



Fire & Emergency Services



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- Guides the provision of facilities, services and programs in the City's Fire and Emergency Services Division for both the short and long term.
- Assesses current and future capital and service delivery needs with a focus on decreasing emergency response times, executing a more vigorous lifecycle replacement plan for fire fleet and equipment, investing in training firefighters and increasing fire prevention, public education and enforcement efforts.





Strategic Priorities

1. Decrease emergency response times by investing in new fire station infrastructure.
2. Invest in the training of emergency services staff to fulfil provincial certification requirements.
3. Prioritize smoke alarm programming by targeting neighbourhoods with low smoke alarm compliance.
4. Encourage fire safe behavior through the delivery of fire safety education to residents.
5. Enforce Building and Fire Code Compliance through proactive fire safety inspections.





Key Recommendations

- Leverage provincial residential fire safety strategies to target neighbourhoods with low smoke alarm compliance.
- Develop and deliver public education programming that targets residents ages 65 and above, school-aged children ages 6-14, and unregistered daycare and community group homes.
- Assess infrastructure, equipment and deployment needs in community development nodes including Port Credit and Lakeview to ensure future population growth and provincial accelerated growth targets are addressed.
- Develop and deliver a risk reduction strategy for high-rise and high-risk building stock.
- Target a travel time standard for first arriving vehicle of 240 seconds 75 per cent of the time.





Key Recommendations

- Deliver and maintain technical rescue certification for all staff required to perform technical rescue services.
- Use the 2024 Asset Management Plan to develop an improved lifecycle replacement plan that will inform the 10-year capital budget process.
- Apply the principles of the Corporate Green Building Standard in the construction of new, permanent fire infrastructure.
- Study the use of electric vehicle technology for front-line fire vehicles and machinery.
- Update overall programming and strategies in all sections of Fire and Emergency Services to reflect results from the 2023 Community Risk Assessment.

