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Honorable Mayor Keith Bosman  
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Honorable Mayor Bosman:

I am proud to present the 2009 Kenosha Fire Department Annual Report. With your guidance and the support of the Kenosha Common Council, we have provided exceptional public service at a reasonable cost to the taxpayers.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Your Servant,

John R. Thomsen  
Chief of the Department  
Kenosha Fire Department

**2009**

**Kenosha Fire Department**

**Annual Report**



# **Vision**

To have an organization that is highly adaptable to external forces, an educated and technically competent workforce, and provide exceptional public service beyond what is expected and required.



**2009**

**Achievements**

**and**

**Run Summary**

**Exemplary Attendance Award – 1 Year**

Joseph Ahler	Daniel Allemand
Wesley Bernhardt	Kevin Carbon
Alan Carr	Theonita Cox
Lance Dahl	Steve Dahl
Nick Eschmann	Jeffery Flasch
William Glass	Matthew Haerter
Chris Hannes	Anthony Johnson
Jeffery Johnson	Philip Johnson
John Kiel	Timothy Lewis
Mathew Loewen	Erik Marquez
Matthew Matoska	Dale Moss
Paul Murphy	James Poltrock
Daniel Radandt	David Riley
Brian Rummelhart	Ken Schmelling
Ken Schroeder	Steve Spieker
James Strouf	Ray Tessman
Jeffery Weidner	Sam Wenger

**Years of Service****30 Years**

Jeffery Flasch	John Kiel
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**25 Years**

Greg Belsky	Wesley Bernhardt
Jim Herrick	Philip Johnson
Matthew Matoska	Brian Mifflin
Greg Peterson	Gregg Sinnen
John Thomsen	Randy Westphal

**20 Years**

Steven Osmanski	Arthur Peters
Keith Watkins	

**15 Years**

Theonita Cox	David Marifern
Paul Murphy	James Poltrock
Brenda Van Cuick	

**10 Years**

Wesley Djuplin	Chad Larsen
Dale Moss	Brad Pfeiffer
Chad Zielinski	

**2009 Statistics****Response By Units**

Engine #2	1412
Engine #3	1831
Engine #4	1209
Engine #5	1433
Engine #6	1000
Engine #44	1
Engine #55	0
Truck #3	605
Truck #4	494
Truck #7	482
P-19	13
MERV #1	12
MERV #2	6
Battalion 1	869
*Med Unit #2	54
Med Unit #3	3355
Med Unit #4	2205
Med Unit #5	2812
Med Unit #7	771
Rescue #33	28
Rescue #44	18
Rescue #77	10

\*Med Unit #2 placed in service 11/1/09

# AWARDS

## 2009 Award Recipients

### Medal of Merit

Jeffery Johnson  
Charles Leipzig  
Joseph Sielski

*Rescue of citizens from a residential fire*

Awarded by the Fire Chief to members that in the line of duty display heroic actions in the saving of another's life

### Letter of Commendation "Class B"

Christopher Bigley

*Accomplishments in new SCBA program*

Letter of Commendation from  
Fire Chief John Thomsen and Division Chief  
of Training Ken Schroeder

Matthew Haerter

*Patient care assistance  
non-mandatory response*

Letter of Commendation from  
Fire Chief John Thomsen

Awarded by any staff officer to subordinate members that demonstrate extraordinary ability or accomplishment

### Letter of Commendation "Class A"

Dean Jackson

*Off duty CPR and patient transport  
assistance*

James Anderson      Ryan Anderson  
Jeffrey Johnson      John Kiel

Stephen Lombardi      Kerry Poltrock  
Brian Rummelhart      Matthew Stahl

*Assisted in occupant's escape of a  
residential fire*

Guy Santelli

*Fire Department operation and life safety  
ordinance re-write*

Daniel Allemand      Daniel Harris  
Nick Miller      Patrick Wilbert

*Mutual aid – Patrick Cudahy fire*

Stephen Lombardi  
Matthew Stahl  
James Strouf

*Assisted in occupant's escape of a  
residential fire-unreported*

David Steidtman

*Removed firefighter from hazardous  
situation during working fire*

Awarded by the Fire Chief to members  
whose actions deserve recognition

# Fire Administration and Support Staff



John Thomsen  
Fire Chief



Cindy Baumann  
Clerical Supervisor



Jennifer Oas  
Secretary



Daniel Santelli  
Deputy Fire Chief

Joy Mathein – Part Time Secretary



Matthew Haerter  
Battalion Chief



John Poltrok  
Battalion Chief



Wesley Bernhardt  
Battalion Chief



Patrick Ryan  
FPB Division Chief



Ken Schroeder  
Training Division Chief



William Thomas  
Maintenance  
Supervisor



Theonita Cox  
FPB Assistant  
Division Chief



James Poltrok  
EMS Assistant  
Division Chief



Guy Santelli  
Fire Inspector



Richard Meeker  
Division Chief  
Quality Control and  
Public Health



# **FIRE ADMINISTRATION**

## Administrative Overview

Fire Administration continually strives to provide the needed support, direction, and resources to support staff and line personnel. The support staff, thirteen dedicated professionals with 256 years of combined service and experience, is responsible for daily operations and strategic planning within their respected divisions. The six divisions consist of fire suppression; fire prevention, education, and investigations; emergency medical services; training and safety; fleet and equipment maintenance; and, clerical. These divisions are the center of operations providing the many services to the community.

### Strengths

Administration's greatest strength is the men and women committed to public safety. The 156 fire department members stand ready to respond to all emergencies providing emergency services day and night. These highly trained, dedicated, and motivated individuals are devoted to saving lives and property.

Fire Administration is fortunate to employ individuals with the ability to achieve their mission amongst the many obstacles facing the fire service today. With decreasing budgets and resources, and increasing geographic response areas and calls for service the department continues the tradition of providing first class service without hesitation, complaint, or interruption. New ways of accomplishing the numerous challenges are endless, by producing meaningful results throughout the department, from fiscal frugality to accomplishing more with less.

### Weaknesses

One of our greatest weaknesses as well as strengths is the ability to overcome any and all obstacles.

The Kenosha Fire Department faces numerous challenges providing an effective, efficient, and qualified workforce. Administration must insure the younger members are ready through succession planning, formal education, and training for the potential mass exodus of senior employees reaching retirement over the next 7 to 9 years. This initiative is underway at present and will continue well into the future.

### Opportunities

The Kenosha Fire Department has a unique opportunity approaching in 2010. With 17 aldermanic seats up for reelection, four (4) of which are vacated by long term aldermen, we have an opportunity to build an alliance with the newly elected officials. By communicating, educating, and involving the aldermen with the department's goals and aspirations, we as a department may fair better in the upcoming years. Now is the

time to discuss, plan, and prepare our strategy as a staff so once April arrives we are fully versed in our attempt to impress the values, mission, and importance of every fire department member.

### Threats

The economic outlook nationally as well as in this community will prove fiscally challenging to the fire service and the Kenosha Fire Department. Collectables such as emergency medical services billing and car fire billing have declined due to hardship waivers and the inability to collect. Fire Prevention Bureau revenues tied to above ground and below ground fuel tanks installations, new construction and existing building modifications permitting are declining, and if the sprinkler ordinance should revert back to 2007 a loss of predicted revenues will surface. Unfortunately, as revenues and budgets decrease calls for service do not placing a strain on apparatus, equipment, and other resources needed to continue acceptable service. As history presents itself 2010's budget process was an eye opening experience, I can only surmise 2011's budget process will encompass further reduction in personnel, equipment, and day to day operational funding.

# Suppression

The mission of the Kenosha Fire Department Suppression Division is to quickly extinguish any fires that we respond to. This is done through aggressive fire tactics, by highly trained and dedicated firefighters, with the goal of minimizing fire damage and preventing loss of life.



**Matthew Haerter**  
Battalion Chief  
A-shift



**John Poltrock**  
Battalion Chief  
B-shift



**Wesley Bernhardt**  
Battalion Chief  
C-shift

## **SUPPRESSION DIVISION**

The officers, men, and women of the Department met all of their operational commitments in 2009.

### **Achievements for 2009**

1. No significant line of duty injuries
2. Successful mitigation of all EMS and suppression events
3. Successful Public Education delivery
4. Diverse Company in-service training
5. Paramedic and EMT re-certification

### **Primary Goals for 2010**

1. No significant line of duty injuries
2. Zero vehicle collision/damage incidents
3. Successful mitigation of all suppression events
4. Delivery of Paramedic-level service city-wide
5. Reduced usage of sick leave
6. P-25 radio project procurement kick-off
7. Cisco 12.1 implementation

### **Collateral Duties - Radio Communications and CAD**

The reorganization of the Dispatch Center and the promulgation of their new procedures streamlined and improved communications, the dispatching of RIT and Safety Officers, and formalized the pathway for resolution of problems. 2009 saw the lowest number of complaints in recent memory.

Radio equipment procurement continued to address equipment maintenance and repair as well as continuing the pathway to P25 compliance. The first P-25 radios were ordered in November.

The CAD system's Run Orders were streamlined by over 90 percent to allow for simpler, effective dispatching, and improvements such as using the Trucks to perform first responder rolls in their districts and making Med 2 operational.

### **Collateral Duties - Computer Systems**

The Kenosha Fire Department was the lead agency to make the Cisco 12 Software Suite operational. In 2009, efforts were expended to ready Cisco 12.1 for implementation in early 2010. Cisco 12.1 will address any outstanding "bugs" in NFIRS, streamline Car Fire fee-for-service billing, and move scheduled and unscheduled leave completely out of Cisco 9.

The department's LAN is now almost completely supported by Comsys, Inc. Pathways for troubleshooting have been formally established and each department work station received a tune up and additional RAM. It is expected that Platinum Systems will provide some specialized services in 2010.

## **Division of Operations**

### **Division Overview**

2009 brought another busy year for the KFD, with 10,319 calls for service being answered.

### **Achievements**

The KFD responds strong on a daily basis boasting a “Can-do” attitude. Call after call, I see all members of the KFD doing all they are able to do in order to serve those who summon us for assistance. These actions occur regardless of time of day, weather, personalities, or any other external influence. The goal is to get the job done and that is exactly what happens.

Together we were able to achieve many things including:

- Answered 10,319 calls with no major injuries to responding personnel and over \$19,000,000 in saved property from fire.

- Placed Med 2 into service at the Tremper Fire Station. This ambulance is staffed on days when the department has at least 39 personnel on duty.

- Updated and completed another specification for KFD Med Units due to be replaced 2011.

- Began specification process for Engine Companies due to be replaced 2011.

- Oversaw the I94 construction process as it pertained to City of Kenosha Fire Department response. The impact to our city from this project will continue for the next two years.

- Improvement of tools on truck companies to allow faster and easier forced entry to any building. Each truck now has an identical Hydra ram tool which is hand-operated by one Firefighter and can deliver over 10,000 pounds per square inch while opening residential or commercial doors.

- Completed high visibility chevron application to the rear of all front-line apparatus.

- Improved reflective graphics on the Airport Crash Rig P-19 to allow for safer operation when in traffic.

- Procured and outfitted a new public education vehicle for the Fire Prevention Bureau.

# **HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

## **Division Overview**

In 2009 operations looked to confront challenges in staffing and administration of human resources. Streamlining internal functions and utilizing the department's human resources through deployment, assignment and allocation of people more effectively to enhance the service available to the citizens of Kenosha.

The following were major issues confronting Personnel in 2009:

## **Staffing**

Transfers and reassignment of existing paramedic personnel on a daily basis for the first time in 2009 allowed activation of a fifth paramedic ambulance operating out of Station #2 for the first time ever. Active management of paramedics allowed this enhancement in service per the Fire Chief's directive.

A number of minor transfers throughout 2009 accomplished the rotation of personnel to stations and positions affording greater opportunity for personnel to expand their skills. Transfers were implemented during 2009 mainly to balance long term sick leave or department vacancies across the shifts to minimize overtime costs to the department. Paramedics from assignments with greater emergency call volume were rotated with those from stations or assignments with lesser call volume or skill utilization opportunities. The need for large scale reassignment and transfer of personnel was deemed unnecessary in 2009.

In 2009 the Battalion Chief of Personnel was fully involved in the evaluating, interviewing and hiring of three (3) probationary firefighters that started in April 2009. Support of the Fire Chief in the process of filling internal openings and positions in were a major part of the duties.

## **Employee Evaluations**

In 2009 the employee evaluation forms and process implemented in 2008 were reevaluated and minor changes made to the form. Suggestions from the stakeholders in administration and the line officers were solicited and improvements made where appropriate. The Battalion Chief of Personnel intends to review the forms and processes implemented and make changes to keep the evaluation process current and relevant to the needs of the department into 2010 and beyond.

A separate system is in place to review the probationary firefighters quarterly during their first year. Liaison between the Division Chief of Training, Battalion Chief of Personnel and the Deputy Chief currently reviews these evaluations and

insures that the probationary period is a meaningful tool in identifying candidates for long term employment with the department. 2009 had three new hires involved in this evaluation process.

### **Payroll**

The Battalion Chief of Personnel continues to work with the Finance and Personnel departments to resolve and expedite issues arising from reporting, tallying and implementing information pertaining to pay, promotions and personnel. An excellent clerical support staff in fire administration constantly looks for ways to streamline and improve efficiency between line, staff and other city departments in these areas. A challenge to this will be the loss of our part time secretary due to budget cuts imposed by the City Council starting in 2010.

### **Personnel Recognition/Commendations**

The employee recognition policy written and implemented in 2007 continues in 2009. The process and involvement by officers in recognizing achievements by their personnel continues to improve. Official recognition for attendance, years of service, unit citations, personal excellence for the greater good of the community and department ect... all serve to raise the bar of everyday expectations and performance. The Fire Chief through the process is better able in a consistent and uniform manner to recognize significant contributions by members of the Fire department personnel. The positive reinforcement of commendable performance improves morale, establishes tradition and demonstrates commitment of the department to excellence. One line member's term of service on the commendation committee ended in 2009 and we look forward to participation by new members on the committee in 2010.

### **Corrective Action**

Clear expectations, consistent application and follow through on issues that negatively impact morale, performance or the goals of the organization continues to proceed. The expectations of the Fire Chief as to the performance and accountability of department members is being supported by the fair and equal application of the corrective action process that is in place. The Battalion Chief of Personnel strives to provide the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief with timely, accurate and necessary information and documentation. The main duty of the Battalion Chief of Personnel is facilitating the chain of command and bridging the communication between line officers and staff on issues that need attention.

### **Recruitment**

The Fire Chief and the Battalion Chief of Personnel recognize the need for diversity in candidates for application for position of firefighter. In 2009 the department supported local school district officials and Gateway Technical



College to establish a framework for a career track program that would encourage local minority and female candidates in the emergency services. The Unified school system and Gateway have the program up and running and the Kenosha Fire Department looks forward to partnering with the program in 2010 and beyond.

### **Summary**

2009 was a year that the Battalion Chief of Personnel assisted to make changes in staffing, assignments and processes. Innovative uses of personnel assets are critical in times of tight budgets. Support of the Fire Chief's vision for a safe, effective and cost effective use of personnel resources is the mission of the Battalion Chief of Personnel.

## **BREATHING AIR SYSTEM MANAGEMENT**

The following report is a summary of activities completed by the Breathing Protection Specialists for the year 2009.

### **Division Overview**

In the beginning of 2009, six major goals were targeted for completion by the Breathing Protection Specialists.

These six goals were as follows:

1. Maintain all SCBA, cylinders, breathing air compressors and related systems to insure compliance with all codes and standards.
2. Continue annual SCBA mask fit testing for all personnel.
3. The continuation of the SCBA and oxygen cylinder hydrostatic testing program.
4. Continue the implementation of a fourteen year SCBA and cylinder replacement schedule.
5. The continued conversion to computer based records.
6. By far the largest goal for 2009 will be the selection, purchasing and implementation of ninety-five new breathing apparatus and auxiliary equipment. The implementation phase will include fitting, inventorying and training.

Five of the six goals were completed successfully. The communication and telemetry components of the new SCBA purchase are still a work in progress. These components were delayed due to issues with the purchase of computer equipment and the customization of the Interspiro Team talk for the needs of the KFD.

### **Present Status**

In addition to accomplishing the major goals for the year several smaller projects were completed in 2009.

- 150 personnel were quantitatively fit tested using the Port A Count machine.
- 150 personnel were qualitatively fit tested for N95 masks.
- Thirty SCBAs were flow tested in 2009.
- Eighty-nine tanks were collected and sent out for hydrostatic tested.
- Tower 7's supplied breathing system was re-plumbed for the new SCBAs.
- Eight breathing air samples were obtained and sent out to be analyzed.

### **Special Project for 2009**

The process of testing and creating a specification for new SCBAs ended in late 2008. In January of 2009 four different bids were received for three different pack manufacturers. The bids included packs made by MSA, Drager and Interspiro. During the last week of January a decision was made to select Interspiro. The process of converting to and training with the new Interspiro SCBAs started in February 2009. KFD personnel were mask fit tested in February. In March KFD personnel started a six week training program. The new packs were received, inventoried and put into service in June 2009.

### **Financial Report**

The B.P.S. budget finished \$7724.41 under budget for 2009. This figure can be attributed to four factors:

- A savings in purchases thru the bid process.
- No one was sent to MSA School due to the fact everyone was trained in 2009 with the CIP purchase. This accounted for a savings of \$1000.00.
- The relatively low occurrence of air monitor repairs providing a savings of \$1338.24.
- We experienced a lower than normal need for non warranty repairs of the breathing air compressors accounting for a \$2084.51 savings.

# Maintenance

The mission of this Maintenance Division is to proactively hold the entire fleet of Kenosha Fire Department emergency apparatus in a constant state of operational readiness through a regular preventive maintenance schedule and competent timely troubleshooting of all equipment assigned to this division.



**William Thomas**  
**Maintenance Supervisor**



**Dale Brague**  
**Mechanic**

**Nicholas Bilotta – Student Apprentice**

# MAINTENANCE DIVISION

## **Overview**

The Maintenance Division for the City of Kenosha Fire Department is responsible for scheduling, maintaining, testing, repairing, and record keeping of the department's 36 vehicles along with all of its essential onboard equipment. No new vehicles placed into service in 2009.

At the conclusion of 2009 vehicles were as follows:

- 2 Incident Command Vehicles
- 3 Safety Officer Vehicles
- 7 Staff Vehicles; 2 Reserve
- 7 Fire Suppression Units (Pumpers)
- 4 ALS Units (Ambulances) (3 Reserves)
- 2 Aerial Ladders (Trucks)
- 1 Aerial Platform (Truck/Pump)
- 1 ARFF Unit (P-19)
- 1 FPB Investigation Unit
- 1 Public Safety/Education Unit
- 2 Major Event Response Vehicles (ATV)

In addition to maintenance and repairs to the fleet, this division is responsible for snow removal, station maintenance (including emergency generators) for seven stations, hand/power tool repair, snow blower/lawn tractor and repair of firefighter equipment/gear.

## **Personnel**

William Thomas (Supervisor)  
Dale Brague (Mechanic)  
Nicholas Bilotta (Apprentice)

## **Accomplishments**

Both mechanics endured many hours of studying and testing to become certified in various levels of Emergency Vehicle Technician (EVT). This is an ongoing educational program to provide certification in all aspects of emergency equipment repairs and maintenance. Ongoing education and training completed in 2009:

Akron Brass valve/nozzle service, TFT nozzle and appliances, Foam Systems, Class 1 Electronics, Self Contained Breathing Air Systems, and a refresher in Air Brake Systems Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians seminar and certification testing. The topics cover maintenance, testing and updates on both fire apparatus and rescue squad.

At the closing of 2009 the local high school apprentice position was eliminated due to budget cuts.

# Training

The mission of the Kenosha Fire Department Training Division is to develop and maintain job skills of the Department's firefighters and to provide training to new fire recruits.

As public demands on the Fire Department increase, training must be focused on and geared to meet these demands.

Therefore, efficient and effective training programs benefit not only members of this Department, but also the citizens of Kenosha.



**Kenneth Schroeder**  
**Training Division Chief**

# TRAINING DIVISION

## Division Overview

Staffed by one Division Chief during 2009, the Training and Safety Division successfully administered a broad spectrum of mandated emergency services training to ensure highly educated and technically competent fire department personnel provided exceptional service to the citizens of Kenosha.

Major areas addressed:

**Basic Recruit Training:** Kenosha Fire Department Basic Recruit Academy successfully trained three recruits who have been placed “on-line” as probationary firefighters.

**Suppression:** Fire Ground Safety, New Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) implementation and training, Fire Apparatus Driver Operations, Motor Vehicle Emergency Response Guide Familiarization, Emergency Responder Roadway Safety, Thermal Imaging Camera Operation.

**EMS:** EMT-B Refresher, Paramedic Refresher, ImageTrend EMS Reporting System Implementation.

**Fire Prevention:** NFIRS reporting and Fire Inspections.

**Hazmat:** Operations Level Refresher.

**Exercises:** City of Kenosha Transit Department – Trolley Car Emergencies, Kenosha Countywide Portable Tank Water Supply Exercise.

**Administration:** Supervisor Training – Drug and Alcohol Abuse Recognition, City of Kenosha Wellness Program



# Fire Prevention Bureau

The Fire Prevention Bureau exists to prevent all loss of life and property from the effects of fire.



**Patrick Ryan**  
FPB Division Chief



**Theonita Cox**  
FPB Assistant Division Chief



**Guy Santelli**  
Fire Inspector

# **FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU**

## **Division Overview**

The Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB) exists to prevent loss of life and property by fire. This is accomplished by conducting bi-annual inspections of over 4,000 commercial and multi-family occupancies within the City of Kenosha.

Public education programs are provided throughout the year. These programs include the Childrens Fire Safety House, Fire Extinguisher Safety Instruction, Fire Safety Presentations, and customized fire safety courses designed for specific occupants of commercial and industrial settings.

On January 21, 2009, the City Council approved a revision of Chapter III of the City Ordinance to include change in requirements of the Sprinkler Ordinance. As a result, there has been an increase in the number of sprinkler plans reviewed as well as an increase of fees associated with the plan review process. Additional changes in the Ordinance concerning fire safety components of new construction have also increased fees collected for the plan review process and the amount of inspections conducted for each project. In 2010, the FPB will look at implementing fees for specific fire safety presentations offered such as, fire extinguisher operation presented to nursing home staff as required for state license renewals and at industrial settings which may be required by their insurance carriers.

The FPB continues to provide excellent service to the citizens of Kenosha and will always maintain a fire safe environment for all who live and visit here.

# FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

## Division Overview

The following is an overview of activities conducted by the Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB) for the year 2009:

2% Dues	\$203,893.99
Fire Inspection Fee	8,160.00
AST/UST Plan Review and Inspection Fee	12,183.00
Fire Sprinkler System Fees	10,275.00
Fire Alarm System Fees	5,500.00
Hood Suppression System Fees	2,100.00
Fireworks and Bon Fire Permit Fees	1,400.00
Reinspection Fees	200.00
<i>Total:</i>	<u>\$243,711.99</u>

Plan Reviews	105
Sprinkler Reviews	23
Fire Alarm Reviews	11
Hood Reviews	7

### Fire Inspections

	2009 A	2009B	Total
6 month	4,095	3,958	8,053
Buildings Not Inspected	1	1	2
Referred to FPB	29	27	56
Reinspections	651	570	1,221

## Strengths

The FPB continues to maintain the workload utilizing the same three (3) positions.

The change of the Ordinance requirements for increase installations of sprinkler systems and other fire safety requirements has increased fees collected for these projects.

### **Weaknesses**

The amount of public education programs remain at present status due to lack of personnel, increased training schedules of line personnel, and no overtime allowance.

The Kenosha Fire Department has lost several opportunities to improve services and safety of personnel due to restrictions in the amount and types of grants permitted to be explored or written. However, the FPB will continue to pursue non-matching grants.

The FPB continues to provide excellent service with the limited resources available and will continue to improve in areas as needed.

## **Juvenile Fire Setters**

The dollar loss from juvenile firesetting continues to diminish the value of real property in Kenosha. With the aid of computer tracking and quality assurance of fire incident reporting, it has been determined that juvenile firesetting is accountable for a significant amount of dollar loss and number of incidents.

To address this issue, the Fire Prevention Bureau provides the “Juvenile Firesetter” program to all juveniles apprehended in fire play. This program is based upon the Federal Juvenile Firesetter program. Additionally, all juveniles are referred to Juvenile Intake which is a division of Kenosha County. Juvenile Intake then provides additional, on-going counseling and outside resources for the juvenile as well as the family.

It is the experience of the Bureau that “prevention” is the best defense against fire play. Although the Juvenile Firesetter program is enormously successful, children who have the propensity for fire play that do not receive fire safety instruction continue to be “at risk.”

**Juvenile Firesetters Counseled: 22**

**Juvenile Firesetters Not Counseled: 3**

**Juvenile Repeat Offenders: 1**

**Juveniles Referred to Intake Services: 25**

## Public Education Events

	<u># Events</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
<b>KUSD Fall Fire Safety Program</b>	40	4999
<b>Career Day Presentations</b>	2	216
<b>Engine/Sparky Presentation</b>	13	24,512
<b>Public Safety Presentations</b>	23	1196
<b>Fire Safety Teaching</b>	8	177
<b>Extinguisher Training</b>	7	138
<b>Smoke Detector Give-Away</b>	As Needed	200
<b>Battery Give-Away</b>	As Needed	200
<b>Fire Safety Booth</b>	4	4,560
<b>Fire Station Tours</b>	88	Children: 1073
<b>(utilizing 100.25 man hours)</b>		Adults: 383
		Seniors: 78
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>37,732</b>

## **PubEd/JFS:**

### **Strengths (Current Structure)**

- Strong programs
- Dedicated personnel
- Knowledge of what issues we need to be addressed

### **Weaknesses (Current Structure)**

- Insufficient manpower to implement programs
- Lack of funding for future programs/projects
- Lack of long term/strategic plan

## **Solution:**

### **Set realistic goals and priorities by:**

- Develop long term plans
- Review statistics to identify high priority issues
- Review and prioritize ideas
- Focus on realistic goals
- Focus on fewer issues per year
- Identify more local partners to commit to annual training
- Offer more continuing education for program partners

## **2009 Accomplishments:**

- ◆ Awarded a Fire Safety Trailer through grant from Kiwanis
- ◆ Reduction in JFS Cases
- ◆ Piloting a JFS Mentoring Program
- ◆ Zero Fire Fatalities
- ◆ PIO Certification Training Obtained (Basic and Advanced)
- ◆ Established community partnership with Girl Scouts Organization for 2010 program implementation

**Fire Prevention Bureau  
Public Education Classes Events**

<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Kids</b>	<b>Seniors</b>	<b>Manpower</b>
1	1/20/2009	Fire Drill at Ken Mac Metals	25	0	0	1
1.5	1/21/2009	Fire Extinguisher Training	25	0	0	1
2	2/5/2009	HDS Inservice Presentation	20	0	0	2
3	2/21/2009	CPR Training Family and Friends at St Cats	30	0	0	6
2	3/6/2009	Read Dr. Seuss at Jefferson Elementary	8	142	0	2
2	3/6/2009	Read Dr. Seuss at Harvey Elementary	4	60	0	1
1.5	3/16/2009	Engine Fire Safety Presentation	10	43	7	3
4	3/17/2009	English Festival	6	80	0	1
0.5	3/17/2009	Lincoln Neighborhood Watch Fire Safety Training	25	5	0	1
4	3/18/2009	English Festival	6	80	0	1
1.5	3/20/2009	Non-Traditional Career Panel at Wilmot High School	6	80	0	1
2	4/2/2009	HDS Inservice Presentation	20	0	0	2
1	4/9/2009	Fire Extinguisher Training at Aviation Advisor	7	0	0	1
3	4/11/2009	Smoke Detector Education-Signup at Lincoln Easter Egg Hunt	43	55	12	1
3	4/14/2009	Fire Safety Training	1	0	0	1
1.5	4/21/2009	Fire Safety/Extinguisher Training at St Catherine's Commons	0	0	25	1
4	4/1/2009	Healthy Kids Day Expo Fire Safety Booth at YMCA Callahan	20	80	0	1
0.75	4/21/2009	Fire Safety Presentation for Girl Scout Troop	2	10	0	1
1.5	4/22/2009	Fire Safety Presentation Week of the Young Child at Cornerstone Academy Engine/Sparky	6	40	0	3
1.5	4/24/2009	Fire Safety Presentation Week of the Young Child at Cornerstone Academy Engine/Sparky	6	40	0	3
2	5/6/2009	Fire Safety Presentation at Boys and Girls Club with Engine	5	30	0	4
1.5	5/7/2009	WTMJ Teddy Bear Patrol Safety Event	20	20	6	1
2	5/18/2009	Career Day at Wilson Elementary	10	120	0	1
1.5	5/20/2009	Fire Safety Presentation at Parkside Baptist Church	1	0	4	1
1.5	6/4/2009	Fire Safety Presentation at Whittier	3	30	0	1
1	6/16/2009	Fire Safety Presentation at Rotary Safety Center	2	18	0	3
1	6/23/2009	Fire Extinguisher Training (lecture Only)	12	0	0	1
1	6/17/2009	Fire Safety Presentation at Rotary Safety Center	2	12	0	3
10	6/30/2009	Engine/Sparky Appearance for Civic Day Parade Kenosha	20,000	0	0	3
3	7/4/2009	Engine/Sparky Appearance for Civic Day Parade Somers	2,000	0	0	3
1	7/7/2009	Fire Safety Presentation at Rotary Safety Center	2	21	0	3
1	7/8/2009	Fire Safety Presentation at Rotary Safety Center	2	24	0	3
1.5	7/9/2009	Fire Safety Presentation/Engine (Special Needs)	20	50	0	3



**Fire Prevention Bureau  
Public Education Classes Events**

1.5	7/13/2009	Fire Safety Presentation/Engine	15	60	0	3
1.5	7/14/2009	Fire Safety Presentation/Sparky at West Side Tennis Club	5	75	0	2
1	7/21/2009	Fire Safety Presentation at Rotary Safety Center	2	25	0	3
1.5	7/22/2009	Fire Safety Presentation/Sparky at West Side Tennis Club	5	75	0	2
1.5	7/22/2009	Fire Extinguisher Training at Saxony Manor	6	0	25	1
8	7/24/2009	Food Folks and Spokes Fire Safety Booth	250	100	50	2
1	7/29/2009	Fire Safety Presentation at Rotary Safety Center	2	25	0	3
20	8/1-2/09	Taste of Kenosha Kiwanis Fire Safety Booth	750	150	100	2
5	8/4/2009	National Night Out Fire Safety Booth/Engine	200	100	50	2
1.5	8/18/2009	Fire Safety Training/Evacuation Drill at Saxony Manor	6	0	25	1
4	8/20/2009	Engine/Sparky Appearance at WI Alliance Burn Camp	750	200	50	2
1.5	9/4/2009	Fire Safety Training at St. Vincent DePaul Society	15	0	0	1
4	9/12/2009	Fire Safety Booth with Sparky for Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome	500	0	0	2
1	9/25/2009	Fire Safety Information for Red Cross regarding Smoke Detectors	200	0	0	0
2	9/29/2009	Fire Safety Training for Kemper Haunted House	5	50	0	1
1.5	10/1/2009	Engine/Sparky Appearance for Carthage Homecoming	1,000	0	0	3
1	10/1/2009	Fire Safety Presentation for Hillside Students	2	5	0	1
2	10/13/2009	Fire Safety Presentation for Harvey PreSchool	6	40	0	1
4	10/14/2009	Delivering Fire Safety with Derangos	25	12	6	3
4	10/24/2009	Trunk or Treat Fire Safety Booth at Barth Storage	250	150	50	1
2	10/29/2009	Great Country Pumpkin Party Fire Safety Booth at Country Inn Suites	200	150	50	1
1.5	10/31/2009	Batteries Plus Engine Appearance for Fire Safety	14	5	0	3
1.5	11/10/2009	Fire Safety/Extinguisher Training at Community Support Program	12	0	0	1
1	11/17/2009	Fire Safety Presentation for KAC	12	12	0	1
2	11/18/2009	Fire Safety Presentation at Kids Castle	8	60	0	1
1.5	11/20/2009	Fire Safety Presentation for Nash	6	60	0	2
1	12/15/2009	Fire Safety Information for Rotary	100	0	0	0
<b>147.3</b>			<b>26695</b>	<b>2394</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>109</b>

**Total Community Attendance:**

**29549**

# **Emergency Medical Services**

The City of Kenosha Emergency Medical Services' mission is to improve the quality, dignity and prosperity of the citizens and visitors by providing compassionate Basic and Advanced Life-Support care, education, transportation and related services that are reliable, professional and tailored to the needs of the community.



**James Poltrock**  
**EMS Assistant Division Chief**

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

### Summary

The EMS Division was staffed by one (1) person in 2009, the Assistant Division Chief of EMS. The division is tasked with all operational, administrative, and planning functions. In 2009, the following goals were met:

**Image Trend:** A new patient care reporting system was implemented on May 1. Extensive department-wide training took place prior to activation. This system will allow the division to focus on areas needing improvement and reduce risks and liabilities.

**Distance-Learning:** Planned for and implemented a new system that allows employees to complete required medical training in-station.

**Patient Care Guidelines:** Instituted and refined patient care guidelines written and practical competency testing for all employees actions in EMS.

**Continuing Medical Training:** Planned for and executed all state-required ongoing medical training for KFD EMTs and paramedics.