

## Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: August 11, 2025

Subject: FIRE-2025-07 Arran-Elderslie Fire Six Month Report January-July 2025

Report from: Steve Tiernan, Fire Chief

Attachments: Appendix "A" Fire Department Statistics

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### **Recommendation**

Be It Resolved that Council hereby receives Report FIRE-2025-07 for information purposes.

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### **Background**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with an update on the operations and statistics of the Arran-Elderslie Fire and Emergency Services for the first six months of 2025.

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### **Analysis**

The following information is comprised of Fire Responses, Training, Apparatus Information, Fire Prevention and Public Education completed for the period January-June 2025.

### **Department News**

Two grants were applied for and were successful in the beginning of 2025 which totaled \$7,990.75

- Kidde Cause for Alarm/Fire Marshalls Public Fire Safety Council, 90 free alarms, estimated grant worth \$5,200.00
- Fire Marshalls Public Fire Safety Council Certification Grant \$2,790.75

A grant application was submitted to FireHouse Subs for the purchase of enhanced Thermal Imaging Cameras, totaling \$24,987.00. Successful applicants will be notified accordingly.

Work is progressing on the Live Fire Training Center, with the installation of a new Forcible Entry Door inside both containers. Both Live Fire Containers are now connected to enhance training capabilities. Additionally, work will commence shortly on the second-story unit.

### **Incident Response**

Arran-Elderslie Fire & Emergency Services responded to 103 calls for service in the first six months.

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

In the first six months of 2025, staff observed an increase in calls for service, rising from 88 in 2024 to 103. This increase is attributed to a rise in calls, including an additional 9 calls in Tara and 15 calls in Paisley. Conversely, Chesley experienced a decrease of 9 calls for service.

- Tara - 36 calls
- Paisley - 35 calls
- Chesley - 32 calls

The Fire department Drone was dispatched to three structure fires, two to assist firefighters with suppression to ensure complete extinguishment, and one for investigation of a property during fire overhaul.

### **Summary of Training**

- Tara and Chesley stations completed Fire Behavior and Live Fire Attack
- Fire Prevention Officer Scott Thomson completed his NFPA 1006 Technical Auto Extrication certification at Bruce County Fire School.
- Firefighters Brock Karn and James Rouse completed their NFPA 1041 Instructor 1 certification at Bruce County Fire School
- 22 Firefighters completed their NFPA 1072 HazMat Awareness and Technician certification.
- Two (2) Officers completed their NFPA 1041 Instructor 1 at the Markdale Regional Training Cen

Firefighters at all three stations are actively engaged in their annual skills training.

## **Apparatus and Equipment Review**

Annual pump and ladder testing has been completed, with minor repairs identified.

The following maintenance and inspection:

- Pump Tests completed on all apparatus.
- Ladder Testing completed.
- MTO inspections completed.
- New tires installed on all trucks requiring them
- New batteries installed on Pumper 71
- New alternator installed on Pumper 71

General maintenance completed were necessary

## **Prevention and Inspections**

Commercial businesses across the Municipality are subject to inspections initiated by requests and complaints.

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 Water Festival
- Paisley held a Touch the Truck event at the Palace
- Paisley sponsored the Under 9 Slow Pitch team

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## **Link to Strategic/Master Plan**

6.5 Engaging People and Partnerships

6.6 Modernizing Services

6.1 Protecting Infrastructure, Recreation and Natural Assets

Fire Masterplan, 2020

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### **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy**

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

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Approved by: Emily Dance, Chief Administrative Officer