

2025 BATTALION 1

NUMBER OF RUNS BY STATION/COMPANY

Station 13	2901 N. 30 th St.	Engine 13 -	5,604
		MED 5 -	5,395
Station 18	3628 N. Holton St.	Engine 18 -	2,948
		MED 7 -	2,528
		Battalion 1 -	951
Station 27	2647 N. Bartlett Av.	Engine 27 -	2,425
		Truck 5 -	1,743
Station 30	2903 N. Teutonia Av.	Engine 30 -	5,346
		Truck 12 -	3,245
Station 36	4060 N. 27 th St.	Engine 36 -	4,922
		MED 2 -	4,584

- Just as in years prior, Battalion 1 and the Milwaukee Fire Department as a whole, saw a steady increase in the volume of incidents, having the highest collective call volume in the city for several years running.
- January of 2025 saw the relocation of MED 5 back to the quarters of Station 13 providing a more balanced coverage of MED units within Battalion 1. With the addition of MED 2 at Station 36 in 2024, this allowed the MED units to relocate and spread out for better coverage to the citizens of Milwaukee.
- As the city slowed to a crawl in the depths of winter, the activity in Battalion 1 did not. Crews met the challenges of firefighting and providing EMS services in the elements presented by Wisconsin winters head-on. Of note are several structure fires in the early months of 2025 in which Battalion 1's first due companies were always seen employing their signature brand of aggressive, interior firefighting with a level of pride, expertise, and execution that is second-to-none.
- Battalion 1 companies could often be found out-and-about in the community engaging in training exercises preparing for potential emergencies. This mindset was on full display in the fall of 2025 as several members of Battalion 1 went to Illinois to RIT Under Fire Training. A hard week of constant heat and challenging scenarios put our members to the test to be ready to save our own if that day should happen to come. The training also included Chief Officers from Battalion 1 who were there to help lead and command the scenarios.

- It is often said that the only constant is change, and in 2025, Battalion 1 was no exception. Over the course of the year, Battalion 1 was privileged to have all its Chief Officer's step into leadership roles in:
 - commanding RIT Under Fire
 - providing an after-action review of a fire on Highland Blvd where a terrible Mother's Day fire killed many innocent citizens, yet due to the heroic efforts of the MFD, many lives were saved
 - re-rebuilding the Cornerstone Program to develop the next officers of the MFD
 - instructing at the road shows
 - creating interior Chiefs' position on the fireground

- MFD Fire Captains focused on riding along to gain the knowledge and skills needed to become future Battalion Chiefs. Also, company officers developed battalion drills for all crews to gain training and experience in the special environments and equipment that were in their first-in areas and firehouses.

- The 150th celebration was a big focus of the year, and Battalion 1 met the challenge head on, and the companies knocked it out of the park by inviting the public into their firehouses and showing the citizens what the MFD is all about. Many of the members also volunteered their time at the event held at Summerfest grounds. Truck 12 and Engine 36 participated in the truck pull and had a very impressive showing!