

Board of Police & Fire Commissioners  
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Kenosha Police and Fire Commission  
*REVISED MEETING AGENDA*  
Tuesday, July 15, 2014  
8:00 a.m.  
Municipal Office Building, Room 202  
625 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call.
3. Citizen comments on matters relative to the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Board.
4. Receive and file Police and Fire Department reports for the month of June 2014. (enclosed)
5. Receive and file Apparatus Operator James Herrick's notice of his August 1, 2014 retirement. (enclosed)
6. Receive and file Pamela Gibson's June 17, 2014 letter. (enclosed)
7. Approve and ratify the Prehearing Conference Order in the James Adams disciplinary matter. (action)
8. Receive and file the Prehearing Conference Order in the James Adams Disciplinary matter. (enclosed)
9. Approval of the promotion of Police Officer Mark Poffenberger to Probationary Detective to be effective August 1, 2014. (action)
10. Approval of appointments to Probationary Police Officer to be effective August 1, 2014.
  - Anthony K. Barriere (action)
  - Kelsi R. Cesarz (action)
  - Corey M. Talbert (action)
11. Chiefs' Comments.
12. Commissioners' Comments.
13. Motion to go into closed session. (action)

The Board of Police & Fire Commissioners will go into closed session under authority of Section 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss:

- Two (2) candidates for the position of Probationary Apparatus Operator.

The Board will reconvene into open session. (action)

14. Set next meeting date and agenda items.

15. Adjournment.

If you are a person with a disability, please contact the Human Resources Department at the Municipal Office Building (262-653-4130), at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the Commission meeting to give them time to make any necessary accommodations for you.

CFS01 - Run By: MORRISSEY,JOHN

## C A P S

Calls For Service  
Daily Summary  
06/01/2014 to 06/30/2014

Incident Number	Ofcr Add Assg Unt	Complainant	Type Call	Location	Time Recd	Time Disp	Time Arvd	Time Comp	Time Spnt	Disposition
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Total Calls for the Period: 9,479

## REPORT GRAND TOTALS

## CALL RECEIVED SUMMARY

ALARM	163
BOX ALARM	1
CELL PHONE	2,360
E-911 CALL	516
OFFICER INITIATED	1,977
PHONE	3,316
RADIO	18
TRAFFIC STOP	942
WALK-IN	179
OTHER	
ATUO CALL	7

TOTAL WORK TIME 946,094

## CALL DISPOSITION SUMMARY

REPORT	1,738
NO REPORT	7,532
VOID	206
CSR-CITIZEN SELF REPORT	
GOA	
WARRANT	3
TRANSPORTED	
NO TRANSPORT	
DENIAL OF INJURY (DOI)	
ASSIST CITIZEN/NO TRANSP	
NO PATIENT	
AGAINST MEDICAL ADVICE (A	
UNIT REASSIGNED	
SAVE/REASSIGNED	

OFF01 - Run By: JWM309

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OFFENSE ACTIVITY  
BY DISPOSITION  
06/01/2014 THRU 06/30/2014

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				/---BY ARREST---/		/---BY EXCEPTION---/				
				ADULT	JUVENILE	ADULT	JUVENILE	OTHER		
	1		1							0.0
HOMICIDE, FIREARM	2		2	1					1	50.0
HOMICIDE, OTHER	1		1							0.0
CHAP51/SUICIDE ATT	9		9					9	9	100.0
SUICIDE ATT/NON CHAPTER	1		1					1	1	100.0
NATURAL DEATH	5		5					4	4	80.0
DEATH INV	9		9					1	1	11.1
RAPE, MINOR	2		2	1	1				2	100.0
RAPE, ADULT	1		1							0.0
RAPE ATTEMPT	1		1					1	1	100.0
ROBBERY/FIREARM H/S/A	1		1					1	1	100.0
ROBBERY/FIREARM RESIDENCE	1		1	1					1	100.0
ROBBERY/FIREARM BANK	1		1							0.0
ROBBERY/OTHER WEAPON H/S/	2		2							0.0
ROBBERY/OTHER WEAPON BANK	1		1							0.0
ROBBERY/FORCE H/S/A	5		5		1			1	2	40.0
ROBBERY/FORCE CONVENI STO	1		1							0.0
ROBBERY/ATTEMPT H/S/A	2		2					1	1	50.0
AGG ASLT/SHARP INSTRUMENT	6		6	3	1			1	5	83.3
AGG ASLT/BLUNT INSTRUMENT	1		1	1					1	100.0
AGG ASLT/HANDS, FEET, ETC	7		7	4	1				5	71.4
BURG/FORCE, RESIDENCE	17		17	1				3	4	23.5
BURG/FORCE, NON-RESIDENCE	9		9		1			2	3	33.3
BURG/UNLAWFUL ENTRY, RESID	14		14	2	1			1	4	28.5
BURG/UNLAWFUL ENTRY, NON-R	5		5							0.0
BURG/ATTEMPT, RESIDENCE	6		6	1				1	2	33.3
BURG/ATTEMPT, NON-RES	1		1							0.0
THF PSNATCH \$50-199	1		1							0.0
RETAIL THFT	1		1	1					1	100.0
THF SHOPLFT 200+	7		7	5					5	71.4
THF SHOPLFT \$50-199	12		12	7	1				8	66.6
THF SHOPLFT \$1-49	18		18	11	1			1	13	72.2
THF FRM VEH 200+	9		9					2	2	22.2
THF FRM VEH \$50-199	11		11							0.0
THF FRM VEH \$1-49	2		2							0.0
THF VEH ACC 200+	1		1							0.0
THF VEH ACC \$50-199	2		2							0.0
THF VEH ACC \$1-49	2		2							0.0
THF BIKE 200+	5		5		1				1	20.0
THF BIKE \$50-199	3		3					1	1	33.3

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THF BLDG 200+	4		4		1			1	2	50.0
THF BLDG \$50-199	4		4	1					1	25.0
THF BLDG \$1-49	2		2	1					1	50.0
THF DRIVE OFF \$50-199	1		1					1	1	100.0
THF OTHER 200+	31	1	30	3			2	6	14	46.6
THF OTHER \$50-199	11		11		1			2	3	27.2
THF OTHER \$1-49	9	1	8					1	1	12.5
THF OTHER, ATTEMPT	1		1					1	1	100.0
MV THEFT, AUTO	6		6					1	1	16.6
MV THEFT, MC	2		2					1	1	50.0
MV THEFT, OTH JURIS, REC LO	1		1					1	1	100.0
BATTERY/SIMPLE ASLT	23		23	3	7			7	17	73.9
BATTERY/DV	27		27	22					22	81.4
THREATS/INTIMIDATION	14	3	11	1	2			5	8	72.7
BATTERY, OTHER	1		1	1					1	100.0
BATT TO GUARD	2		2	1	1				2	100.0
FRAUD/CONFIDENCE	2		2							0.0
FRAUD/OTHER	2		2					1	1	50.0
FRAUD/IDENTITY THEFT	17		17	1				1	2	11.7
FRAUD, THEFT BY	3	1	2							0.0
EMBEZZLEMENT	3		3	1				1	2	66.6
VANDALISM/RESIDENCE	17		17	2				4	6	35.2
VANDALISM/AUTO	35		35	6				8	14	40.0
VANDALISM/BUSINESS	9		9		1			1	2	22.2
VANDALISM/CHURCH	2		2							0.0
VANDALISM/PUBLIC PROPERTY	1		1							0.0
VANDALISM/PRIVATE PROPERT	16		16	3	1		1	1	6	37.5
WPN/DISCHRG IN CITY LIMIT	1		1					1	1	100.0
WPN/SHOOT INTO DWELLING	1		1							0.0
WPN/POSSESS ILLEGAL	1		1	1					1	100.0
WPN/ENDGR SAFETY/RECKLESS	2		2	1					1	50.0
WPN/CCW	6		6	5	1				6	100.0
WPN/SWITCHBLADE/KNIFE POS	1		1		1				1	100.0
WPN/OTHER VIO	2		2					2	2	100.0
PROSTITUTION VIOLATIONS	1		1	1					1	100.0
SEX ASLT, 1ST (OFFENSE)	3		3	1	1				2	66.6
SEX/INDECENT EXPOSURE	1		1	1					1	100.0
SEX/ENTICE CHILD	1		1							0.0
SEX/LEWD/LASCIVIOUS CONDU	1		1							0.0
SEX OFFENSES, OTHER	8	1	7					5	5	71.4

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SEX/SODOMY	2		2	1					1	50.0
SEX/FONDLE-16 & OVER	2		2					1	1	50.0
SEX/COMPUTER-CHILD PORNOG	1		1					1	1	100.0
DRUG/MANUFACTURE MARIJUAN	1		1	1					1	100.0
DRUG/POSSESS HARD DRUGS	3		3	3					3	100.0
DRUG/POSSESS MARIJUANA	17		17	16	1				17	100.0
DRUG/POSSESS SYN	3		3	2	1				3	100.0
DRUG INVESTIGATION	1		1							0.0
DRUG/PARAPHERNALIA SELL/P	1		1							0.0
FAMILY TROUBLE	148		148	3				144	147	99.3
CHILD NEGLECT	5		5					3	3	60.0
CHILD ABUSE	17	1	16	6				6	12	75.0
RESTRAINING ORDER	14		14	6				2	8	57.1
CHILD CUSTODY, INTERFERE	6	1	5					2	2	40.0
DWI, ALCOHOL	22		22	21	1				22	100.0
LIQ, SELL TO MINOR	2		2	2					2	100.0
LIQ, POSSESSION BY UNDERAG	5		5	3	2				5	100.0
LIQ, DRINK IN MV	4		4	4					4	100.0
LIQ, INTOX IN PARK	1		1	1					1	100.0
LIQ, VIOLATION OTHER	14		14	13				1	14	100.0
TAVERN REPORT	30		30					30	30	100.0
DC/PERSON	43	2	41	26	6			7	39	95.1
DC/PARTY	1		1					1	1	100.0
DC/ANNOYING PHONE CALLS	6		6	1		2		1	4	66.6
DC/LOUD MUSIC	18		18	18					18	100.0
DC/NEIGHBOR TROUBLE	6		6					4	4	66.6
DC/FIGHT IN PUBLIC	4		4		3			1	4	100.0
DC/TROUBLE W/KIDS	1		1					1	1	100.0
DC/OTHER	19		19	15	1			1	17	89.4
DC/DOM ABUSE	15		15	12				1	13	86.6
DC/STALKING	4		4	2					2	50.0
LITTERING	2		2	1					1	50.0
OBSTRUCT FLOW OF TRAFFIC	6		6	4	2				6	100.0
TRESPASSING (ADULT ONLY)	9		9	4	1			1	6	66.6
CIVIL MATTER	7		7					6	6	85.7
CITY CODE VIOLATION	1		1	1					1	100.0
SMOKING VIOLATION	2		2					1	1	50.0
TAVERN WRITTEN WARNING	1		1					1	1	100.0
SUSP VEHICLE	1		1					1	1	100.0
SUSP PERSON	12	1	11					9	9	81.8

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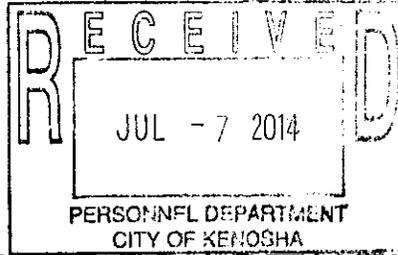
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				ADULT	JUVENILE	ADULT	JUVENILE	OTHER		
SUSP OTHER	5		5					2	2	40.0
SUSP PROPERTY	2		2							0.0
JUV CURFEW/LOITER VIOL	2		2		2				2	100.0
JUV/TRESPASS	2		2		2				2	100.0
JUV/CURFEW VIOLATION	9		9		9				9	100.0
JUV/TOBACCO VIOL	2		2	1	1				2	100.0
RUNAWAY	20		20					18	18	90.0
ADULT, MISSING	10		10					6	6	60.0
CHILD, FOUND	2		2							0.0
TRF/RECKLESS DRIVING	1		1	1					1	100.0
TRF/ABANDN VEHICLE	9		9					9	9	100.0
TRF/TOW IN	11		11	2				9	11	100.0
TRF/SPEEDING	2		2	2					2	100.0
TRF/PARKING COMPLAINT	1		1					1	1	100.0
TRF/PD ACCIDENT	7		7	3				4	7	100.0
TRF/PI ACCIDENT	4		4	2					2	50.0
TRF/REGISTRATION VIO	4		4	3				1	4	100.0
TRF/LICENSE VIOLATION	66		66	63	2			1	66	100.0
TRF/MV VIO, OTHER	3		3	3					3	100.0
TRF/UNNECESSARY NOISE	2		2	1	1				2	100.0
TRF/FYR	1		1	1					1	100.0
GAME LAWS	1		1							0.0
ANI/DOG BITE	21		21	3				5	8	38.0
ANIMAL BITE, ALL OTHER	1		1							0.0
ANIMAL AT LARGE	4		4	2				1	3	75.0
ANIMAL CRUELTY	5		5					2	2	40.0
CONTEMPT, BAIL JUMPING	11		11	11					11	100.0
P & P VIOLATIONS	8		8	8					8	100.0
ABDUCT/KIDNAP ATTEMPT	2	1	1							0.0
JUV/UNCONTROLLABLE	2		2					2	2	100.0
RESIST/OBSTRUCT OFFICER	8		8	7	1				8	100.0
COUNTERFEIT MONEY	3		3							0.0
EXPLOSIVE/FIREWORKS	2		2	1					1	50.0
SUSP PACKAGE	1		1							0.0
FIRE, STRUCTURE/BRUSH	1		1							0.0
CHECK RESIDENCE	1		1					1	1	100.0
CHECK WELFARE	33		33					28	28	84.8
INJ PERSON/MED RUN	15		15					12	12	80.0
CHAPTER 51	29		29					28	28	96.5
MENTAL PROBLEMS	27		27					26	26	96.2

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OPEN DR/WINDOW	1		1					1	1	100.0
SRV/SPECIAL ASSIGN	1		1					1	1	100.0
SRV/CITIZEN ASSIST	5		5					5	5	100.0
ATL VEHICLE	2		2					1	1	50.0
ATL PERSON	1		1					1	1	100.0
ASSIST OTH AGENCY	4		4					3	3	75.0
SRV/INFO ONLY	4		4					4	4	100.0
SRV/ADD PATROL	1		1							0.0
WAW/JUV CAPIAS	1		1		1				1	100.0
PROPERTY/FOUND	31		31					22	22	70.9
PROPERTY/LOST	9		9					5	5	55.5
REPOSSESSION	32		32					32	32	100.0
COMPUTER CRIMES	1		1							0.0
HIT & RUN PD	26		26	12	1			13	26	100.0
HIT & RUN PI	3		3	1				1	2	66.6
AGENCY: 00TOTALS	1380	13	1367	388	67	2	3	554	1014	



# **KENOSHA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **MONTHLY REPORT**



**JUNE  
2014**



**RESPONSE BY UNITS**

	MONTHLY		YEAR TO DATE		YTD COMBINED FIRE/EMS TOTALS
	EMS	FIRE	EMS	FIRE	
Engine #2	122	14	685	123	808
Engine #3	155	44	824	255	1079
Engine #4	99	34	492	198	690
Engine #5	84	31	625	192	817
Engine #6	66	15	466	70	536
Engine #44	0	0	1	1	2
Engine #55	0	0	0	0	0
Truck #3	20	52	78	331	409
Truck #4	10	33	41	276	317
Truck #7	31	16	177	115	292
P-19	0	0	0	4	4
MERV #1	3	0	3	0	3
MERV #2	2	1	2	1	3
Battalion 1	17	67	61	411	472
Med Unit #2	0	0	44	2	46
Med Unit #3	320	9	1797	72	1869
Med Unit #4	218	5	1180	57	1237
Med Unit #5	245	8	1536	56	1592
Med Unit #7	87	2	505	23	528
Rescue #33	2	0	19	1	20
Rescue #44	2	0	11	0	11
Rescue #77	0	0	0	0	0



**KENOSHA FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE**

06/01/14 THRU 06/30/14

	<b>MONTH</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>
EMS Calls for Service*	852	4978
Fire Calls for Service	137	842
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>5820</b>

\*Includes 14 Med 7 change of quarters occurrences.

**APPROXIMATE LOSS/ SAVE SUMMARY**

Approximate Fire Loss for June	<u>\$60,914</u>	Approximate Fire Save for June	<u>\$223,500</u>
Approximate Fire Loss to Date	<u>\$1,052,125</u>	Approximate Fire Save to Date	<u>\$12,136,555</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

  
John R. Thomsen  
Fire Chief  
Kenosha Fire Department

7-3-2014

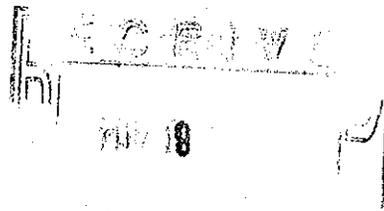
TO CHIEF THOMSEN;

I, JAMES HERRICK AM CONFIRMING THAT  
I WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE KENOSHA  
FIRE DEPT. ON AUGUST 1ST 2014 AFTER  
30 YEARS OF SERVICE. THANK YOU FOR  
EVERYTHING.

SINCERELY:

James E. Herrick

EMPLOYEE # 293



6/17/14

Police & Fire Comm.

Attached please find my correspondence I sent to the city administration, police & fire chiefs.

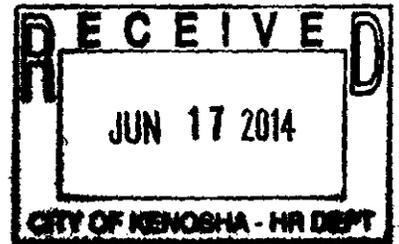
I'm requesting a formal hearing regarding my allegations of battery/assault while being transported. I want disciplinary actions taken ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

Lamela Gibson

262 412.4442

6533 48th Ave.

Kenosha, WI 53142



September 11, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter today as a result of Fire Chief John Thompson's review of my charges of gross negligence, assault, and battery, which was perpetrated upon me by the med crew from station 4 on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012. They were dispatched in the midst of the record-breaking heat wave in which the Kenosha News reported that 53 people died in the U.S. as a result thus far. Due to my serious, chronic health conditions, which include pancreatitis, GI bleeds, chronic diarrhea, gastric bypass, small bowel resection and multiple abdominal surgeries, dehydration and malnutrition; I am no longer able to work and am on disability. Understand that during that deadly heat wave, I was living in an apartment with an air conditioner not working properly and as a result the temperature was registering at ninety degrees for that past week. It was on this day that my son, who was a Navy medic, called 911 with the complaint that his mother was passing bloody, tarry stools, is extremely hypotensive, and states she is afraid she is going to die as a result of a combination of these circumstances.

The paramedics arrived and found me on the floor. I had no strength to stand and knew I was about to pass out as my peripheral vision was leaving me. When asked by the first paramedic on scene, a tall, shaved-headed man who stood directly over me what was wrong, I told him that I had a history of GI issues which I've nearly died from twice, malnutrition, dehydration, was losing consciousness, and my peripheral vision was leaving and that I knew I needed to be transported

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*Paul Murphy*

to the hospital. I verbalized to the paramedic that I was too weak to really continue to speak and that if he had other questions to please ask my adult daughter who was standing near me at that time. My daughter stated to that paramedic that I was extremely frightened that I was going to die due my illness and the heat, to which the paramedic then told me that I can get up and walk to the ambulance parked quite a ways away out on 52<sup>nd</sup> street! I reiterated, rather shocked at the suggestion, that I was barely conscious. He then reached down, grabbed me while I was completely lying down and dead weight and YANKED me up. I have three neighbors who were witnesses to this. I didn't have my feet properly supporting me nor was I able to assist him in getting to a standing position in any way. Suddenly I found myself in an upright position very shocked but thinking that a gurney would then be awaiting me at least to bring me down the long hall, down the steps outside to the waiting ambulance. By this time, my son, the Navy medic was near me and had also requested a gurney, which his request on my behalf was also denied, He was told by the brutish paramedic, as he shall now be referred to, "Your mother can walk." Not only was there no gurney awaiting me, I had seen that the other two paramedics who'd seen how this man had brutally yanked me up, just stood there and did nothing to help me. One of which, Officer Flash, was the commanding officer.

*Paul  
Murphy*

*Paul Murphy*

*Matthew Spidell  
+ Lt. Flash*



Barely able to stay upright, I walked down the hall while the brute "assisted me" on my one side while the other two paramedics walked in front of me, neither of whom offered to assist me by supporting my other side. I pleaded to the other two paramedics in front of me, "I need help. I need help (walking)." It was only when I reached out to the other paramedic's shoulder that I had obtained his assistance (man-handled) as if I were nothing more than a garden-variety drunk. At this point I had one on each side of me. As we exited the apartment hallway and headed for the outside, front concrete steps towards the ambulance parked on 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, I was wondering how I was going to make it down the steep concrete steps. It was then that the commanding officer, Officer Flash, told them to take me down the more gradual embankment of grass beside the concrete steps to the ambulance—no doubt finally deducing that I may fall on the concrete if I had continued to walk down those steps. Where was his command over

*Matthew Spidell + Paul Murphy*

Assaulted)

two subordinates while I was being man-handled and twice-denied a gurney? This certainly points to some serious chain-of-command dysfunction and lack of respect for the authority of their commanding officer.

As I prepared to enter the ambulance, one of the paramedics was in the front of the inside gurney awaiting me and the other one was still holding on to me preparing to go up the ambulance steps which were quite high. Officer Flash was speaking with my son, who had full view of what was about to transpire. Officer Flash's back, however, was turned away from what was happening as we were about to enter the vehicle. I told the brutish paramedic that there was no way I was going to make it up those stairs to the inside of the ambulance. He told me, "Yes, you can." After he'd just yanked the heck out of me <sup>being</sup> pulling me up and <sup>forcing</sup> I was hurting me, I was frightened and felt very threatened—so I figured I had better comply! I then <sup>part</sup> lifted up my right foot and the next thing I know, I'm laying half off the inside gurney and towards the end of it inside the ambulance. The last thing I felt after I'd lifted my leg up was his hands on the back of my belt. I was then launched onto the gurney! My son witnessed this and said that the look on the face of the paramedic inside and at the front of the gurney appeared to be quite shocked as well as he was not expecting a body to be launched towards him so quickly. Again, Officer Flash did not see this part at all. My son briefly thought of punching the guy's lights out for the way he'd just treated his elderly, ill mother; <sup>see</sup> but for the sake of his two-year-old son did not want to risk getting thrown into jail. He told Officer Flash that he'd better (in the words of my ex-Navy son) unfuck that paramedic! <sup>hip</sup> <sup>prodd</sup> The paramedic at the front of the gurney then told me that I needed to straighten myself out and move up because I landed—with a thud—on my hip and my head, halfway down, very awkwardly and painfully. It was at this point that I sustained a head and a neck injury. If I was being properly "assisted" onto the gurney as the med unit crew alleged and Fire Chief Thompson declares is so, why would I have needed to straighten myself and pull myself up to the front of the gurney at all? To say by that time I was mentally and physically traumatized is an understatement. I felt extremely afraid and vulnerable at the hands of these, now-perpetrators having been thrown into the vehicle like a piece of trash!

It was after this that Officer Flash entered the vehicle and asked me which hospital I was going to. I told them St Catherines. Officer Flash then corrected me and said, "No, we are sending you to Aurora." I again had told him that I do not want to go to Aurora that I wanted to go to St Catherines. It was then that Officer Flash got rather authoritative and argumentative with me and told me that they are taking me to Aurora as they have my medical records there. (Is it standard practice to argue and debate your ill clients as to where they are transported?) That is when I was forced to disclose my personal, private medical information as to the reason I did not want to be transported to Aurora. I then had to tell them of two recent incidences I'd experienced there five weeks earlier: I was in their ER due to bloody diarrhea and had used their bathroom and flushed their toilet when my own excrement exploded back up into my face and all around the bathroom walls due to a malfunctioning toilet! (No doubt being forced to divulge my private medical record provided them all a good laugh back at the fire station). Still Officer Flash did not "agree" to take me to the hospital of my choice! I then had to release yet another one of my private health situations at Aurora in which an IV line of potassium had infiltrated and as a result, from my fingers to my elbow was burned and was extremely painful. It was only then that Officer Flash agreed to take me to where I'd requested in the first place: St Catherines. While being transported and questioned about the medications I was on, the brutish paramedic rolled his eyes at me disgust. I questioned him, "Did you just roll your eyes at me?" He then rolled them again! Incidentally, Chief Thompson when told about this man's rude and unprofessional eye-rolling, claimed this paramedic brute has a "medical condition" where his eyes roll!

Incidentally, when I arrived at St Catherines, THEY immediately placed me on a gurney—I was NOT expected to walk! It was there that I was admitted and treated for dehydration, blood in my stools, and now for my head and neck injuries caused by the crew of Med 4. It was on the second day of my hospital stay that my sister had offered to assist me in the shower. She is a nursing student, and incidentally, the girlfriend of Battalion Chief John Poltrock who happened to have been the shift commander on duty at that very fire station(4) working with the med crew in question. My sister and Battalion Chief Poltrock have lived

together for the past 10 years. My sister, Chief John Poltrock, and Fire Chief John Thompson are close friends (Battalion Chief Poltrock has since recused himself). While my sister was helping me in the shower at the hospital, she was witness to the large, dark purple bruise on my right hip that was caused by the way I landed onto the gurney in the ambulance after being launched by the ~~brutish paramedic~~ <sup>Paul Murphy</sup> on the crew of Med 4. As a result, I was being treated every four hours with physician-prescribed hot packs and pain medication for the neck and head injury. I will remind you that originally the paramedics were called for a possible GI bleed and dehydration—not a head and neck injury!

Not once did I get a sincere apology or any type of sympathy from Fire Chief Thompson for what I'd gone through that day as a result of the gross negligence of his crew on Med 4. Chief Thompson did take the time to call my neighbors who'd witnessed this. My son and I also went and had a private meeting with Chief Thompson. We also hand-delivered a letter shortly after the incident to the city administrator, Frank Pacetti's, office as well as the Chief of Police's office, Joseph Trotta. Fire Chief Thompson's review of the situation was that I was, indeed, properly and professionally transported. He "apologized" that the way I described this incident was "my reality."

Enclosed you will find photos of my bruises from "my reality" that day perpetrated at the hands of the Kenosha Fire Department's Med 4 crew and supported by Fire Chief John Thompson.

Sincerely,

Pamela Gibson (262) 412-4442

At aprox 9:00 am on 07/07/2012, Julia Wilridge called 911 from the apartment building that both she and her mother and brother reside at requesting an ambulance to transport her mother, Pam Gibson, explaining to dispatch that her mother was screaming, "I'm dieing." Dispatch was asking whether she was consciosus, pale and said paramedics would be on their way. They were there in aprox 5 mins to 5117 52nd st, Apt 6 Three paramedics arrived. Pam was on the floor on the lower level of the apartment building in front of her friend's apartment door when they arrived. One of the paramedics got over her face and asked what's wrong. Pam explained that she is barely conscious and that she didn't have the energy to talk and to talk to her daughter. Paramedics then asked her daughter, Julia, what's wrong. Julia explained that her mother is saying that she's dieing and wants to go to St Catherine's Hospital. He bent down and said ok, Maam, we'll take you to the hospital. He then took her hand and with his other hand under her arm pit and thrusted her up in overly-agressive manner. The other two paramedics did nothing to help her up. She was going in and out of consciousness after they picked her up. Only after she asked for another paramedic to assist her did another guy assist her walking. Her son, Travis, asked if she could have a gurnee and he was denied it. One of them said, "Your mother can walk." Pam was dragging her feet and the two were just pulling her along---not assisting, but dragging, as she was barely conscious. Pam was complaining that she was dehydrated and has a history of malnourishment and knew she was about to lose consiousness as she was loosing her peripheral vision. They both continued to drag her down the hallway to the truck parked on 52nd st. One of them suggested going down the grass side instead of the concrete steps going out of the front of the apartment building, which they did. Pam states she saw the steps going up into the truck and she stated there's no way she can get up those stairs unassisted. They seemed to expect that she go up them alone unassisted ignoring the plea for assistance up the steps to the truck. A heavy-set paramedic with a shaved head, grabbed ahold of Pam's belt and her left shoulder and then proceeded to literally toss her into theleft side of the vehicle onto the gurnee and she was caught by the other paramedic before she could hit her head on any equipment. The paramedic inside the truck on the left side right in front of the gurnee appeared surprised that he had to grab this patient quickly. Pam landed on her right hip, shoulder and neck. THat paramedic then assisted her up and straightened her out on the gurnee so she was laying straight and not half-cocked, the way she landed. One of them asked which hospital do you want to go to. They then said, no, you're going to Aurora, not St Catharines. And Pam explained she didn't want to go to Aurora. They asked her why she didn't want to go to Aurora. Pam was complaining that Aurora almost killed her and she did not want to go there in no uncertain terms. Jeff came out to address with Pam's son, Travis, why she didn't want to go to Aurora. He proceeded to tell Jeff that Pam and her family felt Aurora was

neglectful in their patient care towards her as well as making medical errors and misdiagnosis. Pam also explained while she had very little energy to do this, that three weeks prior when she went to Aurora's ER with blood in her urine, she had used their bathroom to have a bowel movement and flushed the toilet only to have the feces explode toward her and the feces flew in her face, gown, hair, floor and walls. She clearly didn't want to return to that place. The large paramedic who threw her proceeded to ask what kind of drugs she was on and what medicine she was on. She responded that her son had given her a medically prescribed Xanax at 8:50 and had no other meds for at least 6 hours. He asked if she had anything else, Pam told him at 10pm last night before bed, she had taken Ambien, Enalapril for her high BP, her thyroid medication, a baby aspirin, and Wellbutrin, which is all normal for her. Pam told this same large paramedic that tossed her that she is not a drug addict, and he rolled his eyes at her. Pam then stated, "You're rolling your eyes at me?" He then gave her a rather disgusted look. Pam then stated to him, "I'm done with you." Pam felt she had to preserve her energy (and told him this) and was done wasting what little energy she had on their accusatory and uncaring attitude towards her. When they arrived at St Catherine's ER bay, Pam asked him if he would tell John Poltrock that she was there. He responded in an obvious perturbed way that he would not be talking to John Poltrock, and that her medical information was private. That's when the other paramedic handed Pam some electronic signature device and asked that she sign slow and carefully and Pam responded to put this on John Poltrock's desk. She also stated that if she dies right now that she wants him to take this device on his desk with my signature on it. He then took it. She then said to the large man who tossed her that if he didn't do this, that she'd come back and haunt him. His response was that he was an atheist and that was ok.

cc Frank Pancetti, City Administrator

cc John Morrissey, Chief of Police

cc Chief Thomsen, Chief of Fire Dept.



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Prehearing Conference Order***

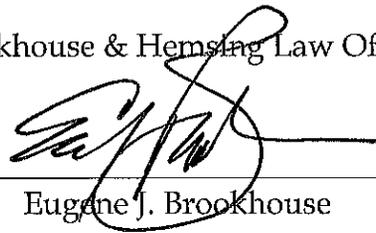
Gentlemen:

Please find attached the Prehearing Conference Order based upon the prehearing conference held earlier today.

Very truly yours,

Brookhouse & Hemsing Law Offices

By:



Eugene J. Brookhouse

EJB/dd

cc via email: President Bradley, Commission Members, Jo Baltes

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*Re: Disciplinary Charges Against Firefighter James D. Adams*

## PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER

A Prehearing Conference having been held by telephone on July 8, 2014, pursuant to Section 6.6 of the By-laws ("By-Laws") of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners ("Board") for the City of Kenosha, Wisconsin; Fire Chief John R. Thomsen for the City of Kenosha, Wisconsin ("Chief") having appeared by his attorneys, Buelow, Vetter, Buikema, Olson & Vliet, LLC, by Daniel G. Vliet, by telephone; Firefighter James D. Adams having appeared by his attorneys, Hawks Quindel, SC, by Timothy E. Hawks, by telephone; the parties having waived the 30-day hearing requirement pursuant to Section 62.13(5)(d) Wis. Stats.; the undersigned, as attorney for the Board having conducted such Prehearing Conference pursuant to such By-Laws and at the direction of the Board and having considered the arguments and stipulations of the parties and being fully advised in the premises, it is determined and ordered by the undersigned, for and on behalf of the Board with its authority and at its direction, as follows:

1. The charges against Firefighter James D. Adams, as more particularly set forth in the Complaint of the Chief on file herein, fall within the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. All procedural motions to be considered by the Board shall be filed with the Board by delivery to the undersigned, on or before July 18, 2014.
3. The parties shall endeavor to reach a stipulation as to as many facts and circumstances as the parties are able and shall provide such stipulations to the Board at or before the commencement of the Hearing.

4. On or before July 22, 2014, Daniel G. Vliet, the attorney for the Chief, shall provide to Timothy E. Hawks, the attorney for Firefighter James D. Adams, and file with the undersigned a list of the names and addresses of the witnesses he intends to call at the Hearing.

5. On or before July 29, 2014, Timothy E. Hawks, the attorney for Firefighter James D. Adams, shall provide to Daniel G. Vliet, the attorney for the Chief, and file with the undersigned a list of the names and addresses of the witnesses he intends to call at the Hearing.

6. Daniel G. Vliet, the attorney for the Chief, shall provide six copies of his final exhibits to be submitted at the hearing unto the clerk and Timothy E. Hawks, the attorney for Firefighter James D. Adams, on or before July 22, 2014.

7. Timothy E. Hawks, the attorney for Firefighter James D. Adams, shall provide six copies of his final exhibits to be submitted at the hearing unto the clerk and Daniel G. Vliet, the attorney for the Chief, by July 29, 2014.

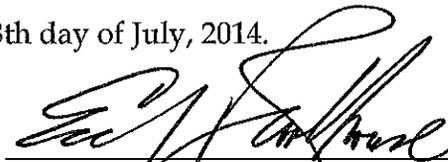
8. The attorneys for the parties shall be afforded the right and option to issue subpoenas for witness attendance at the hearing.

9. On or before July 25, 2014, Timothy E. Hawks, the attorney for Firefighter James D. Adams, shall file notice of any objections to the final exhibits proposed by the Chief.

10. On or before August 1, 2014, Daniel G. Vliet, the attorney for the Chief, shall file notice of any objections to the final exhibits proposed by Firefighter James D. Adams.

9. The date and place of the hearing is confirmed as follows: Municipal Office Building, Room 202, 625 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, at 8:00 a.m., August 5, 2014, the parties having represented to the Board that each will present his case in one-half day.

Dated at Kenosha, Wisconsin this 8th day of July, 2014.



Eugene J. Brookhouse, Attorney for the Board,  
pursuant to Section 6.6 of the By-Laws

EJB/dd

cc via email: President Bradley, Commission Members, Jo Baltes

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JOHN W. MORRISSEY  
Chief of Police

DANIEL G. MISKINIS  
Deputy Police Chief

July 15, 2014

Dear Commissioners:

I ask that you approve the following promotion, Officer Mark Poffenberger to Probationary Detective to be effective August 1, 2014.

**Officer Mark Poffenberger** – Officer Poffenberger has been employed with the Kenosha Police Department for the past seven years as a police officer and has served as a field training officer, rifle team member, and tavern unit member during that time. Mark received his bachelor degree from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and just completed a Master of Science in Criminal Justice degree this spring at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Mark is married to his wife Mindy, and they have one daughter, Kenzie.

I ask that you approve the appointment of the following individuals as probationary police officers for the City of Kenosha effective August 1, 2014.

**Anthony K. Barriere** – Anthony is a 2003 graduate of Tremper High School and graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Parkside in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. Anthony graduated from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Academy at Gateway Technical College in May 2014. Anthony is a member of the United States Army Reserve and serves as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. Anthony currently works for the Racine County Sheriff's Department.

**Kelsi R. Cesarz** – Kelsi is a 2012 graduate of Burlington High School and attended Gateway Technical College where she obtained an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement in 2013. Kelsi graduated from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Academy at Gateway Technical College in May 2014, receiving the highest academic honor. Kelsi is currently employed as a security officer with Securitas Security Services in Milwaukee, WI.

**Corey M. Talbert** – Corey is a 1999 Graduate of Tremper High School attended Gateway Technical College where he obtained an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement in 2012. Corey graduated from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Academy at Gateway Technical College in June 2013. Corey currently works for United Hospital as a security officer at the St. Catherine's Campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Morrissey".

John W. Morrissey  
Chief of Police



*The mission of the Kenosha Police Department is to serve all people with respect, fairness and compassion. We are committed to preserving peace, order and safety; enforcing laws and ordinances; and safeguarding constitutional rights.*