

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief

Date: 2022-10-20

Report: 2022-14

Subject: Monthly Report – September 2022

Recommendation:

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

Purpose:

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

Background:

Emergency Responses

Fire	1	Porch on trailer
MVC	2	1 rollover, 1 off road vehicle
Alarms Sounding	1	1 residential
Other	3	Medical assist, hydro wires down, burn complaint
TOTAL	7	

Training & Meetings

Department topics in September included incident review, water supply and SCBA.

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.

Fire Prevention

An auto extrication demonstration was conducted at the Rodney Fair.

Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15. This year's theme is 'Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.' WEFD is hosting an Open House at Station #2 on Friday, October 21st from 6pm-9pm with prevention and recruitment information available, along with pumpkin carving.

Other Activities/Information

Firefighter recruitment is underway for both stations. Recruits requiring NFPA 1001 Certification will start this fall and begin the Elgin-Middlesex Course in January.

Staff have completed a survey from the Fire Marshal's Public Safety Council regarding fund allocation to assist with Firefighter Certification. Any grant funding received will assist with educational materials.

A tanker replacement committee, ideally consisting of a blend of officers and firefighters from both stations, is being assembled. The goal of the committee will be to bring recommendations to Council regarding the tanker replacement needs of the fire department.

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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