

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

EDUCATION  PREVENTION  EMERGENCY RESPONSE



**AVAILABLE
24/7 - 365**

INTRODUCTION

The past year has been one of growth, teamwork, and continued dedication to serving our community. Through these photos, we highlight the professionalism, commitment, and pride our members bring to every aspect of the fire service - from public education and prevention initiatives to emergency response and training.

Throughout 2025, our department adapted to evolving challenges, strengthened skills and resources, and continued to build strong connections within West Perth. These moments capture not only the important work we do, but also the camaraderie and pride that define our team.

As we move forward, the West Fire Department remains committed to excellence, innovation, and ensuring the safety and well-being of the community we proudly serve.

WPFD TEAM



2025 INCIDENT RESPONSE



EXPLOSION



**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**



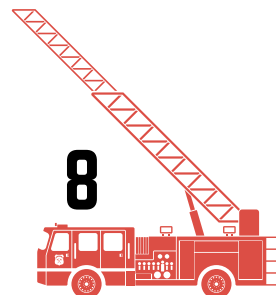
**CARBON MONOXIDE
INCIDENTS**



**POWER LINES DOWN/
OTHER PUBLIC HAZARDS**



**MEDICAL
CALLS**



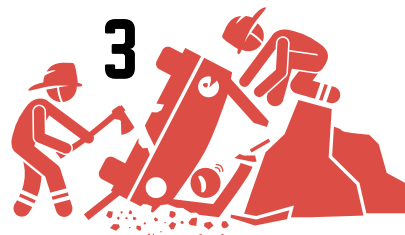
**ASSISTANCE TO OTHER
FD's / EMS / POLICE**



**CANCELLED
CALLS**



**MOTOR VEHICLE
COLLISIONS**



**MOTOR VEHICLE
EXTRICATIONS**



STATISTICS



TOTAL ALARMS



2164
TOTAL STAFF
ALARM HOURS



1220
TOTAL STAFF HOURS
OF TRAINING



1 HOUR
9 MINUTES
AVERAGE LENGTH
OF ALARMS



10 MINUTES
46 SECONDS
AVERAGE RESPONSE
TIME - ALL ALARMS



12 MINUTES
AVERAGE RESPONSE
TIME - FIRES



12
AVERAGE NUMBER OF
FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDING
TO AN ALARM



\$3,334,500.00
APPROX. TOTAL
DOLLAR LOSS



\$5,405,000.00
APPROX. TOTAL
VALUE SAVED



TRAINING

Firefighter training combines in-depth classroom learning with hands-on practical experience to prepare members for the challenging and high-risk environment of emergency response. Training includes fire suppression, hazardous materials awareness, emergency medical care, and search and rescue, along with live fire simulations, drills, hose and pump operations, and practicing the proper use of protective equipment. Classroom sessions focus on fire behavior, safety procedures, and equipment operation. Ongoing training and professional development ensure firefighters stay current, work effectively as a team, and remain ready to protect our community.

In 2025, firefighter training remained progressive and aligned with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 343. With the assistance of Training Officer Lukachko, steady progress was maintained toward compliance with the regulation, while significantly expanding departmental capability. In partnership with the Perth East Fire Department, members successfully completed NFPA 1001 Firefighter I & II, NFPA 1072 Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations and NFPA 1002 Pump Operations.



COMMUNITY

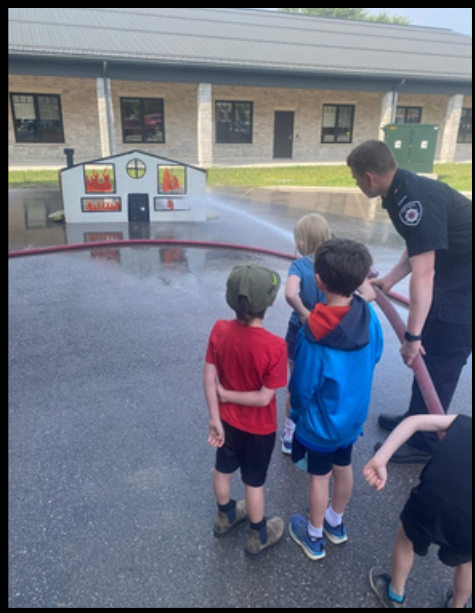
Our firefighters consistently step beyond their core responsibilities to give back to the community they serve. By volunteering at local events, supporting fundraisers, and contributing to charitable initiatives, they demonstrate a strong commitment to community well-being as well as public safety. These efforts reflect a genuine spirit of service and help build lasting trust, connection, and mutual support between first responders and residents.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

Fire and life safety public education is a cornerstone of injury prevention, risk reduction, and community resilience. By educating residents about fire hazards, carbon monoxide dangers, life safety practices, and emergency preparedness, these programs empower individuals to take proactive steps that save lives, limit property loss, and improve outcomes during emergencies. In 2025, this mission was reinforced by the NFPA Fire Prevention Week theme, “Charged for Life: Lithium-Ion Battery Safety,” which highlights the growing risks associated with improper use, charging, storage, and disposal of lithium-ion batteries. As these batteries power many everyday devices, public awareness is critical to preventing fires and injuries linked to their failure. Alongside this year’s theme, continued emphasis on proven safety measures - such as working smoke alarms, home escape planning, carbon monoxide awareness, and seasonal safety messaging - remains essential. Investing in comprehensive fire and life safety education builds safer, better-prepared communities and fosters a lasting culture of safety.







PREVENTION & INSPECTION

In 2025, the Prevention and Public Education team conducted numerous fire inspections in support of its continued commitment to public safety, fire prevention, and enforcement of the Ontario Fire Code. Inspections included routine reviews of high-priority occupancies such as daycares, vulnerable occupancies, and County Housing facilities, as well as complaint-based inspections initiated through community concerns.

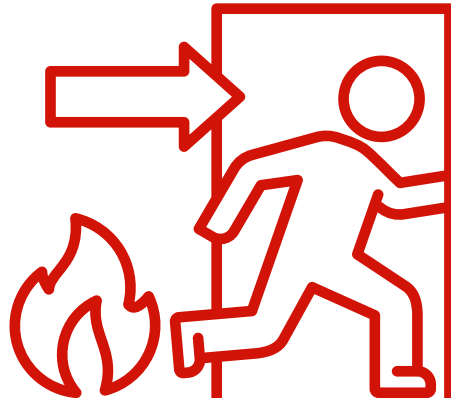
A significant portion of our team's efforts focused on working collaboratively with property owners and occupants to address Fire Code contraventions and resolve complaints, with follow-up inspections completed as required to verify compliance and reduce fire risks. These inspections also provided valuable opportunities to engage property owners, managers, and residents in fire safety discussions, including smoke and carbon monoxide alarm requirements, home escape planning, and general fire prevention practices.

We also supported the development of future fire prevention professionals through our partnership with Fanshawe College's Fire Inspection and Fire Safety Education program. Through a co-op mentorship placement, students gained hands-on experience participating in inspections, public education initiatives, and compliance activities while assisting with our team's prevention programs. This proactive inspection approach reflects our ongoing commitment to identifying hazards early, promoting compliance, and enhancing overall community safety to protect both lives and property.



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**FIRE PREVENTION
INSPECTIONS**



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**FIRE SAFETY PLAN
REVIEW & APPROVAL**



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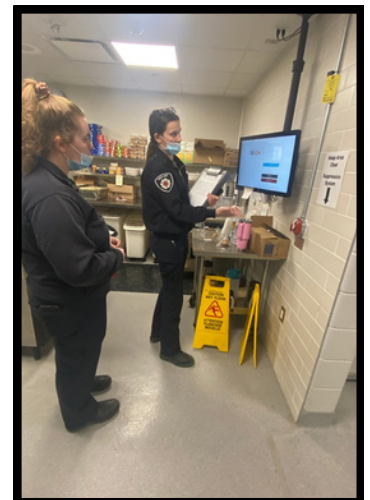
**INSPECTIONS OF
OPEN AIR BURNING**

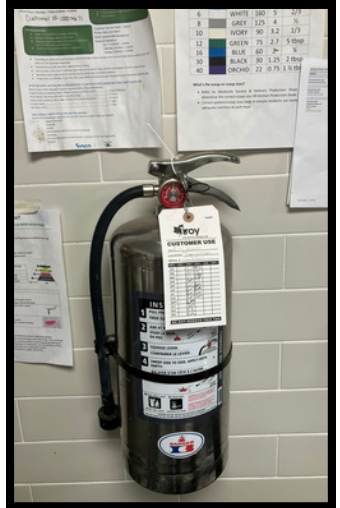
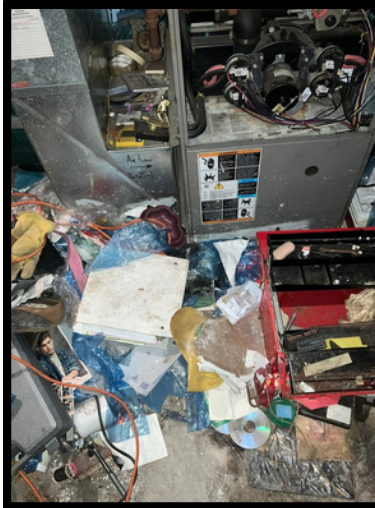
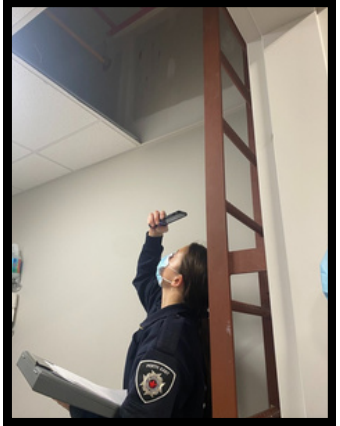
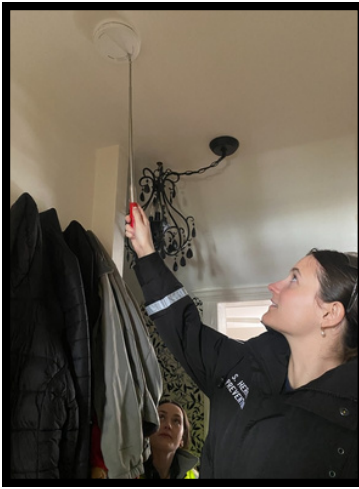
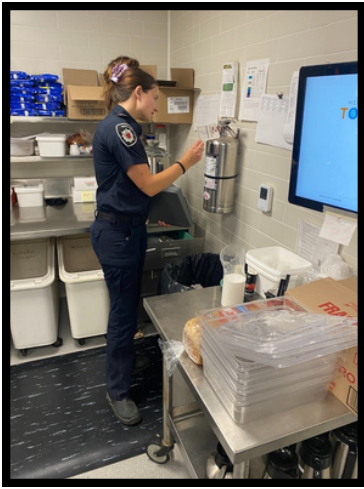


KNOX BOX PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

A Knox Box® program is a secure key access system that allows the fire department rapid, non-destructive entry into commercial buildings, multi-family residences, and other secured properties during emergencies. Property owners install an approved, tamper-resistant lockbox containing keys, access cards, or critical building information, which can only be opened by authorized fire department personnel.

The program is vital to fire department operations because it saves time, reduces property damage, and improves firefighter and occupant safety. Immediate access enables faster fire attack, medical response, and search and rescue without forcing entry. It also provides responders with reliable access when occupants are unavailable, ensuring emergencies are handled efficiently and safely while minimizing unnecessary destruction to buildings.





CAPTAIN CODY FELTZ

It was with heavy hearts in late 2025, that the West Perth Fire Department mourned the loss of our brother, friend, and Captain, Cody Feltz.

Captain Feltz was a dedicated firefighter, a natural leader, and someone our members could always count on - on the fireground and beyond. His commitment to service, his steady presence, and his sense of humour left a lasting mark on our department and on everyone who had the privilege of serving alongside him.

Cody gave so much of himself to the the West Perth community through his career, his volunteerism, and his unwavering dedication to the fire service. His legacy will live on in the lives he touched, the members he mentored, and the department he helped shape.

He will never be forgotten.

Rest easy, Captain. We will take it from here.



THANK YOU

KNOW TWO WAYS OUT



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

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