



2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

EDUCATION ~ PREVENTION ~ EMERGENCY RESPONSE

AVAILABLE 24/7 - 365

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the West Perth Fire Department 2024 Year in Review! We are excited to share with you our journey through last year in pictures. As we reflect on the past year, we are proud to highlight the dedication, resilience, and commitment shown by our team in serving the community. These photos capture the pride our members have in providing excellent education, prevention and emergency services. Of course while having some fun while we do it!

Together, we've faced new challenges, strengthened our capabilities, and reinforced our mission to protect and serve the citizens of West Perth. As we look forward to the year ahead, we remain focused on innovation, excellence, and ensuring the safety of all those we serve.

WPFD TEAM



2024 INCIDENT RESPONSE



**TOTAL
ALARMS**



**FIRES
STRUCTURE & VEHICLE**



**NO LOSS OUTDOOR FIRES &
OPEN AIR/UNAUTHORIZED BURNING**



**OTHER PRE-FIRE
CONDITIONS**



**ALARM SYSTEM
MALFUNCTIONS**



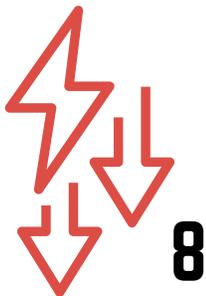
**ALARM SYSTEM
ACCIDENTAL ACTIVATIONS**



**HUMAN PERCEIVED
EMERGENCY / OTHER
FALSE FIRE/CO CALLS**



**CARBON MONOXIDE
INCIDENTS**



**POWER LINES DOWN/
OTHER PUBLIC HAZARDS**



**MEDICAL
CALLS**



**ASSISTANCE TO OTHER
FD'S / EMS / POLICE**



**CANCELLED
CALLS**

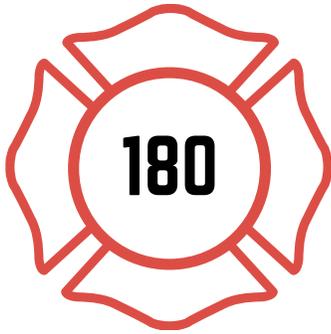


**MOTOR VEHICLE
COLLISIONS**

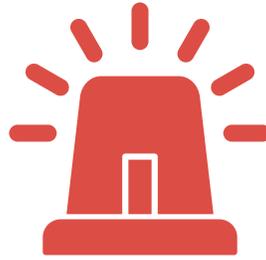


**MOTOR VEHICLE
EXTRICATIONS**

STATISTICS



TOTAL ALARMS



2401
TOTAL ALARM HOURS



2475
**TOTAL STAFF HOURS
OF TRAINING**



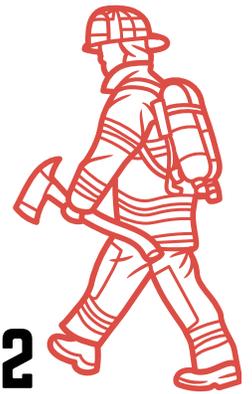
**1 HOUR
12 MINUTES
AVERAGE LENGTH
OF ALARMS**



**10 MINUTES
37 SECONDS
AVERAGE RESPONSE
TIME - ALL ALARMS**



**10 MINUTES
16 SECONDS
AVERAGE RESPONSE
TIME - FIRES**



12
**AVERAGE NUMBER OF
FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDING
TO AN ALARM**



\$4,150,500.00
**APPROX. TOTAL
DOLLAR LOSS**



\$3,959,000.00
**APPROX. TOTAL
VALUE SAVED**

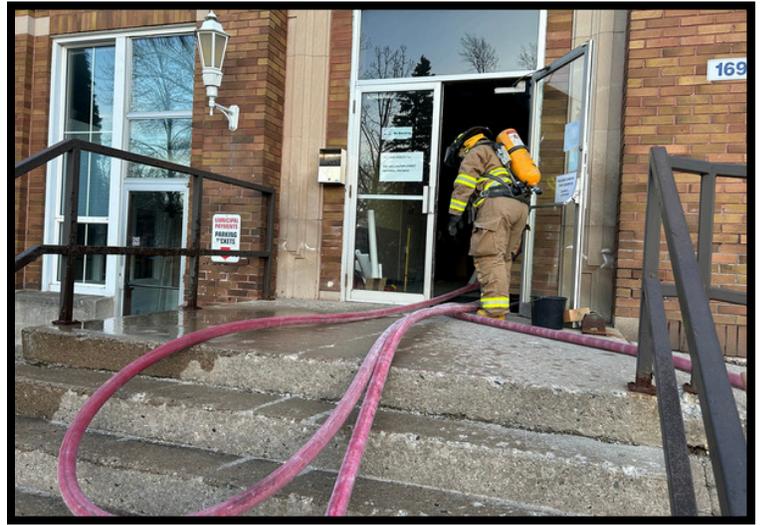
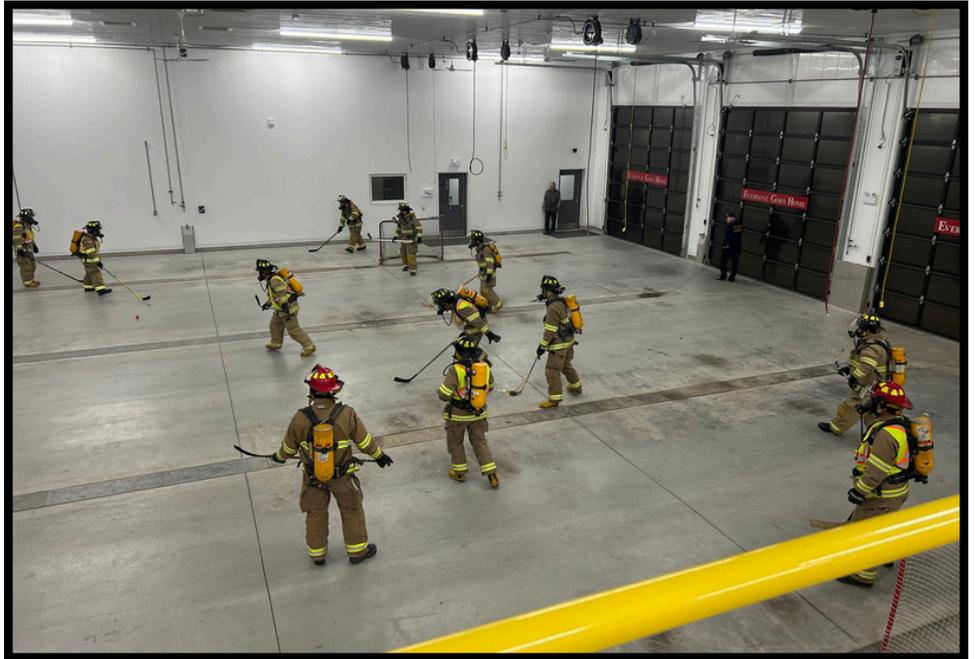


TRAINING

Firefighter training involves comprehensive instruction in both theoretical knowledge and practical skills to prepare for the demanding and high-risk nature of the profession. Our training covers areas such as fire suppression techniques, hazardous material handling, emergency first aid procedures, and search and rescue operations. It includes simulated fire scenarios, live drills, practice of donning and doffing gear, hose deployment, pump operations and many other skills. Our classroom-based training includes education on fire behavior, safety protocols, and equipment use. Ongoing professional development ensures our firefighters remain prepared for evolving challenges, with regular training exercises to maintain readiness and improve team coordination. Our training program supports the safety and effectiveness of emergency response within the community.

In 2023-2024 five of our members attended the NFPA 1001 Firefighter I & II training program, including NFPA 1072 hazardous materials awareness and operations hosted by the Perth East Fire Department. All five successfully completed the program and are now certified to the requirements set out in O.Reg 343 for a firefighter in the Province of Ontario. We currently have one more new recruit enrolled in the program who is well on his way to full certification in 2025.





COMMUNITY

Our firefighters often go beyond their everyday duties by volunteering their time to support community events and fundraisers. Their involvement in these activities shows their commitment to not only public safety but also to the well-being of their neighbours. Whether it's organizing charity events, participating in local parades, collecting food and toy donations or helping raise money for medical causes, our firefighters bring a sense of unity and strength to these efforts. Their willingness to dedicate time outside of their rigorous work schedules demonstrates a deep sense of service and a desire to make a positive impact. These efforts strengthen the bond between our first responders and the community, creating an environment of trust and mutual support.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

Fire and life safety public education is essential in preventing fires and reducing the impact of emergencies on the community. By raising awareness about fire and carbon monoxide hazards, life safety protocols, and emergency preparedness, public education programs empower individuals to make informed decisions and respond effectively in crises. This proactive approach not only helps save lives but also reduces property damage, enhances community resilience, and promotes a culture of safety. Investing in these educational efforts is critical for building safer, more prepared communities. This year the NFPA theme for Fire Prevention Week was Smoke Alarms, Make Them Work For You! Ensuring everyone has a working smoke alarm continues to be a top priority. They are an essential device that have been proven to save lives. We will continue with this important messaging as well as many others, including home escape planning, carbon monoxide awareness, lithium-ion battery safety, and seasonal safety messages throughout 2025.





CAR SEAT & BOOSTER SEAT CLINICS

Friday Sept. 27th: 10am - 1pm
Listowel Fire Station - 620 Wallace Ave S., Listowel

Tuesday Oct. 1st: 10:30am - 1:30pm
Milverton Fire Station - 21 Yost Court, Milverton

Thursday Oct. 17th: 1:00pm - 4pm
West Perth Fire Station - 170 Wellington Street, Mitchell

73% of car seats are used or installed incorrectly!

FREE CLINICS

Use the QR Code or the link below to pre-register for a guaranteed time slot. Walk-ins are also welcome. We will have multiple technicians on site.
<https://forms.gle/QC5oaZn5UVP3xHcQ6>

For more information: Margaret.geurts@opp.ca | jorritsma@pertheast.ca

Logos for OPP, Fire Dept, and other organizations.





**Breakfast On The Farm in Dublin
Thanks for having us!**

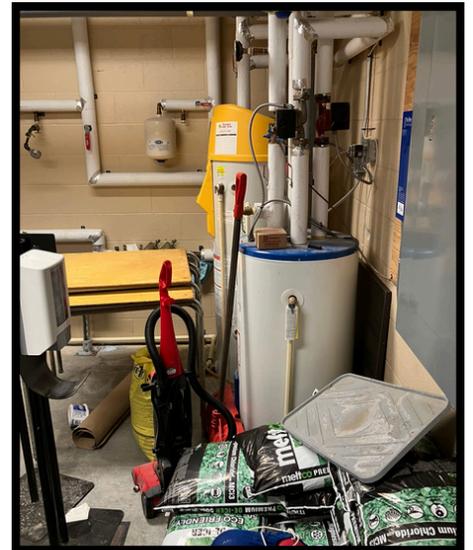


PREVENTION & INSPECTION

In 2024, the Prevention and Education Division conducted numerous fire inspections as part of our ongoing commitment to public safety, fire prevention, and the enforcement of the Ontario Fire Code. These inspections included routine inspections of high-priority properties such as daycares, vulnerable occupancies, and County Housing. In addition to routine inspections, triggered inspections by community complaints mainly regarding open-air burning were addressed. A significant portion of the division's efforts was dedicated to working closely with property owners to address and rectify any Fire Code contraventions and complaints, with follow-up inspections to ensure compliance and mitigation of fire risks.

Through these inspections, our team engaged in vital fire safety conversations with property owners, managers, and the general public. These interactions provided an opportunity to not only identify specific hazards but also to raise awareness about fire prevention strategies and safety measures. From advising on proper smoke and carbon monoxide placement to discussing home escape plans, these engagements helped to ensure a heightened understanding of fire safety across a wide range of properties throughout the community.

Our focus on proactive inspections reflects our commitment to reducing fire risks and enhancing fire safety awareness. By identifying hazards early and working collaboratively with property owners, we aim to prevent incidents before they occur, safeguarding lives and property in the community.

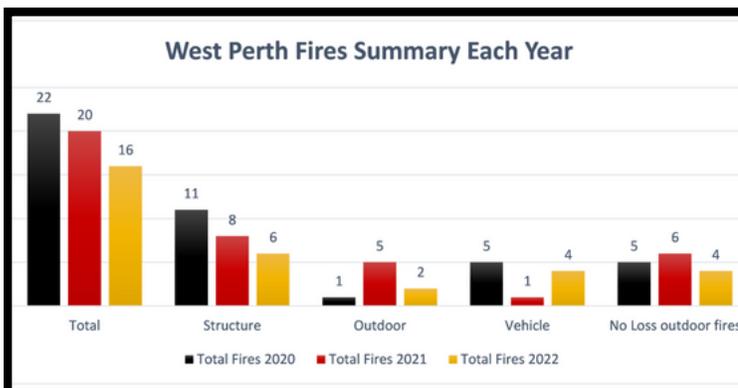
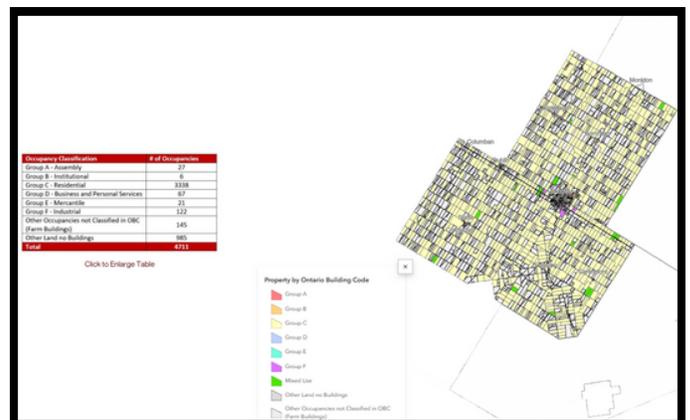
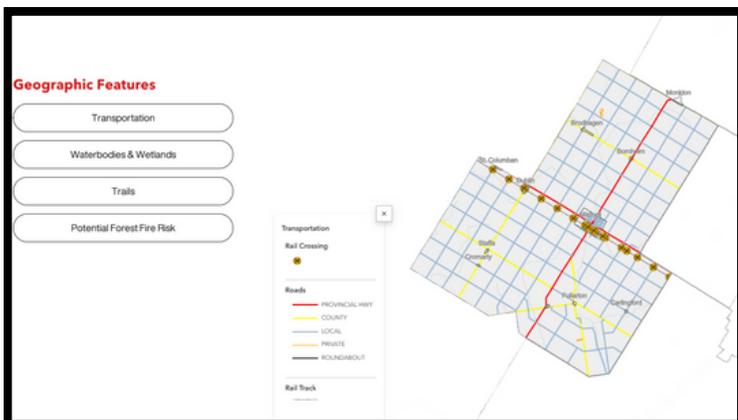


COMMUNITY RISK ASSESSMENT



Public Education
Prevention and Code Enforcement
Fire and Emergency Response

In 2024 we were mandated by Ontario Regulation 378/18 to complete a community risk assessment. Community risk assessments allow fire departments to make informed decisions about the types and levels of fire protection services they will provide based on identified risks. By identifying all fire and life safety risks in our community and prioritizing them based on the probability of them occurring and the impact they would have if they occurred, we are able to determine which risks to address and how best to address them. Risk assessments allow fire departments to ensure their levels of service, programs and activities for public fire safety education, Fire Code inspections and enforcement, and emergency response directly address the identified risks and are most effective at preventing and mitigating them. Through the use of an online storyboard format we were able to digitize and organize our data into an easily accessible and interactive document that can be updated with data and information as the Municipality grows and the risks change.



THANK YOU

**ONLY WORKING
SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE
ALARMS SAVE LIVES**



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