

2021 HEAVY URBAN RESCUE TEAM (HURT) HIGHLIGHTS

TRAINING

- Trained 13 new members in rope, confined space, trench, structural collapse, and heavy lifting.
- Continued partnership with surrounding communities through joint trainings with the North Shore and St. Francis Fire Departments.
- Expanded rescue capabilities utilizing new equipment and training in elevator and man-in-machine entrapment emergencies.
- Provided rapid intervention team training and vehicle extrication training to the graduating MFD recruit class.
- Continued work to update best practices regarding downed firefighter rescue and removal.

SIGNIFICANT RESPONSES

- On August 25, 2021, at the request of the Fredonia, Wisconsin Fire Department, Heavy Urban Rescue Team (HURT) members from R1, R2, R4, E23, and E24 with the support of M6 (standing by for firefighter injuries) and CAR5 responded. The MFD units assisted local agencies already on scene on Wenzel Avenue in Fredonia where a public works employee was trapped in a 10' trench.

The Sheboygan Fire Department was leading trench operations when MFD R1 arrived. R1 and MFD HURT units took over operations, assisting with shoring up the trench and successful patient removal. The patient was handed off to Flight for Life for transport to a hospital.

- Operated at several complicated extrications including multiple vehicles into a building, vehicle on vehicle, and under ride entrapments.