April 28, 2013

Mayor Keith Bosman
City Administration

Honorable Mayor Bosman:

I am proud to present the 2012 Kenosha Fire Department Annual Report. The members of the Department have diligently worked to achieve the goals and objectives established in 2012. These goals and objectives strived to meet the vision of the organization, which is to provide exceptional public service. Although we are achieving many of our goals, we will not become complacent in our pursuit of excellence. Your support was paramount to the success of the organization and we are greatly appreciative.

If you have questions related to this report, please contact me.

Your Servant,

John R. Thomsen
Chief of the Department
Kenosha Fire Department
2012
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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2012
Achievements
and
Run Summary
**Exemplary Attendance Award – 3 Years**

- Wesley Bernhardt
- Matthew Martin
- Steve Osmanski
- Gregg Sinnen
- Heather Tobin

**Exemplary Attendance Award – 1 Year**

- Joseph Ahler
- Carl Carlson
- Lance Dahl
- Daniel Harris
- Norman Hoening
- Philip Johnson*
- Mathew Loewen*
- Dale Moss
- Brian Rummelhart
- Steven Spieker*
- John Vos
- Jeffrey Weidner *

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**2012 Statistics**

**Response By Units**

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**Years of Service**

**30 Years**

- Richard Barnes
- Rick Jurvis

**25 Years**

- Philip Johnson
- Clay Lagerwall

**20 Years**

- Carl Carlson
- Kenneth Schmelling

**15 Years**

- Chris Hannes
- Brian Page

**10 Years**

- Keith Aulds
- Jeremy Ryan

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*Special Note: Apparatus Operator Steven Spieker retired on 12/31/2012 with no unscheduled leave for 30 years. Other noted employees currently have exceeded the 10-year mark with no unscheduled leave.*
AWARDS

2012 Award Recipients

Department Service Award

Christopher Bigley

SCBA CIP project management, Air Division management and Company Officer duties.

Awarded by the Fire Chief to member who performed with true dedication and noteworthy achievement in management coordination of a program, committee or staff function.

Department Merit Award

Paul Murphy

Radio P-25 CIP project management and radio communication operations.

Awarded by the Fire Chief in appreciation and recognition to those who have demonstrated commitment to public service either on or off duty. Members who have performed a noteworthy act or service which also brings favorable recognition to the fire service, City of Kenosha or the Kenosha Fire Department.
Station #2
8530 30th Avenue

House Captain
Kenneth Walton

Lieutenants
- Alan Horgen
- Clay Lagerwall

Apparatus Operators
- Kevin Carbon
- James Petersen
- Randy Westphal

Firefighters
- Todd Leipzig
- Francesco Rovella
- Mark Stachura
Station #3
2121 Roosevelt Road

House Captain
Gregg Sinnen

Captains
John Kiel
Mathew Loewen

Lieutenants
Jeffery Johnson
Ted Johnson
Steve Ledding
David Marifern
James Miller
David Steidtman

Apparatus Operators
James Anderson
David Hawkins
Norman Hoening
Arthur Peters
Brian Rummelhart
James Schuppe
Robert Shales
Steve Spieker
James Strouf

Firefighters
Keith Aulds
Zachary Brokaw
Chris Daniel
Jared Harmann
Dale Howser
Anthony Johnson
Kristin Kaminski
Chad Larsen
Jim Ludvigsen
Matt Mitacek
Daniel O’Connell
Brian Page
Kerry Poltrock
Matthew Stahl
Heather Tobin
John Vos
Sam Wenger
Station #5
2125 Washington Road

House Captain
Steve Allemand

Captain
Rick Jurvis

Lieutenants
Neil Flannery
Brook Lagerwall
Glen Malkmus
Michael Zoerner

Apparatus Operators
Richard Barnes
John Delfrate
Dean Jackson
Philip Jacobs
Steve Osmanski
John Peterson

Firefighters
James Adams
Ryan Anderson
Scott Carter
Kevin DeBauche
Kelly Fonk
Dale Moss
Michael Ruffolo
Raymond Tessman
Ezekiel Thompkins
Harry Tolbert
Jacob Waldschmidt
Jeffrey Wunder
Station #6
2615 14th Place

House Captain
Donald Howland

Lieutenants
Greg Belsky
Richard Jaskolski

Apparatus Operators
Charles Gann
Gary Stein
Brenda Van Cuick

Firefighters
Matthew Martin
Carl Ruegg
Guy Santelli
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
Battalion Chief
A-shift

Matthew Haerter
Battalion Chief
B-shift

John Poltrock
Battalion Chief
C-shift
SUPPRESSION DIVISION

The C-Shift met all of its operational goals for 2012. A continuing and wide-array of emergency incidents were met with professionalism and a positive attitude. Emergency Medical Services continues to constitute the vast bulk of our work in the field. The demographics of an aging populace, greater population numbers, and a higher frequency of patients with chronic health issues puts our units in the field with greater frequency. Other items of interest in 2012:

- I-94 construction and special run orders
- Hwy 50 construction
- 60th Street construction
- Delivery training of new apparatus and med units
- Completion of P-25 program
- July 4th special event special run orders
- Med unit swap

Extremely hot and dry weather contributed to some very long operational periods that challenged the fleet on a near-daily basis. In every instance, they performed as they were instructed: They engaged with precision daring, solved the problem, did the appropriate follow-up, and then quickly disengaged to be ready for the next threat.

The department LAN had no major outages and, while dated technology, met the needs of the department.

No major line-of-duty injuries occurred. With high-deductible health care on the horizon, several members chose to have some medical issues attended to in the last quarter.

On October 22nd, command of the C-shift was turned over to Battalion Chief Schroeder. He will be able to provide goals and objectives for this fine platoon in 2013.
Division of Operations

Division Overview
2012 brought another busy year for the Kenosha Fire Department (KFD), with 11,346 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 11,346 calls for service

- No major injuries to responding personnel and over $92,000,000 in saved property from fire

- Placed two (2) new KFD med units into service in January, replacing two (2) previous models with a total of 246,000 miles. These companies are stationed at the Washington Road and Uptown Fire Stations.

- Placed two (2) new engine companies into service in June. This replaced two (2) units which were 20 years old. These companies are stationed at the Uptown and 60th Street Fire Stations.

- Secured funding for one (1) med unit and two (2) engine companies. The med unit will be delivered in 2013 with the engines coming next year.

- Secured funding for replacement of one (1) staff car

- Oversaw the I-94 construction process as it pertained to City of Kenosha Fire Department response. The impact to our city from this project will continue for many years to come.

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

- Facilitated the execution of a plan to cover all Kenosha intersections with Emergency Vehicle Preemption. Although this is under the Department of Public Works budget, KFD researched, vetted, and requested the change. This project is now 35% completed.
The following report is a summary of activities completed by the Breathing Protection Specialists (BPS) for the year 2012.

**Division Overview**

In the beginning of 2012, five (5) major goals were targeted for completion by the Breathing Protection Specialists.

These five (5) goals include 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 (1) 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 new S7 with telemetry components.

The first three (3) goals were completed successfully. The Breathing Protection Specialists conducted air monitor training (SCBA) 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. SCBA training was incorporated into the RIT/MAYDAY training held in December. The new S7 packs were delivered and put into service in June. This equipment upgrade was part of the 2009 specification and the city did not incur any additional cost. The telemetry component is a new Interspiro system and delivery is expected in early 2013.
Present Status

In addition to accomplishing the major goals for the year, several smaller projects were completed in 2012.

- 150 personnel were quantitatively fit tested using the PortaCount machine
- 150 personnel were qualitatively fit tested for N95 masks
- 95 SCBAs were flow tested in 2012
- 144 breathing valves were flow tested
- 8 breathing air samples were obtained and sent out to be analyzed
- 150 new face piece visors were installed
- 4 additional ASME storage cylinders for the Station 4 compressor were installed completing the project started in 2011

Financial Report

The Breathing Protection Specialists budget finished $3457.36 under budget for 2012. A full financial accounting will be included with this report.
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
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 35 vehicles and all equipment carried on those vehicles. The KFD replaced two (2) fire pumpers and ambulances in 2012.

Vehicles in-service at the closing of 2012:

- 2 Incident Command Vehicles
- 3 Safety Officer Vehicles
- 3 Staff Vehicles; 2 Reserve
- 1 Training/Safety Vehicle
- 2 Maintenance/Plow Vehicles
- 7 Fire Suppression Units (Pumpers)
- 1 Training Suppression (Pump)
- 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)
- 6 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 through 2012.

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. Training was completed and certifications were obtained in 2012.

Both mechanics participated in the following trainings:

- Meritor Brake Systems and Controls
- Allison Transmission Service and Repair
- Foam System Operation, Testing and Repair
- Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians seminars

**Certifications:**

**Dale Brague:**
- EVT Master Ambulance
- ASE Master Automotive
- ASE Master Medium – Heavy Truck

**William Thomas:**
- EVT Master Ambulance
- EVT Master Fire Apparatus
- ASE Master Automotive
- ASE Master Medium – Heavy Truck

**Goals**

The 2012 goals of the Maintenance Division were to maintain current levels of and pursue further certification in ASE and EVT programs and provide the same level of service in maintaining 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 (1), the Division Chief. The Division Chief is responsible for training, safety, administration for 151 personnel 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 2012 the Training Division administered mandated and necessary training to ensure highly educated and technically competent fire department personnel providing exceptional service to the citizens of Kenosha.

Major areas addressed:

**Suppression:**
- Fire Officer Level I – State of Wisconsin Certification Course – 12 personnel
- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for Interspiro S7 packs – all personnel
- New Sutphen Engine – Apparatus Familiarization and Operator Training
- Forcible Entry Training – all personnel
- Rapid Intervention Team Training – all personnel
- MAYDAY Exercises and Emergency Procedures – all personnel

**EMS:**
- EMT-B Refresher and Paramedic Refresher continuing education state mandated requirements
- New ambulance – Operator Training – all personnel

**Fire Prevention:**
- Fire Investigator Training for all officers and apparatus operators

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

**Safety:**
- Electrical Emergencies – all personnel
- Emergency Vehicle Operations – OPTICOM System – all personnel

**Exercises:**
- City of Kenosha Transit Department – Street Car Emergency Exercise
- Snap On Corporation, Kenosha WI – HAZMAT Chemical Release Exercise

**Human Resources/ General Admin:**
- Supervisor Training – Drug and Alcohol Abuse Recognition
- Sensitivity Training for all personnel
Projects:

- Roof simulator ground and landscaping improvement
- Re-designation of a reserve Sutphen Engine as a Training Engine
- 2012 Gateway Technical College and KFD Training/Engine Agreement. Donation of a KFD reserve engine to Gateway Technical College in exchange for training hours/funding from Gateway.
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
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Division Overview

In 2012 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 2012 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 2012:

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**UST/AST**

- 6 removals
- 5 installs

$7,771.75

*UST: underground storage tank. AST: aboveground storage tank
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 2012, the Assistant Division Chief of EMS. The division is tasked with all operational, administrative, and planning functions. In 2012, the following goals were met:

Organizing Medical Training: Planned and executed all state and divisional 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 two (2) new 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