February 13, 2012

Honorable Mayor Keith Bosman
And Common Council
625 52 Street
Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140

Honorable Mayor Bosman:

I am proud to present the 2011 Kenosha Fire Department Annual Report. With your guidance and the support of the Common Council, we have provided exceptional public service at a reasonable cost to the taxpayers.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Your Servant,

John R. Thomsen
Chief of the Department
Kenosha Fire Department
2011

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.
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Run Summary
**Exemplary Attendance Award – 3 Years**
Wesley Bernhardt
Kenneth Schroeder

**Exemplary Attendance Award – 1 Year**
Joseph Ahler
Carl Carlson
Jared Harmann
Erick Kissner
Matthew Martin
Matthew Matoska
Steve Omsanski
Daniel Radandt
Patrick Ryan
Steve Spieker
Heather Tobin
Michael Zoerner

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**Years of Service**

**30 Years**
Jeffery Strangberg

**25 Years**
Mathew Loewen

**20 Years**
Daniel Allemand
Scott Laack
Steve Ledding
Brian Rummelhart
James Strouf

**15 Years**
Chris Bigley
Kurt Lassig
James Miller
Paul Schlereth
Michael Zoerner

**10 Years**
Scott Carter
Kelly Fonk
Dale Howser Jr.
Erick Kissner
Jesse Menke
Paul Reget
Andrew Yule
AWARDS

2011 Award Recipients

Department Merit Award
Jeffrey Johnson   Erick Kissner
Structure Fire
Awarded by the Fire Chief in appreciation and recognition for demonstration to public service.

Fire Department Merit Award
Patrick Ryan
Structure Fire and House Explosion
Awarded by Fire Chief in appreciation and recognition for demonstration to public service.

Medal of Merit
William Glass   Jared Harmann
John Kiel       Scott Laack
Charles Leipzig  Timothy Lewis
Brian Rummelhart  David Sass
Jeffrey Wunder

Unit Citation
John Thomsen (Car 1)   Kenneth Schroeder (Car 3)
William Thomas (Car 8)   Dale Brague (Car 81)
Clay Lagerwall (Engine 2)   Ezekiel Thompkins (Engine 2)
James Anderson (Engine 3)   John Kiel (Engine 3)
Matthew Stahl (Engine 3)   John Alia (Engine 4)
Brian Vogt (Engine 4)   Phil Jacobs (Engine 5)
Jeffrey Wunder (Engine 5)   Jared Harrmann (Truck 3)
Brian Rummelhart (Truck 3)   Henderson Darby (Truck 4)
David Sass (Truck 4)   Gregory Belsky (Truck 7)
Andrew Yule (Truck 7)   Christopher Daniel (Med 3)
James Strouf (Med 3)   Jerome Drissel (Med 4)
William Glass (Med 4)   David Kovach (Med 7)
Jesse Menke (Med 7)

Structure Fire
Awarded by Fire Chief to those unit members that through a cooperative effort accomplished a highly difficult or significant emergency action or actions outside of normally expected operational responsibility.

Letter of Commendation “Class A”
Matt Stahl   Kerry Poltrock   James Strouf   Dale Howser
Jeffrey Wunder   David Marifern   John DelFratre   Off Duty Life Saving Efforts

Structure Fire
Awarded by Fire Chief to members whose actions deserve recognition.

Citizen’s Life Saving Award
Pablo Torres (KPD Officer)
Structure Fire
Awarded by Fire Chief in appreciation for prompt and unselfish act rendering aid and assistance to fellow citizens that resulted in the saving of a life.

Citizen’s Public Service Award
Chad Ogren (City Employee)
Motor Vehicle Accident
Grace Lutheran Church
Structure Fire
Awarded by Fire Chief in appreciation for prompt and unselfish act rendering aid and assistance to KFD and/or fellow citizen.
Fire Administration and Support Staff

John Thomsen
Fire Chief

Daniel Santeili
Deputy Fire Chief

Wesley Bernhardt
Battalion Chief
A Shift

Matthew Haerter
Battalion Chief
B Shift

John Poltrack
Battalion Chief
C Shift

Patrick Ryan
FPB Division Chief

Ken Schroeder
Training Division Chief

Richard Meeker
Division Chief
Quality Control and Public Health

William Thomas
Maintenance Supervisor

Theonita Cox
FPB Assistant Division Chief

James Poltrack
EMS Assistant Division Chief

Cindy Baumann
Secretary

Jennifer Oas
Secretary
Station #2
8530 30th Avenue

House Captain
Kenneth Walton

Lieutenant
Alan Horgen

Lieutenant
Clay Lagerwall

Apparatus Operator
Kevin Carbon

Apparatus Operator
James Petersen

Apparatus Operator
Randy Westphal

Firefighter
Todd Leipzig

Firefighter
Francesco Rovella

Firefighter
Ezekiel Thompkins
Station #3
2121 Roosevelt Road

House Captain
Gregg Sinnen

Captain
John Kiel

Captain
Mathew Loewen

Lieutenant
Jeffery Johnson

Lieutenant
Theodore Johnson

Lieutenant
Gary Karasti

Lieutenant
David Marifern

Lieutenant
James Miller

Lieutenant
David Steidtman

Apparatus Operator
James Anderson

Apparatus Operator
David Hawkins

Apparatus Operator
Norman Hoening

Apparatus Operator
Arthur Peters

Apparatus Operator
James Schuppe

Apparatus Operator
Robert Shales

Apparatus Operator
Steve Spieker

Apparatus Operator
James Strouf

Firefighter
Zachary Brokaw

Firefighter
Christopher Daniel

Firefighter
Robert Eigenberger

Firefighter
Jared Harmann

Firefighter
Dale Howser

Firefighter
Keith Aulds

Firefighter
James Ludvigsen

Firefighter
Matthew Mitacek

Firefighter
Daniel O'Connell

Firefighter
Brian Page

Firefighter
Anthony Johnson

Firefighter
Kristin Kaminski

Firefighter
Heather Tobin

Firefighter
John Vos

Firefighter
Sam Wenger

Firefighter
Matthew Stahl

Firefighter
Chad Stoeber

Firefighter
Kerry Poltrock
Station #4
4810 60th Street

House Captain
Jeffery Flasch

Captain
Charles Leipzig

Captain
Daniel Harris

Lieutenant
Christopher Bigley

Lieutenant
Neil Flannery

Lieutenant
Philip Johnson

Lieutenant
Matthew Matoska

Lieutenant
Brian Mifflin

Lieutenant
Kenneth Schmelling

Apparatus Operator
Joseph Ahler

Apparatus Operator
Carl Carlson

Apparatus Operator
Nicholas Eschmann

Apparatus Operator
James Herrick

Apparatus Operator
Steven Ledding

Apparatus Operator
Paul Murphy

Apparatus Operator
David Sass

Apparatus Operator
Brian Sekey

Apparatus Operator
Martin Zess

Firefighter
Henderson Darby

Firefighter
Wesley Djuplin

Firefighter
Jerome Drissel

Firefighter
William Glass

Firefighter
Christopher Hannes

Firefighter
John Alia

Firefighter
Scott Krueger

Firefighter
Steve Lombardi

Firefighter
Ryan Mcneely

Firefighter
Nicholas Miller

Firefighter
John Rondeau

Firefighter
Jeremy Ryan

Firefighter
Guy Santelli

Firefighter
Matthew Spidell

Firefighter
Mark Stachura

Firefighter
Brian Vogt

Firefighter
Patrick Wilbert
Station #5
2125 Washington Road

House Captain
Steve Allemand

Captain
Rick Jurvis

Lieutenant
Brook Lagerwall

Lieutenant
Glen Malkmus

Lieutenant
Scott Schumacher

Lieutenant
Michael Zoerner

Apparatus Operator
Richard Barnes

Apparatus Operator
John Delfrate

Apparatus Operator
Dean Jackson

Apparatus Operator
Philip Jacobs

Apparatus Operator
Steve Osmanski

Apparatus Operator
John Peterson

Firefighter
Ryan Anderson

Firefighter
Kevin DeBauche

Firefighter
Kelly Fonk

Firefighter
Ricardo Lebron

Firefighter
Dale Moss

Firefighter
James Adams

Firefighter
Michael Ruffolo

Firefighter
Joseph Sielski

Firefighter
Raymond Tessman

Firefighter
Harry Tolbert

Firefighter
Jacob Waldschmidt

Firefighter
Jeffrey Wunder
Station #6
2615 14th Place

House Captain
Donald Howland

Lieutenant
Greg Belsky

Lieutenant
Richard Jaskolski

Apparatus Operator
Charles Gann

Apparatus Operator
Gary Stein

Apparatus Operator
Brenda Van Cuick

Firefighter
Scott Carter

Firefighter
Matthew Martin

Firefighter
Carl Ruegg
Station #7
9700 52nd Street

House Captain
David Riley

Captain
Alan Carr

Lieutenant
Gregory Peterson

Lieutenant
Daniel Radandt

Lieutenant
Brian Smith

Lieutenant
Jeffery Strangberg

Apparatus Operator
Steven Dahl

Apparatus Operator
Scott Laack

Apparatus Operator
Kurt Lassig

Apparatus Operator
Paul Schiereth

Apparatus Operator
Jeffrey Weidner

Apparatus Operator
Daniel Allemand

Firefighter
Lance Dahl

Firefighter
Jace Froeber

Firefighter
Joseph Kiser

Firefighter
Erick Kissner

Firefighter
Dave Kovach

Firefighter
Scott Arneberg

Firefighter
Scott Larsen

Firefighter
Timothy Lewis

Firefighter
Joshua Martin

Firefighter
Jesse Menke

Firefighter
Brad Pfeiffer

Firefighter
Paul Reget

Firefighter
Daniel Tilton

Firefighter
Andrew Yule

Firefighter
Chad Zielinski
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.

Wesley Bernhardt                      Matthew Haerter                        John Poltrock
Battalion Chief                           Battalion Chief                        Battalion Chief
A-shift                                         B-shift                                         C-shift

Wesley Bernhardt
Battalion Chief
A-shift

Matthew Haerter
Battalion Chief
B-shift

John Poltrock
Battalion Chief
C-shift
SUPPRESSION DIVISION

In 2011, all operational commitments were met by the assigned forces. It should be noted that the shift personnel performed their public service duties with great skill, situational awareness, compassion, and professionalism. Several intense operational periods tasked the entire department. It remains very clear that the array of operational units now deployed constitute the absolute minimum required for effective coverage of the city.

**Achievements for 2011: Shift Operations**

1. No significant line of duty injuries
2. Successful mitigation of all EMS and suppression events
3. No significant apparatus/vehicle incidents

**Primary Goals for 2012**

1. No significant line of duty injuries
2. Zero vehicle collision/damage incidents
3. Successful mitigation of all EMS and suppression events
4. P-25 radio project completion including narrow band frequency shifting
5. Deploy new computer hardware to support critical department functions

**Collateral Duties - Radio Communications and CAD**

The department's radio system operated as designed and intended in 2011. The first phase roll-out of the CIP hand-held radios and charging systems was completed with success. New frequency assignments have made communications more efficient. Phase III of the CIP P-25 radio project was completed with new mobile radios readied for installation. Pre-installation work on specialized mounting and custom fabricated quick-disconnects will make future radio service easier and faster. Specialized training on Motorola radio programming and software was used by in-house personnel who completed the lion's share of radio service without the need for costly outside vendors.

**Computer Systems**

The department LAN had an up-time of over 99 percent in 2011 and was able to meet the data processing and communication needs of the department. Comsys, Inc. continues to provide timely customer service and was able to solve emergent technical and software issues.

A complete cost analysis was performed to determine the budget impact of updating the department's entire computer array in support of a proposed replacement of the entire public safety software suite.
2012

New computer hardware is in the pipeline to service and support the secretarial staff, Training Division, the Battalion Chief command vehicle, and the Breathing Protection Specialists.

By mid-2012, data transmission should be changed from T-1 to fiber optic lines which should result in a dramatic increase in the speed of data transmission.

The suite of P-25 radios will be ready for the switch to narrow band radio transmissions in the first quarter of 2012.

The ultimate fate of the public safety software replacement initiative has yet to be determined. Elements external to the fire department will be faced with the immense capital cost of such a project.
Division of Operations

Division Overview

2011 brought another busy year for the Kenosha Fire Department (KFD), with 11,234 calls for service being answered.

Strengths

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:

- Med 2 staffed multiple times allowing other ambulances to remain in their districts thus improving response times.

- Answered 11,234 calls for service.

- No major injuries to responding personnel and over $42,191,941 in saved property from fire.

- Supervised construction and received two (2) med units to be placed into service at the Washington and Roosevelt Road fire stations. This will allow an existing unit to be rotated to the airport fire station. The two (2) least reliable med units will be sent to auction.

- Oversaw construction of two (2) fire engines schedule for delivery in early 2012. These engines will be placed into service at the 60th Street and Roosevelt Road fire stations.

- Oversaw the I94 construction process as it pertained to City of Kenosha Fire Department response. Major impact to our city will occur from this project during 2012 and beyond requiring significant cooperation with other area fire departments.

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

- Restructured fire engine hose and nozzle configurations allowing better use of current equipment when applied to the changing environment of our responses.
- Facilitated the implementation of a 2009 plan for city-wide emergency vehicle preemption. The majority of the project will be completed in 2012 and will allow all fire department vehicles to control every intersection with a traffic signal. This will cause safer responses, better response times, and better overall service to our customers.
The following report is a summary of activities completed by the Breathing Protection Specialists (BPS) for the year 2011.

**Division Overview**

In the beginning of 2011, five (5) major goals were targeted for completion by the Breathing Protection Specialists.

The five (5) goals included the following:

1. Maintain all Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (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. To institute regular department training on SCBA and air monitor operations. Providing at least one training in the spring and fall and specifically training to the NFPA 1404 air management standard.

5. The completion of the SCBA conversion started in 2009 which will include the Spirocom and Watchdog components

The first three (3) goals were completed successfully. The Breathing Protection Specialists conducted air monitor training in the spring of this year. The scheduling of fall training was more challenging due to Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB) activities taking priority and training funds. 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 Spirocom for the needs of the Kenosha Fire Department (KFD). The mask component of the Spirocom units were delivered and put into service in 2010. Training was conducted and feedback was gathered. By March 2011 it was determined to abandon the team talk and switch to basic amplifiers. In 2012 KFD will be receiving the new S7 air packs. The S7 will include Interspiros proprietary telemetry system. Delivery and implementation of this equipment should take place sometime in March 2012.
Present Status

In addition to accomplishing the major goals for the year, several smaller projects were completed in 2011.

- 150 personnel were quantitatively fit tested using the PortaCount machine.
- 150 personnel were qualitatively fit tested for N95 masks.
- Ninety-five SCBAs were flow tested in 2011.
- Eight breathing air samples were obtained and sent out to be analyzed.
- 144 voice amplifiers were installed.
- Installation of five (5) ASME storage cylinders for the Station 4 compressor.

Financial Report

The Breathing Protection Specialists (BPS) budget finished $4253.77 under budget for 2011. This figure can be attributed to four (4) factors:

- A savings in purchases thru the bid process.
- The low occurrence of air monitors repairs providing a savings of $2781.00.
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                           Dale Brague
Maintenance Supervisor                   Mechanic
MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Overview

The responsibilities of the Maintenance Division for the City of Kenosha Fire Department (KFD) consist of scheduling, maintaining, testing, repairing, and record keeping for its 33 vehicles and all equipment carried. No vehicles were removed from service nor were any new vehicles placed into service in 2011.

Vehicles in-service at the closing of 2011:

- 2 Incident Command Vehicles
- 2 Safety Officer Vehicles
- 4 Staff Vehicles; 1 Reserve
- 2 Maintenance/Plow Vehicles
- 7 Fire Suppression Units (Pumpers)
- 1 Aerial Platform (Truck/Pump)
- 2 Aerial 104’ Ladders (Trucks)
- 2 Major Event Response Vehicles (ATV)
- 1 Public Safety/Education Unit
- 1 Fire Investigation Unit
- 1 ARFF Unit (P19)
- 5 Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulances
- 2 Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulances

Additional responsibilities include repair of all hand/power tools, small equipment (mowers, chain saws, partner saws, and snow blowers), snow removal and station maintenance at all seven (7) stations.

Personnel

Due to budget restraints the position of High School Youth Apprentice that was eliminated in 2010 remained vacant in 2011.

William Thomas (Mechanic/Supervisor)
Dale Brague (Mechanic II)
**Accomplishments**

Both mechanics endured countless hours training and studying for tests in the ASE (automotive service excellence) and EVT (emergency vehicle technician) educational programs.

**Completed training/testing in 2011**

Both mechanics participated in the following trainings:

- Hale Pump service class
- Interstate emergency advanced electrical systems
- Hydraulic generator service and repair class
- Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians seminars

Dale Brague completed ASE/EVT certifications (automobile suspension and steering, brakes, electrical, engine performance, engine repair, heating and air conditioning, heavy duty truck diesel engines and suspension and steering).

William Thomas obtained his EVT Master Ambulance Technician and ASE Master Automotive Technician certifications.

**Goals**

The 2012 goals of the Maintenance Division are:

- Maintain current levels of and pursue further certifications in the ASE and EVT programs
- Provide the same level of service in maintaining the equipment used by KFD
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

The Kenosha Fire Department Training Division is organized and managed by a staff of one, the Division Chief. The Division Chief is responsible for training, safety, administration and operational duties which include:

- Developing and scheduling all fire department training activities
- Conducting training and supervising other department instructors assigned to deliver training
- Develops training programs and curriculum
- Coordinates training equipment, apparatus and training aids
- Coordinates training with company officers and evaluates performance
- Maintains individual training records and updates to the training calendar
- Ensures the department maintains compliance with all appropriate national and state standards
- Prepares and implements the Training Division operating budget
- Serves as the department Safety Officer and responds to emergency scenes
- Chairs the Occupational Health and Safety committee
- Performs Command duties as required
- Serves as the KFD delegate to the Gateway Technical College for Fire Service Training Coordination, Kenosha Tri-County Training Officer meeting
- Conducts Post Incident Analysis and critiques of major incidents
- Processes and approves department educational requests
- Recommends modifications to department policies and procedures
- Prepares strategic plans and advises the Fire Chief on future department needs
- Investigates duty-related accidents and injuries
- Performs other collateral duties as directed by the Fire Chief
During 2011 the Training Division administered mandated and necessary training to ensure highly educated and technically competent fire department personnel are providing exceptional service to the citizens of Kenosha.

Major areas addressed:

**Basic Recruit Training:** Kenosha Fire Department Basic Recruit Academy successfully trained three (3) recruits who were successfully placed “on-line” as probationary firefighters. Fire Fighter II State Certification – 1 firefighter.

**Suppression:** Fire Apparatus Aerial Operations -59 certifications. Building Construction Types, Hazards & Tactics. MAYDAY exercises and emergency procedures.

**EMS:** EMT-B Refresher and Paramedic Refresher continuing education state mandated requirements.

**Fire Prevention:** Fire Inspections. Abandoned Buildings Hazards.

**Hazmat:** Operations Level Refresher COMM 30 mandated training.

**Safety:** Incident Safety – 141 members. Red Cross support capabilities.

**Exercises:** City of Kenosha Transit Department – Street Car Emergency. Water Rescue US Coast Guard – Aircraft Emergency.

**Human Resources/ General Admin:**
- Supervisor Training – Drug and Alcohol Abuse Recognition

**Projects:** A MAYDAY floor collapse simulator developed and built for KFD Firefighters to train at Station 4.
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
Division Overview

In 2011 the Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB) was staffed by two (2) personnel (Division Chief and Assistant Division Chief). The Division is responsible for the following activities:

- **Fire inspections**
  - new construction
  - existing buildings
- **Fire investigations**
- **Flammable/combustible liquid storage tank inspections**
- **Plan reviews of new construction**
  - fire alarm systems
  - sprinkler systems
  - emergency plans
- **Public education programs**
  - Childrens' Fire Safety House
  - Institutional Instruction
  - Community Service Events/Speaking Engagements
  - Juvenile Fire Setter Program
  - Fire Extinguisher Training
  - Home Inspections
  - School programs (all levels)

While being proactive has been found to be the best action towards prevention, due to economic constraints, public education programs were reduced and mainly concentrated in the elementary school level with the Childrens’ Fire Safety House. All other programs were reviewed and presented when time and manpower allowed.

The primary functions in 2011 consisted of fire inspections of existing buildings and phase inspections of new construction to ensure installation of life safety components in new construction and maintenance of the same in existing buildings. In addition, plan reviews continued along with tank inspections. Fire investigations were conducted when required.

As always, our number one priority is to exist to prevent the loss of life and property by fire.
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Division Overview

The following is an overview of activities conducted by the Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB) for the year 2011:

- Plan Reviews 119
- Sprinkler Reviews 15
- Fire Alarm Reviews 17
- Hood Reviews 15

Fire Inspections – Line and Staff

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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 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division was staffed by one (1) person in 2011, the Assistant Division Chief of EMS. The division is tasked with all operational, administrative, and planning functions. In 2011, the following goals were met:

Organizing Medical Training: Planned and executed all state-required EMT and paramedic continuing education and training.

Patient Care Guidelines: Edited and revised guidelines were published and distributed to all caregivers. Review, training, and testing were completed to ensure competency.

EMS Supplies: Conservative supply chain management and Just-In-Time practices were implemented to reduce unnecessary stock and save money.

New Equipment: Acquired four (4) Karl Storz video laryngoscopes for use on front-line paramedic units.
Emergency Medical Services
Quality Control & Public Health

Summary

This division is responsible for providing education and training to employees of Kenosha County/City Joint Service and citizens of Kenosha.

Richard Meeker
Division Chief of Quality Control & Public Health