

MILWAUKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT



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2018



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TOTAL CALLS

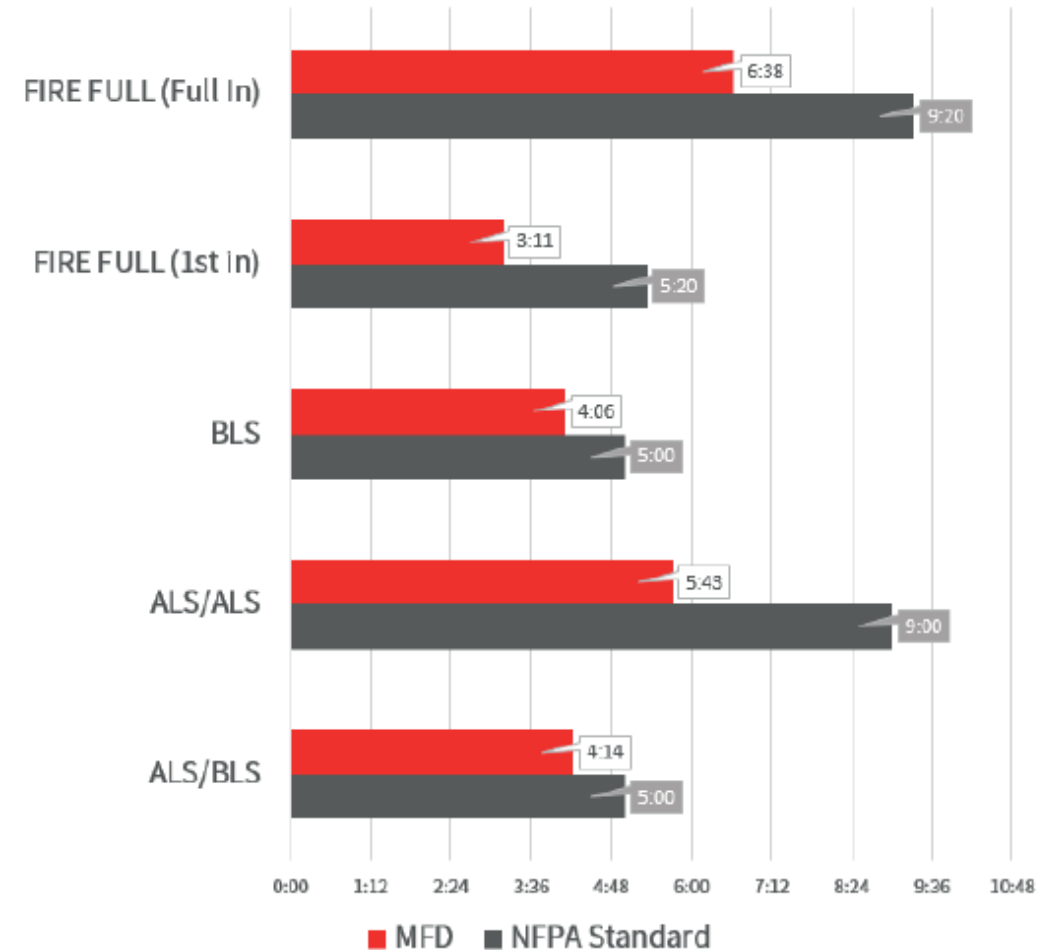
- EMS.....71,323
36,904 ALS / 34,419 BLS
- FIRE/RESCUE/SERVICE.....15,595
Highest # by call-type:
Auto Fires = 772
Rubbish Fires = 550
Structure Fires = 537
Smoke = 366
Out of City = 360
Appliance Fires = 300
- FALSE.....5,973
- TOTAL.....92,891

BUSIEST COMPANIES

- 2ND BATTALION CHIEF (2901 N. 30th St.)..1,567
- MED 7 (2903 N. Teutonia Av.).....5,832
- ENGINE 32 (1551 N. 30th St.).....5,740
- LADDER 9 (1551 N. 30th St.).....3,367
- RESCUE 2 (4927 W. Fiebrantz Av.).....3,295

MFD Response Times vs. National Standard

in minutes and seconds



The **COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION PROGRAM** continues to make great strides in promoting positive relationships in neighborhoods throughout the city. There were increases in contacts in virtually all areas of expertise. Regular and consistent community contact continues to be an important preventative focus of the department; below are some notable 2018 statistics.

- 15,955 smoke alarm contacts were made (39.2% in grant areas); an increase of 60% over 2017
- 3,092 smoke alarms were installed; an increase of 57% over 2017
- 24,601 smoke alarms were found present and operating; an increase of 66% over 2017
- 31,167 MFD-initiated community events took place; an increase of 65% over 2017

REACH-A-CHILD is a program adopted in 2018 in which every engine, ladder truck, and MED unit is equipped with book bags to give to children involved in emergency situations. There is no cost involved to the department or recipients as Reach-A-Child donates all the supplied books to first responders across Wisconsin.

The **SURVIVE ALIVE HOUSE** turned 25 in 2018! On May 11, 2018, the Milwaukee Fire Department's Survive Alive House held a gala benefit at the Milwaukee Art Museum, both in celebration of the 25th Anniversary, and to raise funds towards the purchase of a new mobile Survive Alive House unit.

MFD LEADERS OF TOMORROW

Recruitment takes place year-round; recruiting for 2019 began in September 2018, with firefighter recruiters visiting 45 schools and accepting more than 600 applications. Recruitment goes beyond finding interested candidates; it further focusses on assisting with physical and mental preparation.

The department conducted a 16-week Firefighter Recruit Class at the academy for 40 recruits.

Twenty-two fire cadets, with 2 years of training under their belts, graduated into that firefighter recruit class. All met the stringent certification, academic, and physical requirements including State of Wisconsin Level 1 Firefighter, Nationally Registered EMT, Spanish for First Responders, and Anatomy and Physiology courses. Seventeen of them completed National Registry Paramedic training as well.

The 2017 Fire Cadet Class, in their second year of training, performed clinicals, MED ride-a-longs, driver/operator training, and associated required course work, expecting to graduate into a July 2019 Firefighter Recruit Class.

The August 2018 Fire Cadet Class started their 100-week fire cadet journey spending time transitioning from young adult to exceptional Fire Cadet with extensive mentoring for growth and development, community service, hands-on instruction, as well as classroom education and testing.

HEALTH & SAFETY



2018 saw continued growth of MFD's health and wellness programs. Specifically, with the addition of a full time Athletic Trainer has seen increased involvement in preventative wellness programs and a streamlining of treatment and recovery processes. As example, due to proactive access to care for 74 members with non-life threatening injuries averted from Emergency Room use for a cost savings of approximately \$370,000. Additionally, the rehab and recovery time post injury has dropped significantly because of our Athletic Trainers ability to be integrated into the injured member's treatment plan helping us reduce lost time expenses.

HEALTH & SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS

- Successful implementation of Low Back 15 Program and Firefighter 10 Program
- Performed department-wide domestic violence training, and trauma informed care training
- Increased membership outreach to encourage one-on-one consultation and Fit Camp attendance
- Improved working relationships with Peer Fitness Trainers, which aided in identifying additional member needs that required addressing
- International Association of Firefighters Peer Fitness Trainer Classes administered with positive feedback
- Safety Committee growth included sub-committee development