

**Statement of Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.  
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I'm troubled and saddened by this morning's tragic incident at the Falk Corporation, and my prayers and sympathies go out to the Falk employees and their families. This valued, historic corporation has deep Milwaukee roots, and the explosion has shaken people all over Milwaukee and has brought deep concern to Falk's customers across the nation and the world.

I ask all Milwaukeeans to please keep away from the area and to give their full support to the brave Milwaukee firefighters, police and emergency medical personnel who have responded to the scene. They very much need our thoughts and prayers at this difficult moment.

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