

MFD HOT eNEWS



Greetings:

The Milwaukee Fire Department had a blazing summer. We blazed the trail in community service, activism, and our continued efforts to save the property and life within our beloved city.

The men and women of our department have an unwavering commitment to effectively serve Milwaukee residents. This commitment is vividly shown through their volunteer efforts, involvement in the MFD's fire prevention and safety programs, and helping residents in their greatest time of need.

As we gear up for our Meritorious Service Awards Program, I thank the countless members who unselfishly place service before self.

I honor the people who make up the ranks of our stellar fire department for their courage and devotion to fire service. I applaud our members for a job well done, day in and day out.

Sincerely,



Chief Mark Rohlifing

Message From Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett

On behalf of the City of Milwaukee, I would like to thank Fire Chief Mark A. Rohlifing and the men and women of the Milwaukee Fire Department for their continued dedication and for the exceptional services they provide the citizens of Milwaukee. I am pleased to let you know that there weren't any fire fatalities or serious, life-threatening injuries to civilians or firefighters during the summer months.



The professional expertise of the Milwaukee Fire Department is a critical component in maintaining public safety. I look forward to continued success and applaud the Milwaukee Fire Department for their diligent efforts to keep our City safe.

It is important to maintain our own safety as well. Exercising proper fire prevention techniques is essential. Please visit the Milwaukee Fire Department Web site, www.milwaukee.gov/mfd for more information and fire safety tips.

Sincerely,



Mayor Tom Barrett

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Milwaukee's Fire Chief Mark Rohlfing Goes *Over the Edge*



MFD Chief Mark Rohlfing went over the edge, literally, for Special Olympics Wisconsin. He rappelled 20 stories down the Hilton Milwaukee City Center on Tuesday, September 7, in an effort to raise money for Special Olympics Wisconsin.

Overall, a total of 51 volunteers participated in the first ever *Over the Edge* Special Olympics Wisconsin fundraiser and helped raised \$35,400.

The MFD Participates in a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Multi-State Exercise

The Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) conducted a multi-state exercise to depict a plan in the event of multiple tornado strikes in the City of Chicago Thursday, August 26. The exercise simultaneously activated the Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan statewide fire service mutual aid response plans to support the simulated disaster. Milwaukee Fire Department personnel and apparatus were involved in the exercise.



The multi-state exercise activated 270 fire units and 1100 firefighters to three staging locations around metropolitan Chicago. All units and personnel met the goal to arrive at staging locations within 90 minutes

The MFD Pays Homage To Those Who Died on 9/11

Milwaukee Fire Department personnel gathered September 11 to remember the firefighters and everyone who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks.

The names of the 343 firefighters killed that day were read aloud at the quarters of Engine 2, 755 North 7th Street.

The ceremony was open to the public and featured speeches from MFD personnel.



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MFD Members Give Back to the Community

The Milwaukee Fire Department has a proud tradition of fundraising for the Muscular Dystrophy Association through an annual "Fill the Boot" campaign. This year's collection drive took place Thursday, August 12 through Saturday, August 14, four hours each day.

The Milwaukee Professional Fire Fighters' Association, Local 215, were granted permits/permissions from the City Attorney's Office to perform these fundraising activities.

Fundraising was conducted by on-duty members at the fire stations and/or on the sidewalk/curb line adjacent to prominent intersections.



This year's goal was to raise \$120,000; however, the men and women of the MFD surpassed that goal and raised \$124,049.

The MFD thanks everyone who donated funds during those three days. Your contributions will help children and adults who live with a neuromuscular disease. Thank you Milwaukee for making this year's Muscular Dystrophy Association's fundraiser a success.

Recent MFD Promotions



The following promotions became effective July 11:

- Daniel Lipski was promoted to Battalion Chief.
- Aaron Lipski was promoted to Battalion Chief.
- Andrew Bevirt was promoted to Fire Captain.
- Allen Jansen was promoted to Fire Captain.
- Luke Jones was promoted to Fire Captain.
- Kristin Ciganek was promoted to Lieutenant.
- Gregory Barachy was promoted to Lieutenant.
- Jason Liebherr was promoted to Lieutenant.
- John Herrmann was promoted to Lieutenant.

The following promotions became effective August 8:

- Terry Lintonen was promoted to Battalion Chief.
- Robert Skaradzinski was promoted to Fire Captain.
- Christopher Kietzke was promoted to Lieutenant.
- Thomas Jones was promoted to Lieutenant.



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MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM
SEPTEMBER 22, 2010
AT
PERE MARQUETTE PARK
11:00 A.M.
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
AT ROCK BOTTOM BREWERY



The following department members will receive an award at the 2010 MFD Meritorious Service Awards Program:

Class "A" Fire Award

Lieutenant Joel Rechlitz
HEO John Rechlitz

Class "B" Fire Award

Captain Robert Carstedt
Captain Ann Sardina
Lieutenant Alan Chitel
Lieutenant David Ciszewski
Lieutenant James Merchant
HEO Brent Miller
HEO Scott Vilter
Firefighter Gilbert Baltutis, Jr.
Firefighter Ronald Fryer
Firefighter Charlie Kazik
Firefighter Robert Kuster
Firefighter Joshua Larson
Firefighter Paul Lelinski
Firefighter Patrick Nogalski
Firefighter John Zaworski

Class "B" EMS Award

Captain Ronald Firnrohr, Jr.
HEO Anthony Savagian
Firefighter Joseph Kirsch
Firefighter Edward Myszk

Class "C" Fire Award

Battalion Chief Aaron Lipski
Firefighter Ezra Aitch
Firefighter Gilbert Baltutis, Jr.
Firefighter Scott Stublely

Class "C" EMS Award

Firefighter Benjamin Mueller

Award TBA

Lieutenant Daniel Rode

Unit Citations

Truck 1

Captain Gregory Schneider
*HEO Steven Koch
Firefighter James Claudio
Firefighter Benjamin Mueller

Truck 9

Captain Bradford Sibley
*HEO Brent Miller
Firefighter David Krebsbach
Firefighter Robert Rutley

Truck 9

Lieutenant James Merchant
*HEO Brent Miller
Firefighter Gilbert Baltutis, Jr.
Firefighter Matthew Kneesel

Truck 12

Captain Rick Mueller
*HEO Robert Monfre
Firefighter Gregg Blumenberg
Firefighter Fred Schneider, Jr.

Truck 13

Battalion Chief Aaron Lipski
*HEO Paul Griffin
Firefighter Michael Drover
Firefighter Scott Stublely

Engine 6

Lieutenant Kyle Kolosovsky
*HEO James Perzacki
Firefighter Gregory Browne
Firefighter Patrick Gatton

*HEO=Heavy Equipment Operator

MFD HOT eNEWS**A Job Well Done****August 10, 2010**

Dear Chief Rohlfig:

Please allow me to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for your department's visible presence at this year's Back-to-School Picnic at the King Center.

It was a marvelous day for an outdoor event and a sizeable crowd gathered to partake in a sundry of activities. I am most happy to say that there were no incidences of violence or vandalism to report. I would like to commend Lt. Joshua Parish and all your officers for their diligence-to-duty at this year's event.

On behalf of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Picnic Task Force, which I am a member, I thank you for a job that was exceedingly well done.

Sincerely,

Leon D. Young
State Representative
16th Assembly District

**August 12, 2010**

Dear Chief Rohlfig:

In the wake of our recent drowning recovery efforts, I want to take a moment to thank you and the members of your department for the assistance that was afforded to us during this operation.

On July 26, the Sheboygan County Law Enforcement Dive Team was notified of a missing 19-year-old male. He had been swimming in Lake Michigan with friends when he stepped off a sand bar into deeper water and was pulled further from shore by strong currents. A friend attempted to rescue the man, yet he was unsuccessful and the man drowned. We spent the next several days attempting to recover the victim.

The use of your equipment and personnel were instrumental in our search efforts. The support afforded to us was a huge asset and necessary to conduct this major operation. I can't thank you enough for all the assistance that your rescue vessel personnel provided. The use of your Side-Scan Sonar and Spectra-Scan Sonar were extremely helpful during our operation. Your personnel were extremely accommodating in various ways and their willingness to bring your vessel and equipment to the scene is sincerely appreciated!

I want to personally thank Captain Ron Firnrohr, Lieutenant Jeff Ballering, Lieutenant Mike Sharp and Heavy Equipment Operator Tony Savagian. They are "true professionals" who deserve recognition for their superb skills, professionalism and empathetic demeanor.

Also, the victim's family greatly appreciated your personnel's compassionate attitude and efforts.

Thank you to all who assisted. They deserve to be commended for the aid given. We truly appreciate your department's efforts and willingness to *do whatever it takes to get the job done*.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Brad Riddiough
Supervisor-Sheboygan County Law Enforcement Dive Team

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Courage • Integrity • Honor

The Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) is the primary fire suppression, prevention, rescue and emergency medical service for the City of Milwaukee. The department's motto is "Courage, Integrity and Honor." The MFD consists of approximately 1000 firefighters, many of which serve simultaneously as paramedics providing emergency medical services. The MFD is known as one of the best fire departments nationwide for its response times and quality services. Check us out on the Web: www.milwaukee.gov/mfd Or Twitter: <http://twitter.com/MilFireDept>

SUBMISSIONS

We welcome submissions to MFD Hot eNews on upcoming events, unique runs, stories pertaining to saving someone's life or property, our MFD heroes and heroines, and/or anything worthy of recognition.

MFD Hot eNews is produced quarterly and a means to broadcast the excellent work done by the Milwaukee Fire Department. If you have a story idea, please e-mail the Public Relations Manager, Tiffany Wynn, at ttwynn@milwaukee.gov. Thank you.

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THE NFPA FIRE SPRINKLER INITIATIVE

Fire in the home poses one of the biggest threats to the people of your community. Nearly 400,000 home fires occur every year in the United States and nearly 3,000 people a year died in these home fires. Home fire sprinklers are a proven way to protect lives and property against fires at home.

These life-saving systems respond quickly and effectively to the presence of a nearby fire. When sprinklers are present, they save lives.

- If you have a reported fire in your home, the risk of dying decreases by about 80 percent when sprinklers are present.
- People in homes with sprinklers are protected against significant property loss—sprinklers reduce the average property loss by 74% per fire.

Model safety codes now require the use of home fire sprinklers in new one- and two-family homes. These requirements offer the highest level of safety to protect the people of your community.

- Home sprinkler systems respond quickly to reduce the heat, flames, and smoke from a fire, giving families valuable time to get to safety.
- Roughly 90% of the time, just one sprinkler operates.
- Each individual sprinkler is designed and calibrated to go off when it senses a significant heat change.
- Only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water directly on the fire.