

2025 BATTALION 7

NUMBER OF RUNS BY STATION/COMPANY

Station 4	9511 W. Appleton Av.	Engine 4 -	3,532
		Truck 3 -	2,291
Station 8	2050 N. Palmer St.	Engine 8 -	4,873
		MED 16 -	5,147
Station 16	10320 W. Fond du Lac Av.	Engine 16 -	2,094
		Battalion 7 -	702
Station 38	8463 N. Granville Rd.	Engine 38 -	1,855
Station 39	8025 W. Bradley Rd.	Engine 39 -	2,823
		MED 19 -	3,153

OPERATIONAL IMPACT & NOTABLE INCIDENTS

Throughout 2025, Battalion 7 responded to numerous incidents requiring decisive action that directly resulted in:

- Life safety interventions
- Fireground rescues
- Significant property conservation
- Rapid EMS stabilization of critically ill patients

Several working structure fires during the year required coordinated multi-company operations, aggressive interior fire attack, and disciplined command presence to limit fire extension and prevent civilian injury. These incidents reflect the professionalism, training, and adaptability of Battalion 7 personnel.

TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Recognizing the evolving risks faced by firefighters, Battalion 7 placed significant emphasis in 2025 on advanced training, particularly in firefighter rescue and survival. Several members were sent to Champaign, Illinois to complete a rigorous 40-hour program, "RIT (Rapid Intervention Training) Under Fire," focused on:

- Firefighter self-rescue
- Mayday management
- Rapid intervention operations
- Command-level decision-making during firefighter emergencies

This investment reinforces Battalion 7's commitment to ensuring that firefighters are prepared not only to rescue citizens, yet also to rescue their own when conditions deteriorate.

Training throughout the year emphasized:

- Adaptability under limited resource conditions
- Coordinated truck and engine company operations
- High-risk occupancy strategy
- Enhanced communication and command discipline

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & RISK REDUCTION

2025 marked the 150th Anniversary of the Milwaukee Fire Department—a historic milestone that was celebrated throughout the city and throughout the year with community-centered engagement. Battalion 7’s companies participated in:

- Firehouse open houses
- Public education initiatives
- Community safety events
- Collaborative outreach efforts
 - Holiday Food Drive in partnership with District 4 of the Milwaukee Police Department
 - Supported community “Safety Night Out” events, strengthening interagency relationships and reinforcing public trust
 - Coordinated the safe landing of Flight for Life during a major community event, demonstrating seamless cooperation between ground EMS and air medical services.

SMOKE DETECTOR INITIATIVE – RECORD-BREAKING YEAR

Community risk reduction remained a top priority in 2025. Battalion 7 achieved record-breaking numbers in smoke detector installations:

- 3,927 total community visits
- 3,140 smoke detectors installed

These proactive efforts directly reduce fire fatalities and improve survivability in residential fires. This level of outreach reflects an aggressive and intentional commitment to prevention, not just response.

LOOKING FORWARD

Preparedness, Professionalism, and Community Partnership

With a 22-square-mile response area and diverse operational challenges, Battalion 7 continues to adapt, train, and invest in both its members and the citizens it serves. Through disciplined command, enhanced firefighter rescue training, interagency cooperation, and record-setting community engagement, Battalion 7 remains committed to protecting life, conserving property, and strengthening the safety of Milwaukee’s northwest side.