

# August 9 referendum to support Kenosha Police and Fire



If the referendum is approved, the owner of a \$200,000 home would pay approximately \$5.50 per month – less than many people spend on a take-out coffee in a day.



“The citizens of Kenosha have always been extremely supportive to our organization. We are constantly asked if we need help or if there is anything that they can do to support us. The time has come where we do need help. With the growth of the city and increases in call volume, additional staff is how we can keep the community safe. Supporting the referendum is exactly the help we need.” – **Ricardo Lebron, President IAFF 414**



**WHAT:**  
On August 9, a referendum asks the citizens of Kenosha to support the addition of 10 police officers, 6 firefighters and related equipment.

**HOW:** Approval of the referendum is needed in order to increase the tax levy beyond its state mandated limit by \$2.5 million for additional police and fire protection services.

“Crime scenes have become more complex due to advancing technologies, which also require a greater personnel allocation and greater technical skills.”  
– **Interim Police Chief Eric Larsen**



“This will allow us to provide better service to the community as the City of Kenosha continues to expand and public safety needs increase.”  
– **Detective Pete Deates, President Kenosha Professional Police Association**

**WHY:** The City of Kenosha continues to grow, bringing new opportunities to the community. With growth comes an increase in volume for police, fire and medical calls.

“Department call volume and the specialized nature of the emergency service calls have increased over time. While emergency medical response is the primary duty, along with fire suppression, the nature of these calls and the personnel needed to provide required treatment continue to tax our resources.”  
– **Fire Chief Chris Bigley**

“Increased development in the City of Kenosha means the City needs additional public safety personnel in the Police and Fire Departments. We want to ensure residents, visitors and businesses have continued access to high-quality public safety services.”  
– **Kenosha Mayor John Antaramian**

