

DATE: July 14, 2025
REPORT NO: WLFD-06-2025
SUBJECT: Monthly Update – June 2025
CONTACT: Tim Hofsink, Fire Chief

OVERVIEW:

- This report will address June 2025 fire responses and activities.

RECOMMENDATION:

That, Information Report WLFD-06-2025 titled “Monthly Update – June 2025” dated July 14, 2025, be received for information.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Theme # 1 and # 4

- **Build** – a safe, connected, caring and active community
- **Advance** – organizational capacity and effectiveness

CURRENT SITUATION:

Emergency responses Calls:

See Attached Schedule "A" for June's calls.

New Recruits:

The 2025 recruit class which started in January wrote their first fire examinations for NFPA 1001 level 1 on June 7th. The class has done exceedingly well and have been permitted to begin their emergency call responses with the standard limitations placed on probationary firefighters. The group has been eagerly anticipating the opportunity to continue to develop their skills and to contribute more meaningfully at fire scenes.

Retirement:

Two members retired from Station 2 in June. Firefighters David Pyett and Firefighter

Tom Bushey were founding members of the fire station in Caistor Centre, joining in June of 1995. When the station in Caistor Centre was being planned and set up, they answered the call and joined the new team as the Station was established in a municipal building used as the temporary fire hall. They have been dedicated, long-serving members, sharing their experience and knowledge with the incoming newer members for the past 30 years. Their dedication, knowledge and commitment will be deeply missed by all of us at West Lincoln Fire.

Promotions:

The search for a new Deputy Fire Chief has concluded, with Captain Zoli Rakonjac being the successful candidate chosen as the new Deputy Fire Chief in West Lincoln. Zoli brings 15 years of service as a Volunteer Firefighter, Lieutenant and Captain. Zoli also supported the Acting Chief in the role of Acting Deputy Fire Chief when Chief Fisher was on medical leave. Zoli's support and knowledge will continue to move West Lincoln Fire forward.

Training:

The Training Team has had a busy month, preparing the recruit class for their exams, carrying out live fire training at GRTC for the recruits, and ensuring that the final training details were completed in order for the recruits to commence emergency call responses. Other drills that were carried out over the month included the operation of pumps and portable pumps, a round of firefighter games- a series of firefighter tasks that are completed in a game format, timing the evolutions in a friendly competition. First Aid and Defibrillator certification was also carried out for the full crew, including the recruits.

Fire Prevention / Public Education

June is often a busy month for Public Education and Fire Prevention activities. The Team was out on a number of occasions, attending the St Martin School Fun Fair, the Smithville Public School Family barbeque, Community Helper Day and a fundraiser for WLMH hosted by Cairns School.

The firefighters also participated during the heat wave in providing cooling relief to neighbourhood children, spraying water with the aerial truck at two parks in Smithville during a severe heat wave, also handing out frozen treats. This was a very well-received event.

Apparatus Fleet

Work is proceeding on the new pumper, no major issues in the modifications. No delivery date has yet been provided. All required modifications have been outlined, estimated and approved.

Fire Department Activities

Repair work on the concrete floor at Station 2 has been completed, with an epoxy coat applied to the repaired concrete as part of the warranty repair for the flooring.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS:

This report was reviewed by the Director of Corporate Services/CFO, CAO and Clerk.

CONCLUSION:

This report is to inform Committee and Council of the June 2025 operations of West Lincoln Fire and Emergency Services.

SCHEDULE(S):

Schedule A – June Monthly Calls

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