



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief
Date: 2025-03-13
Subject: Monthly Report for January, February 2025

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the Monthly Fire report for January and February 2025, from Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief, for information purposes.

Purpose:

To provide Council with an update on fire department activities in the months of January and February 2025.

Background:

Emergency Responses

CO Present	1
Alarms Sounding	2
Motor Vehicle Collison (MVC)	3
Medical Assist	6
Spill – fuel	1
Pre-fire conditions	2
Call cancelled on route	4
TOTAL	19

Training & Meetings

Department topics included incident review, operational guideline review, PPE/SCBA, ropes and air management.

A member attended the Fire Code Courtroom Procedures course.

An officers meeting was held in January with budget considerations, training, and operations on the agenda.

Fire Chief attended County Chiefs meetings, and a County Mutual Aid meeting.

Fire Prevention

Members were joined by Dutton Dunwich firefighters for a Skate with Firefighters at the Bo Horvat Community Centre.

Other Activities/Information

Seven new recruits joining are attending the NFPA 1001 Recruit Class.

Vacant District Chief & Captain positions have been posted and filled.

Staff received approval for the Provincial Fire Protection grant, focused on cancer prevention, for extractor/laundry room ventilation at each station. This project is anticipated to begin this spring.

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

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