



MUNICIPALITY OF West Elgin

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief
Date: 2023-05-11
Report: 2023-04
Subject: Monthly Report – April 2023

Recommendation:

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

Purpose:

To provide Council with an update on fire department activities in the month of April 2023.

Background:

Emergency Responses

Fire – vehicle	1
No Loss Outdoor Fire - Grass	2
Alarm System Malfunction	2
Vehicle Extrication	1
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>6</i>

Training & Meetings

Department topics included incident review, confined space awareness, and auto extrication.

Members attended an Elgin County Mutual Aid meeting in St. Thomas.

A WEFD officers meeting was held, with medical calls and budget items among the items being discussed.

The six 2023 recruits are close to completing the NFPA 1001 Course, with medical, hazmat, DZ training being scheduled.

WEFD is co-hosting an Electric Vehicle Suppression and Extrication Session with Aylmer and Southwold Fire Departments.

Fire Prevention

Follow up inspections were conducted.

Other Activities/Information

The Fire Chief met with Medavie Elgin EMS to review the Tiered Response Agreement (TRA). A few minor changes are proposed regarding call types, with the current delay in fire-tiered response being removed for all call types. This new TRA will go into effect in the coming months, once training and medical supplies are fully implemented.

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 is 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 have been meeting 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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