



## Staff Report

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**Report To:** Council Meeting  
**From:** Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief  
**Date:** 2024-10-10  
**Subject:** Monthly Report for September 2024

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### **Recommendation:**

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the Monthly Fire report for September 2024, from Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief, for information purposes.

### **Purpose:**

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

### **Background:**

#### ***Emergency Responses***

Fire - Grass	1
Alarms Sounding	2
Alarms Sounding - CO present	1
Motor Vehicle Collison (MVC)	1
Medical Assist	5
TOTAL	10

#### ***Training & Meetings***

Department topics included incident review, a pre incident planning tour, and ladders.

Members are attending NFPA 1035 Fire & Life Safety Educator, and NFPA 1041 Fire Instructor courses.

Fire Chief attended county chief, mutual aid, and fire prevention meetings.

#### ***Fire Prevention***

No new inspections.

Public Education was provided at the Port Glasgow Trailer Park and Rodney Fair.

Firefighters went door to door on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Test Your Smoke Alarm Day to remind residents of the importance of working smoke alarms. They visited with residents in West Lorne, the south end of Graham Road, and Rodney.

**Other Activities/Information**

Recruitment for probationary firefighters is underway, with ten interviews completed and agility testing being scheduled.

Vacant District Chief and Captain positions are to be posted this fall.

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:**

<b>Infrastructure Improvement</b>	<b>Recreation</b>	<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>Community Engagement</b>
<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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