



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief
Date: 2024-07-18
Report: 2024-09
Subject: Incident Summary for 2023

Recommendation:

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

Purpose:

To provide Council a summary of the Emergency Incidents/Fire Calls that the Fire Department responded to in 2023.

Background:

2023 provided a higher number of incidents than previous years for the West Elgin Fire Department, which highlights the ongoing dedication and commitment of our complement of paid-on-call firefighters.

The Totals by Type report has been included with this report, showing the type of incidents and % of total. The average number of responding personnel reflects the firefighters who responded to the scene in an apparatus. While not reflected in this specific report, we are fortunate to often have several additional firefighters respond to the hall(s) and are ready to respond to other emergencies or complete tasks at the station while there.

Year-by-Year Comparison of Total Incidents:

2023	132
2022	104
2021	122
2020	101
2019	130
2018	105
2017	104

Incidents outside of West Elgin:

Chatham-Kent	2	Hwy 401 incidents
Dutton Dunwich	2	Mutual Aid
Southwest Middlesex	1	Mutual Aid

Fire Loss/Saved:

Estimated Loss	\$921,000
Estimated Property Saved	\$765,000

Comment:

The West Elgin Fire Department once again demonstrated their dedication to the residents and visitors to the municipality. Firefighters responded to a wide variety of emergency incidents in 2023 while committed to conserving property and protecting lives.

Respectfully Submitted,

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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