



## MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

### Staff Report

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**Report To:** Council Meeting  
**From:** Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief  
**Date:** 2022-09-22  
**Report:** 2022-12  
**Subject:** Monthly Report – July, August 2022

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#### **Recommendation:**

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief re: July, August Fire Report for information purposes.

#### **Purpose:**

To provide Council with an update on fire department activities in the month of July & August 2022.

#### **Background:**

#### ***Emergency Responses***

Mutual Aid	2	Assist Dutton-Dunwich with barn fire, trailer fire
MVC	3	3 on Hwy 401, 1 with extrication
Alarms Sounding	6	3 residential, 3 commercial.
Other	3	Medical assists
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	

#### ***Training & Meetings***

Department topics in July & August included updated operational guidelines, hose testing, facility pre-planning tours, and live fire with the Ontario Fire College's Mobile Live Fire Training trailer.

Rodney Station #1 is hosting two NFPA 1072 Hazardous Material Operations courses this fall, through the Elgin-Middlesex Regional Fire School and the Ontario Fire College.

A full Fall Schedule has been sent out, including mandatory medical training.

An Officers Meeting was held in August. The agenda included an apparatus replacement schedule, and a tanker replacement committee – a blend of officers and firefighters from both stations is recommended. There is a consensus that low training and low incident attendance is noticeable at both stations, highlighting a need to enforce attendance minimum to ensure all firefighters are trained to an acceptable level.

Fire Chief attended a County Chiefs Meeting. Jason Rick, Deputy Chief of Operations, Medavie Elgin EMS attended to discuss Tiered Response Agreements (TRA) across the County. A removal

of 15-minute delays on West Elgin's TRA is recommended, once fall medical training is complete. Currently WEFD only responds to medical calls when EMS requests fire to attend or when there is a 15-minute delay. Removing the delay increases the opportunity that firefighters will arrive prior to paramedics to provide initial medical support and potentially life saving care for the residents of West Elgin.

### ***Fire Prevention***

An auto extrication demonstration and public education were conducted during Canada Day festivities at Miller Park.

Fire safety information was provided at the EarlyON Children's Festival in West Lorne, with up to 200 children participating.

Planning is underway for Fire Prevention Week, which runs from October 9-15. This year's theme is: Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.

### ***Other Activities/Information***

A recruitment is planned for this fall, for both stations. Recruits requiring NFPA 1001 Certification would start this fall and begin the Elgin-Middlesex Course in January.

Breathing air compressor installation is complete. Both original compressors were donated to Firefighters Without Borders.

Conversion of front-line SCBA to 4500psi is complete, annual SCBA flow testing also complete.

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.

## 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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