



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief
Date: 2024-04-11
Subject: Monthly Report for March 2024

Recommendation:

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

Purpose:

To provide Council with an update on fire department activities in the month of March 2024.

Background:

Emergency Responses

Fire	1
Human – Perceived Emergency	1
Vehicle Extrication	1
Medical Assists	3
Call cancelled on route	1
TOTAL	7

Training & Meetings

Department topics included radio communications, firefighter survival, search and rescue, and driver training.

Members attended hydrogen sulfide workshops, organized by Elgin County through the Legacy Gas Wells training project. Firefighters also attended NFPA 1002 Pumper Operations, NFPA 1035 Public & Life Safety Educator, and Fire Code courses.

The fire chief attended several solar eclipse/emergency management meetings, a county chiefs meeting, and a social services emergency shelter workshop.

A full officers meeting was held, with budget and personnel items discussed.

Fire Prevention

One new inspection was conducted.

Other Activities/Information

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

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. Members of all three departments travelled to Bruce County to view a recently delivered tanker.

The County Fire Chiefs are discussing options regarding Hazardous Materials response agreements, as there are currently no formal agreements within Elgin County.

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
<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

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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