

2021 EMS EDUCATION

The department provided continuing education credits, certification, and licensing assistance to all levels of MFD personnel. All firefighting personnel are Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)s, and over 215 of them are also licensed paramedics. Civilian students were invited to participate in nationally recognized EMT and CPR courses as well.

Nationally Registered EMT training and testing was conducted for two cadet classes, one civilian class, and one recruit candidate class. Four distinct AHA CPR classes were offered to the public. The MFD and Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) have continued its relationship to train all cadets to NREMT paramedic standards. There were 24 graduates of this program in 2021.

The MFD partners with the American Heart Association for three standard certification courses - Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). The BLS-CPR refresher course was administered to 740 MFD personnel, and facilitated PALS for 230 paramedics. Advanced Life Support (ALS) refreshers covering adult and pediatric trauma were conducted via TargetSolutions, as well as at the Milwaukee Training Academy. The BLS Road Show covered the new *i gels*, an innovative second-generation supraglottic airway device, a replacement for the King Airways. The department will continue to use online resources, and a combination of the Milwaukee Training Academy and fire stations no longer being used for emergency dispatching, to provide training.