



Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: January 27, 2025

Subject: FIRE-2025-03 – 2024 Fire and Emergency Services Update

Report from: Steve Tiernan, Fire Chief

Attachments: Appendix "A" Fire Department Statistics

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby receives for information report FIRE-2025-03 - FIRE-2025-03 – 2024 Fire and Emergency Services Update.

Background

The intent of this report is to update Council on the Arran-Elderslie Fire and Emergency Services Operations and Statistics for the year end of the Operational Period of 2024.

Analysis

The following information is comprised of Fire Responses, Training, Apparatus Information, Fire Prevention and Public Education completed for the period January-December 2024.

Department News

Several grants were applied for and were successful in 2024 which totaled \$60,349.38

- Fire Protection Grant (cancer prevention) \$24,691.00
- Power Workers Union Grant \$6,200.00
- Fire Marshalls Public Fire Safety Council - \$2,998.38 for modernization training materials
- Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (drone) \$26,460.00

A Request for Proposal was posted for the new Paisley Firehall/Public Works Building with Domm Construction being awarded the construction and Dozlan Construction for the site works.

Many thanks to Council, the Firehall sub-committee, present and past members for their dedication to seeing this project through to completion.

Incident Response

Arran-Elderslie Fire & Emergency Services responded to 190 calls for service in 2024.

A full breakdown of calls/call types for each station is attached within the council report Appendix "A"

In 2024 there was an increase in calls for service from 168 in 2023 to 190 in 2024. This was due to an increase in calls including an increase of 13 calls in Tara and an increase in Chesley of 9 calls. Paisley remained the same as 2023.

Tara - 55 calls

Paisley - 58 calls

Chesley - 77 calls

Summary of Training

Nine (9) instructors completed Live Fire training in preparation for teaching in our live fire training facility.

Fire Prevention Officer Scott Thomson completed his NFPA 1033 Fire Investigator certification. He also completed the Provincial Driver Certification Instructor program to certify Class D firefighter driver licenses in-house.

Nine (9) firefighter recruits have completed their NFPA 1001 Firefighter 1 training at Brockton Regional Training Center.

Fifteen (15) firefighters completed their in-house NFPA 1001 Firefighter1 and successfully passed their written and practical exams.

Fourteen (14) firefighters completed their in-house NFPA 1001 Firefighter 2 and successfully passed their written and practical exams.

Two (2) Officers completed their NFPA 1041 Instructor 1 at the Markdale Regional Training Center.

Two (2) Officers completed their NFPA 1021 Officer 1 at the Markdale Regional Training Center.

Firefighters attended Bruce County Fire School and took part in Live Fire training. Two officers completed NFPA 1521 Incident Safety Officer certification, and firefighters also completed NFPA 1006 Advanced Auto Extrication.

All three stations completed Live Fire Behavior training in our Live Fire Training Facility. Training will continue into 2024, with firefighters completing annual live fire attack, and search procedures.

Tara firefighters completed their First Aid, De-Fib and Airway Management re-certification. Paisley and Chesley firefighters will re-certify in 2025.

Six (6) firefighters and Chief Tiernan completed their Advanced Pilot Certification (RPAS) for the drone program.

Apparatus and Equipment Review

RFP completed for replacement of Chesley's Pumper 91. Chassis was purchased in 2024 with completed pumper being delivered in the 2nd quarter of 2026

The following maintenance and inspections were completed in 2024

- Pump Tests completed on all apparatus.
- Ladder Testing completed.
- MTO inspections completed.
- New tires installed on all trucks requiring them
- New emergency light bar installed Pumper 81
- Tires replaced on trucks as required

Prevention and Inspections

Inspections of commercial businesses through requests and complaints are ongoing throughout the Municipality.

The Arran-Elderslie Fire & Emergency Services Facebook and Instagram accounts continue to share safety messaging, as well as promoting our fire service and what we are currently working and training on.

Public Education Activities for the year include the following:

- On-going school visits to the firehalls continue for public education.
- Farmers Market public education booth at the downtown park in Chesley.
- Chesley Fall Fair Junior Firefighter Olympics and public education booth.
- School; visits in Chesley, Paisley and Tara
- Chesley Water Festival
- Red Cross 72 Hour Preparedness Public presentation Chesley Library
- Paisley Halloween Safety tour
- Paisley Fair
- Tara Firehall open house Auto Extrication and Drone demonstration
- Tara Fall Fair safety messaging

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.6 Modernizing Services

6.1 Protecting Infrastructure, Recreation and Natural Assets

Fire Masterplan, 2020

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

There are no financial implications at this time resulting from this report.

Approved by: Emily Dance, Chief Administrative Officer