



Fire Department

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November 12, 2019

To the Honorable  
The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners  
809 North Broadway, Room 104  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Commissioners:

The Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) serves the citizens of and visitors to Milwaukee with great honor, expertise, and dedication. Due to budget constraints since I came to lead the MFD in 2010, we have lost apparatus, and therefore responding companies, which has led to the companies left in place to carry the burden of an increasing number of emergency responses, as well as effectively manage our pro-active educational and community risk reduction programs.

Emergency responses have steadily risen over the last eight years. In 2011, there were 69,225 emergencies to which the MFD responded, rising steadily to a high in 2016 of 98,247, with the last two years 91,233, and 92,891 respectively. This is an increase in responses of over 33% between 2011 and 2018. During this same eight years, the department has lost six responding engine companies, and five responding truck companies, with the MED unit count remaining the same.

Losing eleven responding companies, and emergency responses increasing by over 33%, has taken its toll on our first responders, with our busiest companies taking upwards of 6,000 runs annually. We are realigning some of our apparatus in the hopes of distributing this growing number of requests for service more equally among our companies/first responders (i.e., placing more in areas where more of the responses originate). The result is as follows:

APPARATUS	STATION LOCATION (current)	STATION LOCATION (new)
MED 18	Station 29, 3529 S. 84 <sup>th</sup> St.	Station 37, 5335 N. Teutonia Av.
Car 18 (Incident Safety Officer)	Station 2, 711 W. Wells St.	Remains at Station 2; however as the Battalion Chief of a new Battalion 10.
Battalion Chief 2	Station 13, 2901 N. 30 <sup>th</sup> St.	Station 24, 4927 W. Fiebrantz Av.
Battalion Chief 3	Station 10, 5600 W. Oklahoma Av.	Station 33, 4515 W. Burnham St.
Truck 16 (re-commissioned as Truck 12)	Station 33, 4515 W. Burnham St.	Station 30, 2903 N. Teutonia Av.
MED 14	Station 35, 100 N. 64 <sup>th</sup> St.	Station 33, 4515 W. Burnham St.
MED 7	Station 30, 2903 N. Teutonia Av.	Station 18, 3628 N. Holton St.



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Please contact me directly if you would like additional information. I look forward to answering any questions you may have regarding these changes.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Rohlfing". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "M" and "R".

MARK ROHLFING  
Chief

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