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JOHN R. THOMSEN
FIRE CHIEF

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Thomsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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 Nicholas Eschmann
Matthew Martin Daniel O’Connell
Steve Osmanski John Poltrock
Gregg Sinnen Matt Stahl
Heather Tobin

Exemplary Attendance Award – 1 Year

Joseph Ahler Daniel Allemand
Carl Carlson Alan Carr
Lance Dahl Matthew Haerter
Daniel Harris David Hawkins
Norman Hoening Anthony Johnson
Philip Johnson* Timothy Lewis
Mathew Loewen* James Miller
Dale Moss David Riley
Brian Rummelhart Kenneth Schmelling
Steven Spieker* Harry Tolbert
John Vos Jacob Waldschmidt
Jeffrey Weidner *

**2012 Statistics
Response By Units**

Engine #2	1424
Engine #3	2215
Engine #4	1279
Engine #5	1644
Engine #6	1180
Engine #44	9
Engine #55	0
Truck #3	747
Truck #4	563
Truck #7	512
P-19	11
MERV #1	10
MERV #2	16
Battalion 1	773
Med Unit #2	145
Med Unit #3	3943
Med Unit #4	2538
Med Unit #5	3362
Med Unit #7	1011
Rescue #33	27
Rescue #44	37
Rescue #77	0

Years of Service

30 Years

Richard Barnes Alan Horgen
Rick Jurvis Steven Spieker

25 Years

Philip Johnson Clay Lagerwall

20 Years

Carl Carlson David Sass
Kenneth Schmelling

15 Years

Chris Hannes Matthew Martin
Brian Page Francesco Rovella

10 Years

Keith Aulds Nicholas Miller
Jeremy Ryan

***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.

Fire Administration and Support Staff

Fire Chief



John Thomsen

Deputy Fire Chief



Daniel Santelli

Battalion Chiefs



Wesley Bernhardt
A Shift



Matthew Haerter
B Shift



John Poltrock
C Shift

Division Chiefs



Patrick Ryan
Fire Prevention
Bureau



Ken Schroeder
Training Division



Richard Meeker
Quality Control
and Public Health

Assistant Division Chiefs



James Poltrock
Emergency
Medical Services



Theonita Cox
Fire Prevention
Bureau



William Thomas
Maintenance

Supervisor

Secretaries



Cindy Baumann



Jennifer Oas

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 Steidman

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



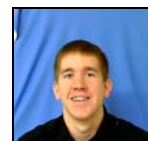
Kerry Poltrock



Matthew Stahl



Heather Tobin



John Vos



Sam Wenger

Station #4
4810 60th Street



House Captain



Jeffery Flasch

Captains



Daniel Harris



Charles Leipzig

Lieutenants



Chris Bigley



Philip Johnson



Matt Matoska



Brian Mifflin



Greg Peterson



Ken Schmelling

Apparatus Operators



Joseph Ahler



Carl Carlson



Nick Eschmann



James Herrick



Paul Murphy



David Sass



Brian Sekey



Brian Vogt



Martin Zess

Firefighters



John Alia



Henderson Darby



Wesley Djuplin



Jerome Drissel



William Glass



Chris Hannes



Thomas Heiring



Scott Krueger



Ricardo Lebron



Steve Lombardi



Ryan McNeely



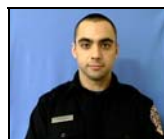
Nicholas Miller



John Rondeau



Jeremy Ryan



Joseph Sielski



Matthew Spidell



Chad Stoeber



Patrick Wilbert

Station #5
2125 Washington Road



House Captain



Steve Allemmand

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

Station #7
9700 52nd Street



House Captain



House Captain
David Riley

Captain



Captain
Alan Carr

Lieutenants



Lieutenant
Daniel Radandt



Lieutenant
Scott Schumacher



Lieutenant
Brian Smith



Lieutenant
Jeffery Strangberg

Apparatus Operators



Apparatus Operator
Daniel Allemand



Apparatus Operator
Steven Dahl



Apparatus Operator
Scott Laack



Apparatus Operator
Kurt Lassig



Apparatus Operator
Paul Schlereth



Apparatus Operator
Jeffrey Weidner

Firefighters



Firefighter
Scott Arneberg



Firefighter
Lance Dahl



Firefighter
Robert Eigenberger



Firefighter
Jace Froeber



Firefighter
Joseph Kiser



Firefighter
Erick Kissner



Firefighter
Dave Kovach



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
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.

BREATHING AIR SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

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 Bague:

- 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.

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

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:

Plan Reviews	100	
Sprinkler Reviews	16	@ \$6,200.00
Fire Alarm Reviews	10	@ \$7,525.00
Hood Reviews	21	@ \$6,100.00
Bonfire/Fireworks Permit	3/25	@ \$1,650.00

Fire Inspections – Line and Staff

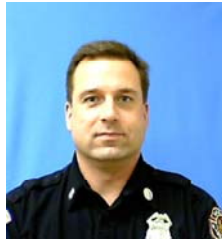
	2012A	2012B	Total
6 month	4002	3948	7950
Buildings Not Inspected	24	31	55
Referred to FPB	20	26	46

<u>UST/AST*</u>	\$7,771.75
-6 removals	
-5 installs	

*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