



Managing Director Of
Community Services

CW FIRE RESCUE

Fire Chief

Administrative
Assistant

Deputy Fire Chief
Operations &
Training

Deputy Fire Chief
Prevention & Public
Education

County Training
Officer

Fire Prevention
Officer

WHAT WE DO

Centre Wellington Fire Rescue provides Public Safety Education, Fire Safety Inspections and code enforcement. The department also responds to a complex range of emergencies that are a threat to life or property.

KEY FACTS

- 1 CWFR responds to over 500 emergencies a year
- 2 New firefighters train over 140 hours in their first year to meet NFPA firefighting standards
- 3 Our firefighters train approximately 75+ hours per year. In addition, they obtain several levels of NFPA certification. NFPA standards are a provincial regulation that all firefighters in Ontario must follow.
- 4 Firefighters do an additional 36 hours of other duties per year which include fire prevention, public education, inspecting, and test & maintenance of equipment.
- 5 CWFR has two fire stations, 1 storage facility, 6+ million of vehicles and equipment including:
 - 2 Pumpers
 - 2 Rescues
 - 2 Tankers
 - 1 Aerial
 - 1 All Hazard Pumper
 - 3 Boats
 - 1 ATV Argo
 - 2 Support Vehicles
 - 3 Chief/Command Vehicles
 - 2 UAV Drones

NUMBER OF STAFF:

6

- Fire Chief
- Administrative Assistant
- Deputy Fire Chief: Operations and Training
- Deputy Fire Chief: Prevention and Public Education
- County Training Officer
- Fire Prevention Officer

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Volunteer/Paid On-call Officers and Firefighters

CURRENT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

- ✓ Preparing specifications & tender for a new pumper in 2023 (Fleet vehicle forecast)
- ✓ Update Establishing & Regulation By-law
- ✓ Increase Fire Prevention & Public Safety Education
- ✓ Comply with mandated Provincial Certification before deadline



TOP QUESTIONS ASKED

1 Why does my smoke alarm or CO alarm beep?

We suggest changing the battery, if it is still beeping after that, check the manufacturers date, they are only good for 10 years and you may require a new alarm.

2 Do you rescue animals?

Yes, we do not want pet owners to risk themselves to rescue their animal, and we love animals too!

3 How do I become a CW Firefighter?

Hiring is conducted on an as needed basis. Recruitment will be advertised on the Township website and social media along with the local newspaper. All potential candidates must reside within 3km of either the Fergus or Elora station to be considered. Potential candidates must attend a mandatory information session and participate in written and physical testing as well as an interview process.

4 How many firefighters sleep in the fire station at night?

None, our firefighters are volunteers/paid on-call. That means when there is an alarm they have to respond from home or work, head to the fire station and then go to the emergency.

5 Do you do tours or can we visit the fire station?

Yes! Please contact us to make an appointment.

6 How many smoke alarms and CO alarms do I need?

By law, you require a working smoke alarm in every sleeping area and on every level of your home. You need a CO Alarm outside every sleeping area.

7 Can I have a backyard campfire?

Yes, you can have a backyard campfire. You must purchase an annual open-air burn permit and follow all rules and regulations for burning. Open air burn permits can be purchased in-person or online from the Township.