



MUNICIPALITY OF West Elgin

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief
Date: 2024-03-14
Subject: Monthly Report for January, February 2024

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from report from Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief re: January & February 2024 Fire Report, for information purposes.

Purpose:

To provide Council with an update on fire department activities in the months of January & February 2024.

Background:

Emergency Responses

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| Fire | 3 |
| No Loss Outdoor Fire | 1 |
| CO false alarm | 1 |
| Power Lines Down | 1 |
| Vehicle Collision | 4 |
| Rescue no action required | 1 |
| Medical Assists | 4 |
| Call cancelled on route | 1 |
| Incident not found | 2 |
| TOTAL | 18 |

Training & Meetings

Department topics included incident review, air management, ropes & knots, radio communications, and driver training.

Members attended a training session in Aylmer on operating the shared Elgin County Fit Testing Machine for SCBA masks, and the Petroleum Awareness Workshop, hosted by Elgin County through the Legacy Gas Wells training project.

The fire chief attended a meeting at Tillsonburg Fire, Communications Division regarding Elgin Mapping Fire Zones, and attended County Fire Prevention, County chiefs, and solar eclipse planning meetings.

Fire Prevention

Follow up inspections were conducted.

Other Activities/Information

Three recruits are attending NFPA 1001 Recruit training in Elgin-Middlesex. Rodney Station is hosting a weekend session in March.

Staff were successful in their application for the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant, in the amount of \$50,000, which will support portable radio replacements.

The fire department received a Fire Marshals Public Safety Grant for \$1659.60, awarded to support training technology. Smart TVs have been ordered for both stations.

The fire chief is continuing to work with two other Elgin County Fire Departments on a potential three-tanker order, with the goal of shared savings. Various options will be brought to the Tanker Replacement Committee for their consideration, then to Council.

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

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Policies/Legislation:

None.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

| Infrastructure Improvement | Recreation | Economic Development | Community Engagement |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin's infrastructure to support long-term growth. | <input type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents. | <input type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents. |

Respectfully submitted by:

Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief

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