

# Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

## Community Health and Safety

### Fire Services



**To:** Mayor & Members of Council  
**From:** Don Williamson, Fire Chief  
**Date:** October 11, 2023  
**Subject:** 2023 Medical Tiered Response Agreement

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### Recommendation

Approve a revised Medical Tiered Response Agreement between the Municipality of Lakeshore and Essex-Windsor Emergency Medical Services and direct the Clerk to read By-law 98-2023 during the Consideration of By-laws, as presented at the November 21, 2023 Council meeting.

### Background

Lakeshore Fire Department has formally been assisting regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) since the late 1990s when the original Medical Tiered Response Agreement (MTRA) began. The MTRA has undergone various revisions over time with Council approvals in 2002, 2004, 2007, 2016 and finally in 2018.

The MTRA identifies when the Lakeshore Fire Department will be called to assist Essex-Windsor EMS. For consistency and ease of understanding at the ambulance dispatch center, most regional fire services work under the same triggering criteria except for the Municipality of Leamington and the City of Windsor.

### Comments

Since the original MTRA document, changes in paramedicine equipment and protocols, document definitions and related wording require occasional review and modification. Essex-Windsor EMS typically takes the lead on this by bringing the document forward to the County Fire Chiefs to review and discuss potential changes.

The 2023 version attached has the latest updates which do not change the level of services provided, but gives modified definitions, cleaner language, and details out some sections that were not previously.

The Response Criteria Chart within the MTRA also connects to the level of medical training that the participating regional fire services personnel must have. Each year

Lakeshore Fire hosts the annual training for all the participating County fire department medical instructors. This train-the-trainer instruction is facilitated through the guidance of the regional medical director who oversees this program.

The following is a high-level summary of the changes in the 2023 MTRA:

- Fire department name change to say Municipality of Lakeshore
- Industrial Accident/Critical Injury and MVC were always in the document text but not in the Response Criteria Table. To assist the ambulance dispatcher, that wording is now within the table.
- EMS Code Black Status wording replaced the former “Limited Resources” descriptor, and the document wording references were changed to match.
- Critical Injury and Motor Vehicle Collision definitions have been simplified.
- Additional medical equipment was added to the list of approved replacements through EMS.
- General simplification of language throughout the document

### **Others Consulted**

Ryan Lemay – Deputy Chief, Operations – Essex Windsor EMS

Essex County Fire Chiefs

### **Financial Impacts**

There are no financial impacts from this report.

### **Attachments**

Medical Tiered Response Agreement – Lakeshore – 2023

### **Report Approval Details**

Document Title:	2023 Medical Tiered Response Agreement.docx
Attachments:	- Medical Tiered Response Agreement – Lakeshore – 2023.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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