

Quick Access Guide

MFW FOCUSES ON LARGE SCALE INCIDENTS THAT WILL LIKELY DRAW ATTENTION FROM THE PUBLIC OR COULD CAUSE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS. IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO SEE WHERE A UNIT IS GOING AND/OR THE REASON ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THAT INFO.

- **Unit Abbreviations:**

- When "P" is seen in front of a unit it means a paramedic is onboard
 - Ex: PE7** (paramedic engine) or PRS7** (paramedic rescue squad)
- E: ENGINE
- RE: RESCUE ENGINE
- A: AMBULANCE
- M: MEDIC
- AT: AERIAL TOWER
- T: TRUCK
- RS: RESCUE SQUAD
- W: TANKER
- BC: BATTALION CHIEF
- C: CHIEF
- DC: DUTY CHIEF
- SA: SAFETY OFFICER
- EMS: EMS DUTY OFFICER
- TR: TECHNICAL RESCUE
- SU: SUPPORT UNIT
- HM: HAZMAT
- BT: BOAT
- SW: SWIFT WATER
- UTV: UTV
- UT: UTILITY
- CT: CANTEEN
- MAU: MOBILE AIR UNIT
- HMBC: HAZMAT BATTALION CHIEF

- FC: FIRE CHIEF
- SOC: SPECIAL OPERATIONS CHIEF
- MAB: MEDICAL AMBULANCE BUS
- MCSU: MEDICAL CARE SUPPORT UNIT
- B: BRUSH
- BE: BRUSH ENGINE
- EW: ENGINE TANKER
- EAGLE: NATIONAL PARK POLICE HELICOPTER
- TROOPER: MSP HELICOPTER
- HC: HOWARD COUNTY
- CC: CARROLL COUNTY

There are Three determinants when calls include a patient, BLS, ALS1, and ALS2.

- BLS: Basic Life Support - Minimal Injuries if none
- ALS1 - Requires One Paramedic, commonly used if patient is experiencing chest pain, decreased level of consciousness, or if protocol deems it necessary
- ALS2 - Requires Two Paramedics, used for serious incidents: Cardiac Arrest, severe injuries or unconsciousness. PIC that involves entrapment, unconscious or ejection.
- **Other Abbreviations:**
 - PIC - PERSONAL INJURY COLLISION
 - POL - POLICE ENROUTE
 - IFO - IN FRONT OF
 - ITAO - IN THE AREA OF
 - PL - PARKING LOT