



MUNICIPALITY OF West Elgin

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief
Date: 2023-03-09
Report: 2023-01
Subject: Monthly Report – January, February 2023

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief re: January, February Fire Report for information purposes.

Purpose:

To provide Council with an update on fire department activities in the months of January and February 2023.

Background:

Emergency Responses

Fire	4	House, tractor-trailer, garden shed/fence
Alarm System Equipment- Malfunction	1	Commercial alarm
Human – Perceived Emergency	2	
Spill – Gasoline or Fuel	1	Highway 401
Power Lines Down	5	During ice storm
Medical calls	3	
Assisting Other FD – Mutual Aid	1	Southwest Middlesex
Call cancelled on route	1	
TOTAL	18	

Training & Meetings

Department topics included incident review, PPE/SCBA, air management, ropes & knots, and radio communications.

Rodney Station #1 is hosting two Elgin-Middlesex Regional Fire School NFPA 1001 Recruit classes.

Six recruits are attending the NFPA 1001 Recruit Course.

Members received Provincial IFSAC Certification in: NFPA 1001 Firefighter, NFPA 1041 Fire Instructor Level 1, NFPA 1521 Incident Safety Officer, NFPA 1035 Public Information Officer.

Fire Prevention

One residential Smoke/CO Alarm was conducted.

Four inspections were completed, some with additional follow up inspections.

Other Activities/Information

WEFD was selected to receive funding from the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council Certification Grant. This grant provides select provincial fire departments with funding to support the purchasing of firefighter training and educational materials to assist with the certification requirements as part of O.Reg.343/22 (Firefighter Certification). \$1362.90 has been used towards the purchase of educational materials.

The breathing air compressor received semi-annual maintenance and air quality testing.

A tanker replacement committee consisting of officers and firefighters has met. The goal of the committee will be to bring recommendations to Council regarding the tanker replacement needs of the fire department, with a report planned for the next Council meeting.

A draft automatic aid agreement for WEFD's response area south of Wardsville has been sent to Southwest Middlesex Fire for review.

West Elgin firefighters will be meeting in late March with Dutton-Dunwich firefighters on a joint Cancer Prevention Taskforce. This informal group will review the Provincial Firefighter's cancer prevention checklist, which is a self-audit tool for fire services to learn how to protect fire personnel from exposure to contaminants that may cause cancer or other occupational illnesses. The goal is to find areas within our departments that we can collectively improve on when it comes to cancer prevention.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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