-08-15	Assembly (Restaurant)	1146 Maple	\$ 0	Overheat of Fryer

Significant Fire - All fires and potential fires in and around structures, or other fires resulting in greater than \$5,000.00 damage.
Last Updated - 01/31/15

**LAGRANGE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
RESPONSE ACTIVITIES – JANUARY 2015**

NATURE OF CALL:

Cardiac	011
Injured Person	025
Medical Emergency	081
Road Accident	009
Respiratory	011
Assist Patient	007
Mutual Aid Given	011
EMS Stand-by	000

OUTCOME OF SERVICES:

Treated/Transported	121
Refused Services	025
Assist Patient Only	007
Other	003

LEVEL OF CARE PROVIDED:

Advanced (ALS)	083
Basic (BLS)	038
Refused Care	025
Other	010

TRANSPORT FACILITIES:

LaGrange Hospital	098
Loyola Medical Center	010
Hinsdale Hospital	006
MacNeal Hospital	005
Good Samaritan Hospital	000
Hines VA Hospital	001
Elmhurst Hospital	001
Not transported	035

RESPONSE ACTIVITY:

Total Calls – Month	155
Total Calls – YTD	155
Total Patients – Month	156
Total Patients – YTD	156

LOCATION OF CALL:

Commercial	008
Educational	
Brook Park School	000
Forest Road School	000
Nazareth Academy	000
Park Junior High School	000
St. Louise School/Church	001
Industrial	000
Bethlehem Woods Complex	
Residential Towers	023
Assisted Living Center	011
Institutional	
OLB Center	002
The Grove Health Care	007
Plymouth Place	026
Scheck Senior Center	000
Residential	
Single Family	048
Multi Family	011
Miscellaneous	
Police/Fire Station	003
Street/Road/Park	004
Mutual Aid Given	011

MUTUAL AID ACTIVITY:

Provided to:

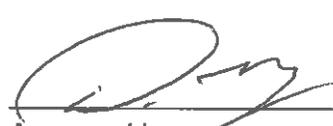
LaGrange	005
Westchester	002
Brookfield	001
Oak Brook	001
Broadview	001
Darien Woodridge	001

Received from:

Hinsdale	001
LaGrange	015
Western Springs	002
Westchester	002
Brookfield	001
Broadview	001

Rick Ronovsky

Submitted by:
Rick Ronovsky, Division Chief
EMS Division



Approved by:
Dean Maggos, Fire Chief



LA GRANGE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

447 N. Catherine Avenue
La Grange Park, Illinois 60526

(708) 354-0225 *Administration*
(708) 352-2141 *Non-Emergency*
(708) 354-0241 *FAX*

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT – JANUARY 2015

Ambulance Responses:

This month, EMT and Paramedic personnel responded to a total of 155 requests for emergency medical services treating a total of 156 patients. There were 119 calls located west of the IHB Railroad and 25 calls east of the IHB Railroad.

This compares to last year (January 2014) when there were 143 requests for service.

Training and Continuing Education:

EMT Continuing Education conducted by the Loyola EMS System through our Associate Hospital – LaGrange Memorial, was conducted on Tuesday, January 13th in the Community Room at Fire Station #1. Paramedic Continuing Education was conducted on Monday, January 12th, Wednesday, January 14th, and Friday, January 16th at the LaGrange Fire Department.

Firefighter/Paramedics Elfter & Wittman attended recertification training for CPR and AED Instructors.

Special Activities:

January 7th, Firefighter/Paramedic Carbone attended the EMS Region 8 Education Committee meeting held at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove.

January 12th, Firefighter/Paramedic Carbone attended the Loyola EMS System Coordinator's Workshop held at the Loyola EMS System Office. This workshop is an annual requirement to update Paramedic Coordinators.

January 13th, Firefighter/Paramedic Carbone attended the Loyola EMS System Coordinator's meeting held at the Broadview Fire Department.

January 27th, Firefighter/Paramedic Carbone attended the Loyola EMS System Electronic Patient Care Reporting meeting held at the Broadview Fire Department.

January 28th, our contracted Firefighter/Paramedics spoke to the Health Club at Nazareth Academy High School during their Career Day Program on careers in the Fire and Emergency Medical Services field.

January 30th, our CPR and AED Instructors provided both CPR and AED training and certification for the staff at the Public Works Departments. Our Public Works facility has been equipped with an AED and all staff members have been certified in CPR and AED.

In January, Division Chief Ronovsky was named to the Advisory Board for Illinois EMS Region 8 representing the Fire Service providers in the Region. EMS Region 8 consists of four Paramedic Resource Hospitals in West Cook and all of DuPage County – Loyola Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital, Edward Hospital, and Central DuPage Hospital. There are 11 total EMS Regions in Illinois.

Also in January, Division Chief Ronovsky and Firefighter/Paramedic Carbone have been working with the Loyola EMS System and our Police Department on establishing a Narcan Program within the Police Department.

Rick Ronovsky

Submitted by:
Rick Ronovsky, Division Chief
EMS Division



Approved by:
Dean J. Maggos, Fire Chief

**Fire Prevention and Education Activities for
January, 2015**

Fire Prevention and Education was conducted by Division Chief Carpenter and FF McManus

- Members conducted 1 Fire Inspections at the following type of occupancies:

• Residential:	0
• Commercial:	0
• Education:	0
• Industrial:	0
• Institution:	0
• Municipal:	0
• Office:	1

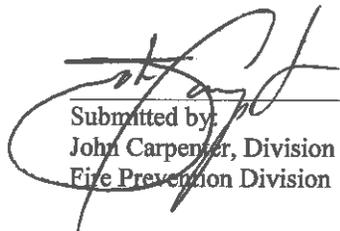
- Members noted 1 violations of the Village Fire and Life Safety code as follows:

• Alarm Systems:	0
• Fire Extinguishers:	0
• Electrical:	0
• Combustible Storage:	0
• Flammable Storage:	0
• Life Safety:	1
• Other:	0

- Members conducted 0 re-inspections with 0 of 0 outstanding violations corrected.

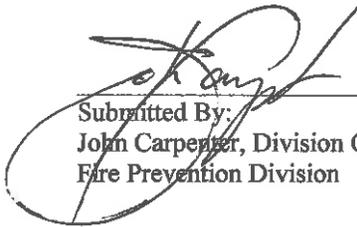
- The Department responded to 5 Fire alarm activation's during the month.

• Malicious:	1
• Malfunction:	2
• Smoke / Fire:	2


Submitted by:
John Carpenter, Division Chief
Fire Prevention Division


Approved By:
Dean J. Maggos, Fire Chief

- D/C Carpenter received sprinkler plans for review for the new residence at 743 Brainard.
- D/C Carpenter received fire alarm plans for review for the new Helping Hand group home located at 1202 Community.
- D/C Carpenter received sprinkler plans for review for the new residence at 246 Kings Ct.
- D/C Carpenter received sprinkler plans for review for the new residence at 626 Ashland.
- D/C Carpenter has been working with several business that have switched to Radio monitoring from phone lines.
- D/C Carpenter has been working with the Business owners in obtaining annual fire alarm and sprinkler testing reports.
- D/C Carpenter continues to receive request for lock box applications and continues to place keys in new boxes throughout the village
- D/C Carpenter continues following up with several problem fire alarms.


Submitted By:
John Carpenter, Division Chief
Fire Prevention Division


Approved By:
Dean J. Maggos, Fire Chief

**LaGrange Park Fire Department
Division of Operations & Training
January 2015**

Monthly Training Summary

Regular Training

January 5 & 6	SOG & Pre-Plan Review
January 12 & 13	Walk Through – Park Junior High School
January 19 & 20	Ropes & Knots
January 26 & 27	Equipment, Vehicle, & Station Maintenance

Training hour totals

	January 2015	2015 YTD
Regular Drill	195.00	195.00
Other Training	204.00	204.00

Monthly Operations Summary

Fire Call Activities

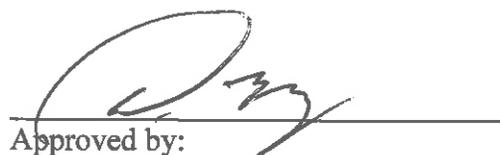
	January 2015	2015 YTD	January 2014	2014 YTD
Total Fire Calls	47	47	80	80

Fire Call Mutual Aid Summary

	January 2015 Aid Received	2015 YTD Aid Received	January 2015 Aid Given	2015 YTD Aid Given
Brookfield	2	2	4	4
La Grange	11	11	5	5
Western Springs	0	0	0	0
Other	3	3	3	3
Mutual Aid Totals	16	16	12	12



Submitted by:
Norman Rick, Division Chief
Support / Operations Division



Approved by:
Dean J. Maggos, Fire Chief

Incident Reports By Incident Type

Incident Type: 111 Building fire

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150172	0	1/29/2015	7:59:00AM

Total Incidents: 1

Incident Type: 113 Cooking fire, confined to container

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150052	0	1/8/2015	9:00:00AM

Total Incidents: 1

Incident Type: 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150024	0	1/4/2015	1:23:00PM
150038	0	1/7/2015	9:58:00AM
150039	0	1/7/2015	9:58:01AM
150040	0	1/7/2015	10:07:00AM
150041	0	1/7/2015	10:13:00AM
150042	0	1/7/2015	1:26:00PM
150044	0	1/7/2015	3:47:00PM
150048	0	1/7/2015	11:07:00PM
150086	0	1/13/2015	10:17:00AM
150189	0	2/1/2015	2:58:00AM

Total Incidents: 10

Incident Type: 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150001	0	1/1/2015	3:26:00PM
150002	0	1/1/2015	4:06:00PM
150006	0	1/2/2015	1:35:00AM
150007	0	1/2/2015	9:22:00AM
150008	0	1/2/2015	9:48:00AM
150009	0	1/2/2015	12:28:00PM
150010	0	1/2/2015	12:45:00PM
150011	0	1/2/2015	1:56:00PM
150012	0	1/2/2015	4:13:00PM
150013	0	1/2/2015	4:45:00PM
150014	0	1/2/2015	8:33:00PM
150015	0	1/3/2015	8:13:00AM
150017	0	1/4/2015	12:52:00AM
150018	0	1/4/2015	1:21:00AM
150019	0	1/4/2015	1:37:00AM
150020	0	1/4/2015	4:51:00AM
150021	0	1/4/2015	8:59:00AM
150022	0	1/4/2015	10:18:00AM
150023	0	1/4/2015	1:14:00PM
150025	0	1/4/2015	4:29:00PM
150026	0	1/4/2015	7:39:00PM
150027	0	1/5/2015	3:50:00PM
150028	0	1/5/2015	5:43:00PM
150029	0	1/5/2015	8:13:00PM
150031	0	1/6/2015	10:50:00AM
150033	0	1/6/2015	3:56:00PM
150034	0	1/6/2015	8:51:00PM
150035	0	1/6/2015	10:10:00PM
150037	0	1/7/2015	9:48:00AM
150046	0	1/7/2015	7:44:00PM
150053	0	1/8/2015	12:15:00PM
150055	0	1/8/2015	8:07:00PM
150057	0	1/8/2015	10:45:00PM
150059	0	1/9/2015	4:38:00AM
150061	0	1/9/2015	5:03:00PM
150062	0	1/9/2015	7:29:00PM
150063	0	1/9/2015	9:15:00PM
150066	0	1/10/2015	11:01:00PM
150067	0	1/10/2015	11:21:00PM
150068	0	1/11/2015	2:34:00AM
150070	0	1/11/2015	11:40:00AM
150072	0	1/11/2015	12:38:00PM
150073	0	1/11/2015	3:09:00PM
150074	0	1/11/2015	3:48:00PM
150075	0	1/11/2015	4:49:00PM
150078	0	1/11/2015	7:31:00PM
150079	0	1/11/2015	11:26:00PM
150080	0	1/12/2015	3:41:00AM
150081	0	1/12/2015	5:04:00AM

150082	0	1/12/2015	7:00:00AM
150084	0	1/13/2015	6:26:00AM
150085	0	1/13/2015	6:56:00AM
150087	0	1/13/2015	11:38:00AM
150089	0	1/14/2015	6:31:00AM
150090	0	1/14/2015	9:39:00AM
150091	0	1/14/2015	12:00:00PM
150092	0	1/14/2015	1:32:00PM
150093	0	1/15/2015	4:24:00AM
150094	0	1/15/2015	6:32:00AM
150095	0	1/15/2015	10:44:00AM
150096	0	1/15/2015	12:37:00PM
150100	0	1/16/2015	4:28:00AM
150101	0	1/16/2015	7:08:00AM
150102	0	1/16/2015	10:04:00AM
150103	0	1/16/2015	10:59:00AM
150104	0	1/16/2015	1:34:00PM
150106	0	1/17/2015	6:45:00AM
150107	0	1/17/2015	12:53:00PM
150108	0	1/17/2015	2:23:00PM
150110	0	1/17/2015	9:08:00PM
150111	0	1/17/2015	9:20:00PM
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150114	0	1/18/2015	5:47:00AM
150115	0	1/18/2015	8:39:00AM
150116	0	1/19/2015	9:53:00AM
150117	0	1/19/2015	1:27:00PM
150118	0	1/19/2015	3:54:00PM
150119	0	1/19/2015	8:58:00PM
150120	0	1/20/2015	7:19:00AM
150121	0	1/20/2015	3:10:00PM
150123	0	1/20/2015	6:28:00PM
150124	0	1/21/2015	7:33:00AM
150125	0	1/21/2015	9:01:00AM
150126	0	1/21/2015	12:41:00PM
150127	0	1/21/2015	12:51:00PM
150128	0	1/21/2015	1:52:00PM
150129	0	1/21/2015	4:03:00PM
150130	0	1/21/2015	6:25:00PM
150131	0	1/21/2015	9:27:00PM
150132	0	1/22/2015	12:34:00AM
150133	0	1/22/2015	3:22:00AM
150134	0	1/22/2015	6:39:00AM
150135	0	1/22/2015	11:05:00AM
150136	0	1/22/2015	11:24:00AM
150137	0	1/22/2015	11:58:00AM
150138	0	1/22/2015	2:38:00PM
150139	0	1/22/2015	7:05:00PM
150140	0	1/23/2015	8:12:00AM
150141	0	1/23/2015	9:33:00AM
150142	0	1/23/2015	10:43:00AM

150143	0	1/23/2015	9:02:00PM
150145	0	1/24/2015	11:22:00AM
150146	0	1/24/2015	11:55:00AM
150147	0	1/24/2015	5:02:00PM
150148	0	1/24/2015	9:17:00PM
150149	0	1/24/2015	11:27:00PM
150150	0	1/25/2015	12:56:00AM
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150156	0	1/25/2015	3:00:00PM
150157	0	1/25/2015	6:39:00PM
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150160	0	1/26/2015	2:19:00PM
150161	0	1/26/2015	6:00:00PM
150162	0	1/27/2015	1:30:00AM
150163	0	1/27/2015	8:39:00AM
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150166	0	1/27/2015	6:36:00PM
150167	0	1/27/2015	10:52:00PM
150168	0	1/27/2015	10:56:00PM
150169	0	1/28/2015	8:23:00AM
150170	0	1/28/2015	4:43:00PM
150171	0	1/28/2015	6:28:00PM
150173	0	1/29/2015	3:52:00PM
150174	0	1/30/2015	12:27:00AM
150175	0	1/30/2015	5:43:00AM
150176	0	1/30/2015	11:12:00AM
150180	0	1/31/2015	1:18:00AM
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150182	0	1/31/2015	6:00:00AM
150183	0	1/31/2015	8:50:00AM
150184	0	1/31/2015	11:09:00AM
150185	0	1/31/2015	11:23:00AM
150186	0	1/31/2015	6:18:00PM
150187	0	1/31/2015	6:24:00PM

Total Incidents: 141

Incident Type	322	Vehicle accident with injuries
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Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150004	0	1/1/2015	4:49:00PM
150030	0	1/6/2015	7:55:00AM
150047	0	1/7/2015	8:10:00PM
150097	0	1/15/2015	5:07:00PM
150098	0	1/15/2015	5:58:00PM

Total Incidents: 5

Incident Type: 353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150177	0	1/30/2015	4:30:00PM

Total Incidents: 1

Incident Type: 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150060	0	1/9/2015	2:41:00PM
150109	0	1/17/2015	6:23:00PM

Total Incidents: 2

Incident Type: 500 Service Call, other

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150056	0	1/8/2015	10:00:00PM

Total Incidents: 1

Incident Type: 571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150003	0	1/1/2015	4:29:00PM

Total Incidents: 1

Incident Type: 611 Dispatched & canceled en route

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150054	0	1/8/2015	12:32:00PM
150069	0	1/11/2015	10:01:00AM
150083	0	1/12/2015	12:44:00PM
150105	0	1/16/2015	4:02:00PM

Total Incidents: 4

Incident Type: 651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150144	0	1/24/2015	7:25:00AM
150178	0	1/30/2015	6:09:00PM

Total Incidents: 2

Incident Type: 671 Hazmat release investigation w/ no hazmat

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150122	0	1/20/2015	4:41:00PM

Total Incidents: 1

Incident Type: 700 False alarm or false call, other

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150071	0	1/11/2015	11:40:30AM

Total Incidents: 1

Incident Type: 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150005	0	1/1/2015	4:53:00PM

Total Incidents: 1

Incident Type: 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, other

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150077	0	1/11/2015	6:19:00PM

Total Incidents: 1

Incident Type: 741 Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150064	0	1/10/2015	1:33:00PM
150065	0	1/10/2015	5:14:00PM

Total Incidents: 2

Incident Type: 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150076	0	1/11/2015	6:00:00PM
150088	0	1/13/2015	7:58:00PM
150099	0	1/15/2015	7:07:00PM

Total Incidents: 3

Incident Type: 745 Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150032	0	1/6/2015	1:47:00PM
150049	0	1/8/2015	12:48:00AM
150050	0	1/8/2015	1:58:00AM
150179	0	1/31/2015	12:47:00AM

Total Incidents: 4

Incident Type: 746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150016	0	1/3/2015	4:11:00PM
150043	0	1/7/2015	2:31:00PM
150058	0	1/8/2015	10:59:00PM

Total Incidents: 3

Incident Type: 815 Severe weather or natural disaster standby

Incident #	Exp #	Date	Time
150036	0	1/7/2015	7:30:00AM
150045	0	1/7/2015	6:00:00PM
150051	0	1/8/2015	6:00:00AM
150188	0	1/31/2015	9:00:00PM

Total Incidents: 4

Print Date: 2/17/2015

Total Number of Incidents: 189
Total Number of Incident Types: 20



Community Consolidated School District 181

Dr. Don White, Superintendent

Administration Center

6010 S. Elm Street

Burr Ridge, IL 60527

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January 12, 2015

Dear LaGrange Park Fire Department,

I am writing to share a personal *thank you* for your recent efforts to assist with the clean up necessary at Hinsdale Middle School when a water sprinkler released on January 8, 2015. While this type of event is not something that we can plan for, as the Superintendent, it is personally gratifying to know that we have dedicated individuals such as you when we are in need of additional assistance. Without your efforts, the school may not have been able to open. At the very least, the learning environment would have been negatively impacted and the students and staff would not have been able to access their typical teaching and learning spaces.

District 181 is so fortunate to partner with so many wonderful people who gladly go well above and beyond their typical responsibilities. It is events such as these that create opportunities for us to demonstrate why District 181 is such a special place, and how we unite to provide a high quality teaching and learning environment for all of our students and staff.

I again want to personally thank you for your daily efforts and for what you do to make District 181 such a great place, and I especially want to thank you for what you did to assist in the clean up at Hinsdale Middle School.

Thank you for making a positive difference for many!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Don White".

Don White, Ph.D.



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~~Chief Maggos~~ *PEAN*

On behalf of the Village of Hinsdale and the Hinsdale Fire Department, I would like to thank you and the fire company that responded to assist us on Thursday, January 8th at the Hinsdale Middle School.

At about 9:50pm, we received an automatic fire alarm activation at the Hinsdale Middle School. When our fire unit's arrived, they found that a malfunctioning fire sprinkler head had discharged into one of the second floor classrooms. This was causing a significant amount of damage to the facility.

With the assistance of your crew, we were able to limit the damage as much as possible, assist in making sure that further damage was not done to both the classrooms but also the buildings services, and help them begin the clean-up process. Please extend our appreciation for your crew's assistance and going above and beyond.

I have enclosed a "Letter to the Editor" article from our local Hinsdalean newspaper from the School District's Superintendent and a copy of his letter sent to our Fire Department. Please share these with your Department.

Again, thanks for a job well done!

Sincerely,

Rick

Rick Ronovsky, Fire Chief



OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Parents, prepare for the surprises

Perhaps you are the parent of a natural-born rule follower, and are wondering if this will be a good thing as your child makes her way in a competitive world.



Denise Joyce

For you, I offer the so-far, so-good story of one rule follower. (Parents of rule benders are welcome to follow along wistfully.)

In my case, it was my firstborn, Amanda, who led me to believe that parenting was a breeze. (It's a thought I held for three years, until my second born arrived and quickly disabused me of that notion.)

In first grade, Amanda would line up quickly and quietly at the classroom door when it was time for recess. Later, as a young adult, she laughed as she told me and her dad, Joe, about how frustrated she would get with fellow students who cost the class precious playtime. Ignoring their teacher, they would bounce off each other like pinballs. Amanda remembers thinking: "This isn't hard, people. Line up!"

Middle school was a bit bumpy for rule follower Amanda. She was confused by the rise of mean girls, who defied a simple edict: "Be kind."

During Christmas break in high school, she would excuse herself from post-dinner conversation to go study for upcoming exams. Sometimes she lamented her mature-for-her-age perspective, wondering aloud why she "was born 34 years old." It was her choice to avoid

Hinsdale's party scene and its accompanying underage drinking.

That isn't to say Amanda didn't eventually surprise Joe and me. She and I were chatting on the phone while she was studying abroad in college,

and she was complaining about a new roommate. I quickly jumped in, saying that it's tough to accommodate the random schedule of a party girl. There was a slight pause before Amanda responded: "No, Mom — I'm the party girl!"

Oh. Well, then.... I view the blips — including the time she learned firsthand the fine for throwing up in a Paris cab (200 francs in 2000) — as the evolution of a rule follower into a confident, funny and emotionally resilient young woman.

And she's still surprising us. This past Christmas, she handed me and her dad a nicely wrapped gift from her and her husband, Drew. The gift was a baby book titled "Edamame & Edapapa." Momentarily puzzled, I then spotted the sonogram Amanda had inserted just behind the front cover.

It seems Joe and I are to be grandparents this summer. And after raising one rule follower and one rule bender, we know either type will be loved beyond measure.

— Denise Joyce of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fire departments, staff helped minimize damage at HMS

I have had the privilege of serving as an educator in several communities. Over the years, I have seen the way local agencies come together to support schools. I feel it important that I highlight a recent event when agencies that support District 181 went above and beyond.

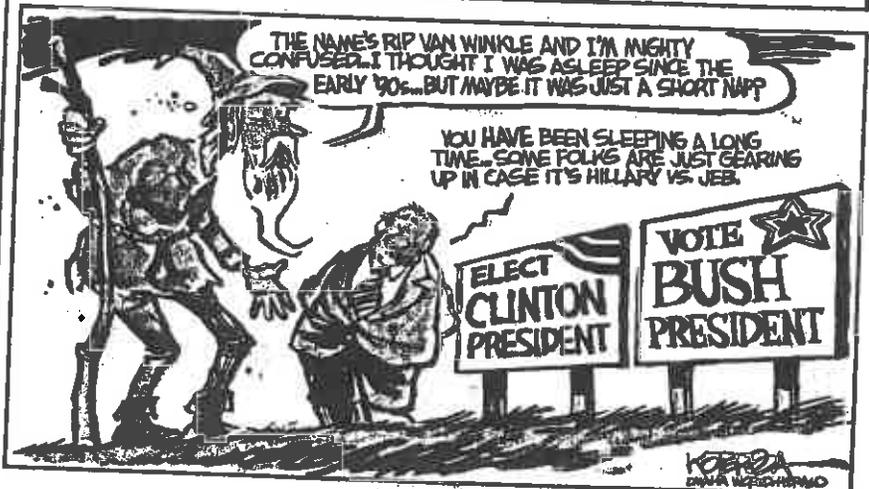
I received a call at 9:50 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8, from a district employee who shared that a sprinkler head had opened and released water on the second floor of Hinsdale Middle School. Given the situation that occurred almost one year earlier at HMS, I imag-

ined a worst-case scenario. I then learned that the amount of water released was far less than in 2014, and that the damage was minimal thanks to the quick work of several local fire departments and our district staff. The fire departments helped not only with the immediate needs of the situation, but stayed to help clean up the water, using their own equipment to address the affected classrooms.

We are investigating the root cause of the sprinkler issue. In the meantime, we continue to have custodial staff monitor HMS and are taking every reasonable pre-

caution to address our facility needs.

We are grateful for the response of the Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills, Western Springs and LaGrange Park Fire Departments. This challenge was made better by the support of many individuals who showed outstanding care and commitment, demonstrating why D181 is such a special place as we unite to provide a high quality teaching and learning environment. — Don White, superintendent, Community Consolidated Elementary District 181



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thanks friends! tom lia



**Illinois Burn Prevention Association
added 4 new photos.**

Thu at 5:36 PM

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