

Marinette County – MABAS Division 144 Mayday Protocol

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Section 1: Scope

This guideline applies to all operations where a MAYDAY has been declared at an incident involving a MABAS Division 144 deployment.

Section 2: Terms and Definitions

MAYDAY: This term is used by a firefighter to indicate that they are in a situation that poses an immediate threat to their life. (Examples of this may include becoming lost or entrapped in a structure fire or being struck by a vehicle at an accident scene.)

Section 3: Responsibilities and Authorities

- 1) In the event that a MAYDAY is declared, the Incident Commander shall implement the attached “MAYDAY PROTOCOL” as outlined in the following steps:
 - i.) If a MAYDAY is declared by a firefighter, the Incident Commander shall wait no more than 10 seconds to acknowledge the MAYDAY.

If the MAYDAY is not acknowledged by the IC within 10 seconds, the Incident Safety Officer shall notify the IC of the MAYDAY and relay all information contained in the MAYDAY transmission.
 - ii.) If the fire ground channel is not monitored by the dispatch center, it is the responsibility of the IC to notify the dispatcher of the MAYDAY.
 - iii.) Once a MAYDAY is declared and acknowledged by IC, the dispatcher shall begin at Step 3 of the protocol.
 - iv.) Once the dispatcher becomes aware of a Mayday, the dispatcher has full authority to implement all of Step 3 without asking the IC or any other fire department personnel for permission to do so. After Steps 1 through 3 are implemented, the dispatcher shall contact the IC and state ***“The MAYDAY PROTOCOL had been implemented.”***

- v.) The MAYDAY PROTOCOL is attached to this guideline. This protocol shall be used as a checklist by the dispatcher if they need implement the protocol.

Section 4: Variance

There shall be no variance from this policy, the dispatcher will cease following the protocol only upon receiving a message from the IC that the MAYDAY has be terminated. The IC shall not terminate the MAYDAY protocol until they have confirmed that the firefighter declaring a MAYDAY has been removed from the threatening situation.

<p style="text-align: center;">MABAS Division 144 MAYDAY PROTOCOL REQUIRED ACTIONS</p>		
STEP	ACTION	Mark Complete
STEP 1	<p>Once a MAYDAY is declared by a firefighter, the Incident Commander shall wait no more than 10 seconds to acknowledge the MAYDAY.</p> <p>If the MAYDAY is not acknowledged by the IC within 10 seconds, the Incident Safety Officer shall notify the IC of the MAYDAY and relay all information contained in the MAYDAY transmission.</p>	
STEP 2	<p>If the fireground channel is not monitored by the dispatch center, the Incident Commander must notify the dispatcher of the MAYDAY.</p> <p>Once a MAYDAY is declared and acknowledged by both the IC and Dispatch, the dispatcher will go to STEP 3.</p>	
STEP 3	<p>Complete the following list without further directions from the IC or any other fire department personnel.</p> <p>A. Request the next highest alarm to the address plus <u>1 additional ambulance</u>. Use the following message:</p> <p>“A MAYDAY has been declared at (give address of incident); the following companies shall respond and go to Channel (give a MABAS channel other than the channel the MAYDAY is on). (List the units responding on the additional alarm and extra Ambulance)”</p> <p>B. The dispatcher will monitor the MAYDAY on the county fire or tactical frequency and begin time checks on a 10 minute interval since the MAYDAY was declared. The Incident Commander will then relay MAYDAY time checks to on-scene firefighters on the MAYDAY channel.</p> <p>C. Notify Chief officers</p> <p>D. Begin call back of personnel for the afflicted department, if applicable.</p>	

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	<p>E. Notify Local Hospital Emergency Departments (Trauma Center) of possible arrival of critically injured firefighter/firefighters</p> <p>F. Dispatch additional Police units to the scene for traffic and scene control</p> <p>G. Notify the PD or Sheriff's department shift supervisor and Emergency Management for possible (PIO) Public Information Officer</p>	
STEP 4	Upon completion of the list in STEP 3, the dispatcher shall inform MAYDAY and Fire operations that the "MAYDAY Protocol had been implemented."	
STEP 5	Turn this sheet over and be prepared to complete the steps located there if directed to do so by Command.	

<p style="text-align: center;">MABAS Division 144 MAYDAY PROTOCOL ACTIONS IF DIRECTED</p>	
ACTION	Mark Complete
Notify additional units including mutual aid ambulances	
Play back transmissions to clarify information for Command	
Relay missed messages to command	
Notify additional off duty personnel, especially Chief Officers	
Relocate companies to central location or near incident scene	
Notify Public Works Department for additional resources	
Notify Local Elected Officials or Municipality	
Notify the Coroner	