

MILWAUKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT
Operational Guidelines

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37.0 – Henry Maier Festival Park Response Plan

PURPOSE

The Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) must have the ability to access, investigate, and mitigate an emergency assignment within Henry Maier Festival Park at the same time that a large crowd may be affected and/or attempting to evacuate the festival grounds due to an emergency.

SCOPE

A coordinated and efficient response package enables the MFD the ability to deploy resources in the most expedient manner. Since ingress and egress obstacles will provide first responders with great challenge during Maier Festival Park events, the importance of a proper staging location along with adherence to the incident command system (ICS) are important.

A separate special event plan will be created for pre-scheduled events that require MFD resources to stand by on the Maier Festival Park grounds. A North Staging Area (Gate 1) and a South Staging Area (Gate 10) have been predetermined for off-site companies being called into Maier Festival Park for emergency mitigation.

Responding units during non-event times will respond directly to Gate 6 at 200 North Lincoln Memorial Drive, unless directed otherwise. A security officer will be present at this location 24 hours a day.

GUIDELINE

1. Establish Command
 - a. Incorporate security and maintenance into Unified Command
2. Incoming Units to stage at predetermined North or South staging locations
 - a. *Fire Investigation Team (FIT):* 1st Engine & 1st Truck
Send the Officer and (1) Firefighter from the 1st arriving Engine and 1st arriving Truck at North Staging on the provided club car(s) containing MFD dry chemical, carbon dioxide and pressurized water extinguishers.
Investigate the situation and begin mitigation procedures as able, communicating location, conditions, actions, and resource needs to Operations over the fire ground channel. The FIT should be aggressive, but methodical in their investigation and initial mitigation of fire.
3. Size up conditions
 - a. Communicate need for extra resources from staging
4. Position apparatus'
 - a. Safety perimeter
 - b. Water supply utilizing Maier hose crib / hydrant system

5. Determine strategy & incident action plan
6. Initiate and maintain communications
 - a. FIT provides first in report
 - b. Ensure Engine and Truck V-Tac is set to the proper incident talk group
7. Implement incident action plan with incoming resources
 - a. Fire, Rescue, or Mass Casualty
8. Provide follow up and progress reports as necessary
9. Transfer command to Maier Festival security once incident has been mitigated