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This is my Official Statement regarding actions that took place on 8/25/2020-8/26/2030 in Kenosha Wisconsin.

I'm gonna start with a list of terms and their definition.

BLM- a member of or the peaceful protesting contingent.

Antifa- a member of or a group of far left militants that partake in direct action.

Agitator- a person or persons who are not affiliated with any defined group.

There for the specific purpose of causing destruction and mayhem.

Militia- armed private citizens acting as a member of a nonuniformed force.

MTH- Militia Held Territory

NML- No Man's Land

PHT- Police Held Territory

Yesterday at 6pm i joined a contingent of militia along with two unaligned observers headed to Kenosha Wisconsin to protect citizens, their property and their livelihoods.

After infiltrating in Kenosha we found a group of militia made up mostly of males in their early 20's and late teens. Realizing that they were undermanned and had no leadership on ground at all. We joined them and I inserted myself into a tactical advisement role. The owners then deputized us to protect his properties. We then were joined by another group of bikers carrying hatchets, ball bats and firearms.

After sorting it out we left them at the southern location. As that was the least likely place for them to meet protesters.(where the first shooting and subsequent exchanges of fire came from.) we then moved to the north location 2 city blocks to the north. Where we took up defensive positions and placed men on the roof. We were on the demarcation line for MHT and NML. Protesters coming south on Sheridan would encounter us before anyone else thus giving us the ability to set the tone for the interactions between BLM, Antifa and Agitators with Militia.

For the first couple of hours things were mostly uneventful aside from Agitators trying to break into and burn down a restaurant. We crossed into NML to stop this and aided by BLM we were able stop that. The same agitators around 30-45 minutes later probed our northern boundary. And we shooed them off by being verbally aggressive. As the night dragged on we made frequent trips to the southern location eventually we found that it had been abandoned by the bikers. So I gave the hospital security my phone number. And they agreed to inform me if something happened there.

When I returned from that trip we were joined by another friend of mine a Marine Veteran and maintained our perimeter.

For the next hour or so. Around this time is when a KPD Officer approached us and this is where they told us that they were going to be pushing the protesters towards us because we could deal with them. We never agreed to this and (as has been cleanly cut out of every video of me explaining this) thusly switched to a protect the public stance. including BLM, Antifa and the public at large.

KPD made a conscious decision to abandon the people of Kenosha to people they felt justified in using machines and weapons of war against. And were going to piss them off and drive them at us and let the chips fall where they may. We on the other hand had other plans. We quickly setup an aid station in the building we were protecting. Kyle did most of that. We started leaving MHT and going into NML to retrieve wounded BLM and Antifa members providing them with first aid and helping them get to the hospital. We escorted groups of BLM past KPD Snatch and Grab teams. All the while letting everyone know that we were there for them. To protect, to aid and to offer a bit of comfort.

All the while having tense exchanges with agitators who were dead set on destroying the town and causing serious bodily harm to innocents. Notable

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of which was the bald guy in the red shirt. If you were between him and something he could destroy he'd threaten you, he'd verbally assault you, he'd bluff charge you with something in his hand. He was in fact not being very cash money.

Agitators attacked us with homemade chemical weapons and with things taken off off police. We never once responded with violence lethal or otherwise.

The protesters went back and forth with KPD several times KPD up and down Sheridan. When KPD saw we were running an aid station they gassed us. So bad that I required medical care. As Kyle escorted me into the aid station they tossed us water and mockingly said they appreciated what we were doing.

After that they'd pushed the protesters pass the intersection with the gas station. Kyle my Marine friend and myself walked passed the police and started looking for injuries to treat. I got accosted by an agitator and got separated from them during this.

Unable to locate them I started back to the north building and got stopped by the cops. That's when the shooting started. Upon hearing the shots I ran towards the gunfire moving to cover. To my left I spotted my friend rendering aid to the guy shot in the arm. I ran over made sure he had it and ran to the guy who was shot in the chest. He had unfortunately already passed. I helped load his body and effects into the MRAP when shooting erupted again. To the south so I ran south to the southern location upon arrival the area was being shot up from a building to the west. I also had picked up a cameraman and two armed Antifa on the way there upon seeing armed individuals the shooting stopped. Until the police surrounded the building. It was a chaotic situation and no one knew how many shooters there were or why. But aside from a few individuals the different factions on the ground came together to at least try to handle the situation. Im under the impression that there were two. But only one actually shot anyone.

At this point things settled down we gave a couple of statements to freelance media. Had a great conversation with BLM about the police creating the situation and then we left.

In closing

Last nights situation was a terrible event. One that's being twisted to further divide the people. I've seen my own words and actions being twisted so much that they don't reflect reality. 20 seconds of several minute long conversations being put forth as gospel.

I put this together to get my version of the night out there. To clear the air. It is my belief that we only faced one monster out there that night. The Government. it sought to agitate, and create a situation where this would happen. I'm seeing people refer to this as the start of some "civil war" in certain communities. I don't know about that but it's even clearer to me after the fact that we need to unite under a common cause and stop letting them trick us into killing one another and destroying one another's lives. Together we're far stronger than we are divided.

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**Joe Scaffidi** I'm glad you're safe, and even though it was dangerous I'm glad you were there. Your leadership and actions probably helped keep people safe and prevented others from getting hurt or killed. Proud of you man, it's an honor to know you and call you a friend

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**Joe Scaffidi** Also. Can I share this?

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**Ryan Thomas Balch** That's the purpose of it to fight the misinformation

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**Nick Black** How far is Kenosha from you?

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**Ryan Thomas Balch** Bout an hour

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 **Isaac Kapp** Ryan Thomas Balch 45min if you drive fast

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 **Ryan Thomas Balch** yup

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**Nick Black** Be safe man

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**Todd Valheim** I know you said that you talked to BLM but some people within it seem to think that you're there to hurt them and support the police. Are you doing anything to try to inform them that you're out to protect?


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 **Todd Valheim** I know that would put you at odds with some within BLM that are saying property damage is a means to an end.

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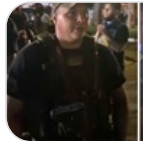
 **Ryan Thomas Balch** Yes I'm giving anyone who wants it the full conversation between myself and BLM after everything was done

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 **Ryan Thomas Balch** i actually met several good Heathens during the night though and that was cool

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 **Ryan Thomas Balch** <https://thefreethoughtproject.com/blm-militiamen-discuss.../>



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 **Ryan Thomas Balch** But during the night we were very vocal about our purpose. But unfortunately some people don't care what you have to say

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**Rory Huolihan** Glad your okay

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 **Ryan Thomas Balch** **Rory Huolihan** I'm fine lost my voice and I'm hacking a lung due to taking direct hits from chemical weapons

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 **Rory Huolihan** You are a good dude and wish we had more like you

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**Henry Marlowe** I'm glad you weren't put in a position to utilize lethal force. Where were your limits on that and ROE if needed?

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**Ryan Thomas Balch** Lethal force was only authorized as a response to lethal force or grievous injury potential.

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 **Henry Marlowe** **Ryan Thomas Balch** figured as much. Glad it didn't come to that.

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