Ohio EMA 2022 Spring Conference

2020 City of Kenosha Civil Unrest
Kenosha Sheriff’s Division of Emergency Management (KSDEM)

Agenda
Organizational Overview
Kenosha County Division of Emergency Management’s role in the following:
- Minneapolis, Minnesota Police Officers Involved Death (OID),
- City of Kenosha Police Officer-Involved Shooting (OIS),
- Lessons Learned

Lieutenant Horace J. Staples, MSCJ, Director of Emergency Management
Sergeant Christopher Hannah, Deputy Director of EM
Sergeant Chase Forester, Assistant Deputy Director of EM
Mrs. Alyssa Welfermann, Administrative Secretary
2020 MN Officer-Involved Death City of Kenosha Civil Unrest

On Sunday, May 31, 2020, at 2:00 PM, approximately 200+ people

Violent Protests

Car Parades - Loud Disruptive Reckless Driving
Sheriff Beth’s Squad Struck by a Brick
Lt. Staples’ Squad Damaged

Peaceful Protest

Photo by the Journal Times

Peaceful Protest

Photo by Kenosha News

Pictures by Paul Williams
At 5:32 pm Kenosha Sheriff’s Department arrives to secure the scene.

- DCI was called to investigate
- WSP requested to map the scene
- Crowds grew
- Violence grew
- Bricks and stones thrown
- Molotov cocktails thrown
- Squads taking major damage
- Crowd control team arrived
- Social media
- Kenosha Police Department Captain down
On August 23, 2020, at 8:26 PM, the Kenosha Sheriff’s Division of Emergency Management activated the EOC regarding a Kenosha Police Officer-involved shooting in the 2800 block of 40th Street, Kenosha, WI.

A large crowd gathered at the scene, and the situation required assistance from local and regional law enforcement agencies. The Kenosha Sheriff’s Mobile Command vehicle is a forward command. Kenosha EOC Director Lt. Horace J. Staples at 20:25:41 on 08/23/2020

At 9:53 PM, an IPAWS Alert! The Kenosha Sheriff’s Department.
Sunday, August 23, 2020 - Day One

At 9:30 PM, the Kenosha Police OIS Investigative Scene Cleared

- SMART (Suburban Mutual Assistance Response Team) was activated to respond to unplanned emergencies and disasters.
- Crowds of hundreds of people marched to the Kenosha County Courthouse, Encircled buildings, attempted to enter the Public Safety Building, and finally relocated to Civic Center Park, where many agitators threw rocks and bricks, fireworks, and Molotov cocktails at officers and fired bullets government buildings.
- Car Parades and Disorderly Caravans drove around the City of Kenosha and the Villages of Pleasant Prairie & Somers east of I-94.
- EOC Activated several civilian stakeholders who declined to respond.
- Command Post created at Bradford HS, and Neighboring Agencies responded to help.
- The Kenosha Courthouse, County Administrative Building, and PSB received damages totaling 1.3 Million Dollars.
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTERS ACTIVATIONS
CRITICAL EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS

LEVEL 1 ACTIVATION

SUMMONED STAKEHOLDERS MUST BE PRESENT
PSAP MUST HAVE SITUATION AWARENESS
Emergency Operations Centers Activations
Critical Emergency Support Functions

ESF - 2 Communications
ESF - 3 Public Works
ESF - 4 Fire / Rescue Departments
ESF - 5 Emergency Management

ESF - 8 Health & Medical Services
ESF - 13 Law Enforcement
ESF - 15 Public Information
ESF - 16 Hospital & Medical Services

ESF - 17 Volunteer & Donation Management
ESF - 22 IPAWS (Warning System)
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020 - DAY TWO

- **At 0305 hours**, Kenosha County Sheriff David G. Beth issued an Emergency Declaration for Kenosha County.

- **City & County vehicles placed around the Kenosha County Downtown Campus.**

- **Sheriff Beth called inquiring about the security fence.**

- **Later that morning, 125 Wisconsin National Guard troops arrived in Kenosha, Wisconsin.**
Monday, August 24, 2020 - Day Two (Daylight)

- Mayor surrounded the outside and needed to be rescued while the mob attempted to rip open the Public Safety Building’s front doors.

- EPS (Emergency Police Services) sent assistance for the evening / hundred officers.

- City trucks set on fire Media adding to hysteria / Groups going out and starting small businesses on fire

- Social Media went into high gear, calling for black clothes and looting to start at 8 pm, and thousands of people came to Kenosha to protest

- Caravans are heading out to destroy and loot major stores / Car parades, causing havoc.
By Ravi Baichwal, Jessica D’Onofrio, Cate Cauguiran and Liz Nagy

Monday, August 24, 2020

Chopper7 was overhead as protesters clashed with police and the National Guard in Kenosha Monday night.
LOOTING, CRIMINAL DAMAGE, AND ARSONS IN KENOSHA IPAWS

(2020 Photo by, Bethany Brosseau)
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020, DAY THREE (DAYLIGHT)

• Met with City of Kenosha Mayor, Kenosha County Executive, and Kenosha Chief of Police
  ❖ Who is going to head this?

• Called US Congressman Bryan Style & Former White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus for assistance.

• Premier Security Fence Arrives Immediately goes up with assistance from City DPW & County Facilities Personnel
  ❖ Jersey barriers erected and damaged garage trucks being removed.

• Sheriff Beth says, “General Knapp becomes my BFF.” 😏
Joint Information Center Established to address Local and National Media Outlets

Photo by, Madison.com
SECURITY FENCE PERIMETER
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020 - DAY THREE (NIGHT)

Law enforcement goes on the offensive at 8 PM
❖ Kenosha Sheriff’s MRAP gives Disperse the order
❖ Armored vehicles and teams start moving
❖ MFF teams in place

17-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse shot three people, and 2 died.
2,000-3,000 WING AND NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS ARRIVED
❖ FEDERAL RESOURCES START ARRIVING
❖ HELICOPTERS, DRONES, TACTICAL TEAMS, INTELLIGENCE TEAMS, AND US ATTORNEYS

INCOMING AGITATORS WERE BEING INTERCEPTED.

THREATS WERE MADE TO SHERIFF BETH’S WIFE AND KIDS.
❖ DEPUTIES ASSIGNED TO SHERIFF BETH’S HOUSE,
❖ KENOSHA COUNTY DA’S RESIDENCE, AND
❖ POLICE OFFICERS WERE POSTED AT THE MAYOR’S HOME.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020 - DAY FIVE

• WING (WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD) ADDED 1,800 TROOPS
  ❖ SEVERAL HUNDRED OFFICERS ARRIVE AROUND THE STATE
  ❖ SEVERAL FEDERAL AGENCIES ON SITE

• AMIDST THE CIVIL UNREST, KENOSHA POLICE & SHERIFF’S AGENCIES BEGAN PREPARATIONS FOR POTUS

• LE INTELLIGENCE GROUP REPORTED THAT AGITATORS WERE INFORMING COHORTS TO AVOID KENOSHA

PROTESTORS AND PLANNED MARCHES WERE GETTING SMALLER.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2020 - DAY SIX

- POTUS visits Kenosha

ARREST TOTALS AUGUST 23 THROUGH 30, 2020

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE WERE ARRESTED, AND 102 RESIDED OUTSIDE KENOSHA COUNTY, WISCONSIN.
Kenosha Civil Unrest Emergency Support Functions 17 Volunteers and Donations

ESF - 17 Volunteer & Donations Management Provided Food Utilizing Strategic Community Partnerships to Respond with Resources and 24/7 Support for the CP Canteen, Rehab Operations for 3,000 People for Two Weeks.

OUR PARTNERS – Expanding our Resource Network

[Image of various logos and pictures of people volunteering]
## Policy Planning Leadership

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<td>Suppress and arrest</td>
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<td>Contain</td>
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WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD

ADJUTANT GENERAL MAJOR GENERAL PAUL KNAPP
Resource Requests - Regional, State, & Federal

Statewide Assistance with Air Support
WI State Capitol P.D.

Dallas S. Neville
Deputy Director
Emergency Police Services
**SE WI Incident Management Team**

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<td>Tom Czaja reported to Kenosha Sheriff Command Post.</td>
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<td>Tom Czaja spoke to Gail Goodchild. No add SEWIMT personnel available on 08/25/20.</td>
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<td>08/25/20 1700</td>
<td>Peter Jensen received a request from KESO IC for possible Logistics and Staging support on 08/26/20. May be moving from mobile CP to more permanent location. P. Jensen contacted SEOC and submitted request for DNIR IMT. Possible need for New Berlin Command post &amp; SEWIMT trailer.</td>
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<td>08/26/20 17:10</td>
<td>Tom Czaja contacted Gail Goodchild and advised her of request. Tom Czaja contacted Jim Burns for command post &amp; trailer. Jim consulted with Scott Schipul and no personnel are available to drive the command post. If trailer is needed a truck will be needed to transport trailer (11,000 Lbs) with a 2 5/16' ball &amp; 7 pin trailer harness. Steve Fennik's EM vehicle may be able to transport.</td>
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<td>08/26/20 18:10</td>
<td>Tom Czaja departed Jim Ley. If SEWIMT trailer is needed Jim may be able to get an MFD pickup truck to transport the SEWIMT trailer.</td>
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<td>08/26/20 19:30</td>
<td>Peter Jensen and Tom Czaja participated in a coordination call with WEM. The next coordination call will be held on 08/26/20 at 0800.</td>
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<td>08/26/20 22:30</td>
<td>Peter Jensen went off duty.</td>
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<td>08/26/20 23:00</td>
<td>Tom Czaja went off duty. SEWIMT is off duty.</td>
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Capability (MCC) Mobile Communications

Wisconsin Emergency Hotline
Available 24/7/365
1-800-943-0003-Duty Officer
The Survey Spreadsheet for Wisconsin (Kenosha County) has been updated to identify those properties that have met the SBA criteria of 40% or more uninsured losses.

The updated spreadsheet with new and updated information and photos of the damaged properties will be forwarded to SBA no later than the close of business on November 4, 2020.
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN KENOSHA COUNTY

WHEREAS, following the murder of George Floyd on May 25, 2020, people across Wisconsin and the United States have marched to demand action, accountability, equity, and justice for Black lives;

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2020, Jacob Blake, a Black man, was shot multiple times in the back by law enforcement in Kenosha, Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, “protest anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,” and we must be willing to do the hard work together to stand up to these situations;

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2020, I issued Executive Order #9, calling a Special Session of the Wisconsin Legislature to take long-overdue legislative action to ensure that our state and county live up to our promise of equity and justice;

WHEREAS, many Wisconsin residents believe there is a storm, expressing the justified and shared frustration and anger about systematic injustices by peacefully processing through the state;

WHEREAS, unfortunately, some individuals have deviated from peaceful protest and engaged in unlawful, harmful, and dangerous activities, including armed groups, which has endangered the lives of other protestors and bystanders, which cannot be tolerated;

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2020, I called to state active duty elements of the Wisconsin National Guard to support the needs of local first responders to prevent violent infrastructure, such as property destruction and vandalism, and ensure that Wisconsinites are able to enjoy safety, and such support resources to be needed;

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin will continue to support the rights of people to peacefully protest and permits assistance to local governments in removing obstacles in the peaceful exercise of those rights.

NOW THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, Specifically Sections 221.79(1)(c), 253.10, and 253.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Wisconsin.

David G. Beth
SHERIFF - KENOSHA COUNTY

The State of Wisconsin
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #9

RELATING TO DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN KENOSHA COUNTY

RESOLUTION

PRINCIPAL SPONSOR: THE MAYOR

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY REGARDING POTENTIAL CRIMINAL UNREST FOLLOWING THE KENOSHA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY RELEASING HIS CHARGING DECISION TO THE PUBLIC IN REGARD TO AN OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING OF MR. JACOB BLAKE

WHEREAS, from August 23, 2020 to September 2, 2020 the City of Kenosha experienced violent, destructive activity which was geographically widespread throughout the City of Kenosha; following the officer-involved shooting of Mr. Jacob Blake; and,

WHEREAS, such violent activity included the burning of buildings, businesses, personal property, and government property, vandalism, and other damage producing activity; and,

WHEREAS, despite the efforts of law enforcement, specifically including the City of Kenosha Police Department in addition to assistance having been provided by the Kenosha County Sheriff’s Department, Kenosha Joint Services, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin National Guard, and other federal and state law enforcement agencies, such riotous activity continued and took time to quiet; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Kenosha recognizes the First Amendment value of peaceful protests; and,

WHEREAS, violence, arson, and vandalism cannot be tolerated; and,

WHEREAS, the Kenosha County District Attorney is considering whether to file charges against any law enforcement officers involved in the incident regarding Mr. Blake; and,

WHEREAS, in a phone call with the Mayor on December 29, 2020, the Kenosha County District Attorney said that he would release its charging decision to the public within the next two weeks of January 2021; and,

WHEREAS, other communities, such as Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, experienced significant additional violence after charging decisions were made in regards to officer-involved shootings.

NOW THEREFORE, the resolution is hereby passed, and it is hereby enacted as a resolution of this Assembly this 3rd day of January, 2021.
LESSONS LEARNED / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

SELECT THE APPROPRIATE ACTIVATION LEVEL FOR THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

OBTAIN AN EMERGENCY/DISASTER DECLARATION FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS OR COUNTY SHERIFF

ACTIVATE THE EOC - NOTIFY EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS (ESF)

NOTIFY YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

STAKEHOLDERS ENSURE STAKEHOLDERS AND EMPLOYEES’ SAFE ARRIVAL AT THE EOC WITH LE AGENCY ESCORTS

PROTESTERS WILL TARGET YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT & WING MEMBERS
LESSONS LEARNED / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

POLITICAL FIGURES AND WORLDWIDE MEDIA OUTLETS

PREPARE FOR VIP VISITS:

- President (POTUS),
- Presidential Candidates,
- US Attorney General,
- US Senators,
- Governor,
- Lt. Governor,
- State Representatives,
- Nationally Known Activists,
- Local Stakeholders,
- Hollywood figures, and
- Voter Registration (seasonal).