

Municipality of West Elgin



WEST ELGIN FIRE DEPARTMENT



Firefighter Recruitment
Information Guide

WEST ELGIN FIRE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

To serve the community by protecting life, property, and the environment through education, prevention, and timely response to emergencies, consistent with current standards/regulations and prudent utilization of public funds.

ABOUT WEFD

The West Elgin Fire Department operates 2 Stations with approximately 30 Volunteer Paid-on-call Firefighters. They are led by a Fire Chief, a Deputy Chief, 2 District Chiefs, and 7 Captains.

The firefighters proudly protect over 5000 residents within 322 square kilometers of Elgin County. West Elgin is a rural community with two villages, Rodney and West Lorne, several hamlets and a lakeshore development area. Port Glasgow has a vibrant marina with beach area. Agricultural businesses include cash crop, raising livestock and specialty items.

WEFD provides a wide range of services including fire suppression, public education and motor vehicle collision response. Aldborough Public School, St. Mary's Catholic School, and West Elgin Secondary School are also protected by our Fire Department, along with 18 kilometers of Highway 401. We are an active member of the Elgin County Mutual Aid Association.

West Elgin Fire Department Facts:

- Respond to over 100 incidents a year
- Firefighters train a minimum of twice a month, plus complete regular truck and equipment inspections
- 8 apparatus (fire trucks)
 - 2 Rescues, 2 Pumpers, 2 Tankers, 1 Command Vehicle, 1 Support Vehicle
- 2 Stations
 - Rodney, Station #1
 - West Lorne, Station #2

We Need:

- Dedicated, honest and positive individuals who have an interest in protecting their community and would like to join the West Elgin Fire team and become a Probationary Firefighter.

We Offer:

- Paid training and calls
- The opportunity to join a Proud and Professional Fire Service
- The honour of serving the residents of West Elgin
- Individually issued bunker gear, helmet, gloves, boots, SCBA mask and other Personal Protective Equipment as needed
- VFIS Insurance coverage

We Require:

- 18 years and older
- First Aid/CPR/Medical training - within 1 year of recruitment
- DZ Licence – have or obtain within 1 year of recruitment
- Medical clearance for firefighter duties from a physician - due upon recruitment offer
- A Police Vulnerable Sector Check - due upon recruitment offer
- A satisfactory MTO driver's abstract - due upon recruitment offer
- NFPA 1001 Firefighter Certification - Levels 1 & 2
 - IFSAC or Pro Board Certificate OR
 - Obtain within 1 year of recruitment through West Elgin/Elgin County training programs. New Recruit training is typically scheduled on 1 weekend a month from January-June.
- To live or work in the Municipality of West Elgin or within a reasonable distance
- A commitment to regularly attend training and respond to calls.

Application Process:

- Application forms can be picked up at the West Elgin Municipal Office at 22413 Hoskins Line, Rodney from 08:30 to 16:30 hrs on regular business days or can be found at www.westelgin.net
- Completed applications along with a current resume and cover letter can be dropped off in the same manner as above or sent to firechief@westelgin.net
- When positions are available you may be contacted for an interview.

Thank you for your interest!