



MUNICIPALITY OF West Elgin

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief
Date: 2025-07-17
Subject: Monthly Report for May, June 2025

Recommendation:

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

Purpose:

To provide Council with an update on fire department activities in the months of May & June 2025.

Background:

Emergency Responses

Fire	1
Fire – no loss outdoor	2
Authorized burning – complaint	1
Alarms Sounding	4
Motor Vehicle Collison (MVC)	2
Water Rescue	1
Medical Assist	8
Public Hazard – Gas Leak	1
Rescue – services not required upon arrival	1
Call cancelled on route	5
Incident Not Found	1
TOTAL	27

Training & Meetings

Department topics included incident and operational guideline review, pumper & hydrant operations, and a joint session with Dutton and Southwold Fire at the OFM Mobile Live Fire Training Unit.

WEFD added a second apparatus & equipment check per month, to ensure readiness of all equipment.

Members attended NFPA 1006 Auto Extrication in Malahide and supported the course with equipment and tools.

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

The Fire Chief attended a County Chiefs meeting and a quarterly CEMC meeting.

An officers meeting was held, with budget and operations discussed.

Fire Prevention

Attended public education events including at the Rodney Cruise In, Lakewood RV Park and the Kiwanis Club of West Lorne's kite flying event.

Participated in events at the WECHC including a Senior's Lunch, and cooking classes.

Assisted Dutton Fire at a Summer Fair at Bobier Villa and at the Progressive Safety Day for children in Wallacetown.

Public Relations events included the West Lorne Optimist's Mother's Day Road Race, and a championship parade escort for the Comets.

Other Activities/Information

Probationary firefighter recruitment for the West Lorne Station is planned for the summer.

Mould remediation of a small area in the basement training room in West Lorne has been completed. Next steps include a closer look at the building foundation and drainage.

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.

WEFD sent a draft automatic aid agreement for response area south of Wardsville to the 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:

Robin Greenall