



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief
Date: 2024-12-19
Subject: Monthly Report for October, November 2024

Recommendation:

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

Purpose:

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

Background:

Emergency Responses

Fire – 1 structure, 1 vehicle	2
No Loss Outdoor Fire	2
Burn Complaint	1
Motor Vehicle Collison (MVC)	5
Vehicle Extrication	1
Medical Assist	8
Assist OFM	1
Call cancelled on route	3
TOTAL	23

Training & Meetings

Department topics included annual medical certification, pre incident planning tours of local schools, auto extrication, and forcible entry.

Members attended NFPA 1002 Pumper Operations, NFPA 1021 Fire Officer, NFPA 1035 Fire & Life Safety Educator Levels 1 & 2, and Flashover Recognition, all taken through the Elgin-Middlesex Regional Fire School or online through the Ontario Fire College. Members also attended Lithium Ion/Electric Vehicle Awareness training in Shedden.

Fire Chief attended the annual emergency management exercise, a County fire coordinator meeting, County Chiefs meeting, County Fire Prevention meeting, a Hydro One workshop and the Health & Safety Committee workshop at the OAFIC Conference.

Fire Prevention

Public Education & Relations were provided at a babysitter’s course, a pumpkin carving event, on Halloween, at the Rodney Night Market, and at the West Lorne Optimist Parade.

Members attended a County Fire Prevention Meeting in Malahide.

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 applied for the Provincial Fire Protection grant, focused on cancer prevention, for extractor/laundry room ventilation at each station, and are awaiting an update on this application.

Firefighters hosted a fundraising breakfast during the Roots & Revival Festival.

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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