

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2021-048

A by-law to amend By-law 2019-071, Special Response Levels under
Oakville Fire Department

WHEREAS By-law 2019-071 establishes and regulates the Oakville Fire Department and sets out the duties and responsibilities of the Fire Chief;

AND WHEREAS the duties of the Fire Chief include ensuring that Specialized Emergency Responses are provided by the Oakville Fire Department in accordance with levels set forth in the By-law;

AND WHEREAS it is appropriate and in the public interest that the levels of service for the provision of Specialized Emergency Responses by the Oakville Fire Department be amended;

NOW THEREFORE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. By-law 2019-071 is amended by deleting s. 3.1.5. and replacing it with the following:

“3.1.5. ensure that other emergency services are provided including but not limited to: Specialized Emergency Responses in accordance with the levels set forth in Schedule A to this By-law.”

2. By-law 2019-071 is further amended by deleting Schedule A thereto and replacing it with the Schedule A attached to this By-law.

PASSED this 22nd day of February, 2021

Rob Burton

Mayor

Vicki Tytaneck

Town Clerk

Schedule A to By-law 2019-071

Special Response Levels

Special rescue techniques, equipment, and training are required, based on identified needs and risks in the community. Continuation of training programs, standards, knowledge, and experience provide the basis for the Fire Chief to designate the recommended response levels in this By-law. In accordance with industry-accepted practices, applicable legislative requirements, current regulations or standards as directed by Council, the Oakville Fire Department (“OFD”) shall maintain a team of firefighters who are capable of responding to:

Hazardous Materials

OFD is designated to respond to incidents involving hazardous materials (leaks and spills) at the technician level, using specialized equipment, skills, and training in accordance with applicable operating procedures and guidelines.

Technical Rescue

OFD is designated to respond to rope rescue incidents at the technician level, utilizing speciality equipment, skills, and training in accordance with applicable operating procedures and guidelines.

OFD is designated to respond to water (swift, surface, and ice) rescue incidents at the technician level, utilizing speciality equipment, skills, and training in accordance with applicable operating procedures and guidelines.

OFD is designated to respond to confined space rescue incidents at the technician level, utilizing speciality equipment, skills, and training in accordance with applicable operating procedures and guidelines.

OFD is designated to respond to vehicle rescues and related incidents, performing extrications in accordance with applicable operating procedures and guidelines.

Other technical/specialized rescues service such as trench rescue and structural collapse shall not be provided by OFD beyond the awareness level. However, Town Council may approve a specialized rescue service agreement to allow these services to be provided by an agency or Department at a higher level as deemed necessary.