



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief
Date: 2025-05-08
Subject: Monthly Report for April 2025

Recommendation:

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

Purpose:

To provide Council with an update on fire department activities in the month of April 2025.

Background:

Emergency Responses

Fire – hydro transformer	1
Fire – no loss outdoor	2
Alarms Sounding	2
Medical Assist	6
Rescue – services not required upon arrival	1
Mutual Aid	1
TOTAL	13

Training & Meetings

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

Members attended NFPA 1521 Incident Safety Officer.

Seven new recruits and one existing member are attending the NFPA 1001 Firefighter Recruit Class, through the Elgin-Middlesex Regional Fire School.

A training division/working group has been formed, to work collectively on department training schedules and lesson plans. This is in lieu of filling the vacant Training Officer position and distributes those responsibilities amongst this group.

The Fire Chief attended a County Mutual Aid meeting.

Fire Prevention

A fire prevention team has been formed, which will allow members with a special interest in community public education, to assist the Fire Prevention Officer.

Other Activities/Information

Mould remediation of a small area in the basement training room in West Lorne is being arranged, in conjunction with the Health & Safety committee. Once the remediation is complete, a closer look at the building foundation and drainage will be considered.

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

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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Robin Greenall

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