



MUNICIPALITY OF West Elgin

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief
Date: 2023-04-13
Report: 2023-03
Subject: Monthly Report – March 2023

Recommendation:

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

Purpose:

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

Background:

Emergency Responses

Fire – vehicle	1
Authorized controlled burning – complaint	2
Gas Leak – Natural Gas	1
CO incident, CO present	1
Power Lines Down	1
Medical calls	2
Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC)	2
Call cancelled on route	1
Other pre fire conditions (no fire)	1
TOTAL	12

Training & Meetings

Department topics included incident review, search & rescue, and firefighter survival.

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

Six recruits are attending the NFPA 1001 Recruit Course, with certification testing and live fire upcoming.

Fire Prevention

Students from St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School visited West Lorne Station #2 for a hall tour.

Follow up inspections conducted.

Other Activities/Information

A tanker replacement committee consisting of officers and firefighters has met three times and is awaiting further information from manufacturers. The goal of the committee will be to bring recommendations to Council regarding the tanker replacement needs of the fire department.

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 met with Dutton-Dunwich firefighters on a joint Cancer Prevention Taskforce. This informal group are reviewing 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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