



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief
Date: 2025-01-09
Subject: Monthly Report for December 2024

Recommendation:

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

Purpose:

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

Background:

Emergency Responses

Fire – vehicle	1
Alarms Sounding	1
Motor Vehicle Collison (MVC)	2
Medical Assist	2
Public Hazard – Power Lines Down	1
Call cancelled on route	3
TOTAL	10

Training & Meetings

Department topics included incident review, operational guideline review, and forcible entry. Members also participated in a tanker support mutual aid session in Dutton Dunwich.

Members attended NFPA 1521 Incident Safety Officer, and Fire Code Part 2 & 6 course.

Fire Chief attended a meeting regarding the County radio system.

Fire Prevention

Annual fire inspection and evacuation was conducted at Beattie Manor.

Other Activities/Information

Recruitment for probationary firefighters is complete, with seven new recruits joining, all of which will be attending the NFPA 1001 Recruit Class.

Vacant District Chief positions have been posted.

Staff received approval for the Provincial Fire Protection grant, focused on cancer prevention, for extractor/laundry room ventilation at each station.

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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