

Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office**Continuation**

Incident Report Number

20-024412

Incident Location:

1201 S Spring St, Port Washington, WI, 53074

Incident Date:

08/25/2020

NARRATIVE**SOURCE:**

The City of Kenosha Police Department requested the assistance of the Ozaukee County Metro Special Response Team (SRT) to assist with riot control regarding disruptive and destructive unlawful assemblies occurring in their jurisdiction.

CIRCUMSTANCES:

The Ozaukee County Metro SRT provided assistance with crowd and riot control regarding civil unrest in the City of Kenosha.

NARRATIVE:

On Tuesday, 08-25-20 at approximately 1:23 pm I received information that the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office sent a teletype requesting assistance regarding civil unrest occurring in the City of Kenosha. I contacted KESO Capt. Beth and advised we could provide an eight member tactical team and an armored rescue vehicle (MRAP) to assist with their request for crowd and riot control.

At approximately 5:45 pm Ozaukee SRT members arrived at a pre-determined staging location in the City of Kenosha. I along with SRT Team Leaders checked in at staging, received radio equipment, and our team assignment. The Ozaukee SRT members consisted of six Entry Operators, an armored rescue vehicle driver, a spotter, and SRT Commander.

After receiving a tactical brief from the Tactical Operations Center (TOC) the SRT became operational ready and stood by at the staging area as directed. The team was assigned as armored support to remain at staging until needed in an area.

Intelligence relayed that there was a large crowd gathered in front of the Kenosha Administration Building that were becoming unruly and destructive. Members of the crowd were actively throwing rocks, bricks, large pieces of concrete and asphalt, and other dangerous projectiles at the Mobile Field Force Units (crowd control units) and National Guard members that were positioned in front of the Administration Building. Kenosha County had previously declared a State of Emergency due to the civil unrest that occurred the previous two nights. A city-wide curfew was in effect from 8:00 pm until 7:00 am for the area east of I-94. A Civil Unrest Advisory for all of Kenosha County was also broadcasted via several platforms.

At approximately 9:17 pm Tactical Command directed SRT MRAP to respond to the front of the Kenosha County Courthouse located at 912 56th St. in the City of

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Kenosha to assist the crowd control units who were experiencing people attempting to climb and destruct the fence around the building. Protesters were also throwing rocks, bricks, hammers, fireworks, and other dangerous projectiles at the crowd control team members. The crowd control team had already deployed gas and pepper balls which did not disburse the crowd.

At approximately 9:32 pm the MRAP arrived in position in front of the courthouse. Upon arrival they observed hundreds of protesters, many acting aggressively towards law enforcement. The MRAP was immediately pelted with bricks, rocks, large chunks of asphalt and concrete and other items. This occurred for several minutes as the MRAP positioned itself in front of the courthouse. Large fireworks were also being deployed towards the armored vehicles and crowd control units which were causing large explosions.

Once there was a break in the projectiles being directed at the MRAP, SRT was able to deploy three cannisters of riot control continuous discharge CS gas. The gas cannisters were deployed by hand from the roof hatch of the MRAP. The first cannister was deployed at approximately 9:55 pm and was immediately picked up by a rioter and thrown back at the MRAP striking the driver side windshield. The second cannister of CS gas was deployed at approximately 10:00 pm and a third cannister of CS gas was deployed at approximately 10:07 pm. Both of these cannisters were deployed successfully from the MRAP. Members Malicki and Arndt worked together as the gas deployment team.

During this time the team observed several rioters throwing dangerous projectiles at the crowd control teams. The rioters were shielding their bodies behind a piece of standard size plywood. The subjects were actively throwing bricks which were striking the crowd control team. One of the subjects momentarily left the barricade and later returned to the barricade with a backpack. From the angle of the MRAP team member Mueller could still see bricks being thrown at the crowd control team by a subject hiding behind the barricade. When not actively throwing bricks the subject's right buttocks, thigh, and calf were facing upward and exposed. At approximately 10:08 pm team member Mueller deployed three less-lethal drag stabilized bean bag rounds from the MRAP turret. The first round hit the ground to the left of the subject. The second and third rounds hit the subject in the thigh/buttocks area. The subject then stood up and fled the area without being apprehended or identified.

At approximately 10:30 pm the armored vehicles and crowd control teams were clearing the crowd from the area when a very loud explosion happened approximately 50 yards to the left of the MRAP. One of the National Guardsmen became injured from the explosion. The Guardsmen was escorted to the rear of the MRAP and the gate was lowered so the subject could be brought aboard until a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) team would be able to respond to transport the injured subject from the scene. The subject appeared to have an injury to his left hand including minor bleeding. No immediate medical attention was

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needed. At approximately 10:45 pm while waiting for a medical QRF to respond to the MRAP a second National Guardsmen who was experiencing dehydration was also escorted to the MRAP and provided a bottle of water. At approximately 10:55 pm both Guardsmen were turned over to the FBI QRF for medical transport from the scene.

The team continued to disperse the crowd and stopped at the corner of the park located at 57th St. and 10th Ave. The MRAP stayed at this location to help maintain a perimeter at the park. During this time information was received that a subject with a long rifle had shot and struck several people. The shooting occurred several blocks away from the team's position. The team remained at their position and were not requested to deploy to any other location during this timeframe.

At approximately 12:44 am the MRAP was instructed to stage at the Simmons Library located at 711 59th Place to cover a section of the city. The team remained at this position until approximately 2:09 am when they were directed to return to staging and conclude their mission.

Once at the staging area the team was debriefed by TOC and radio equipment was returned. The MRAP was inspected for damage. The MRAP received damage to the front passenger side headlight and fender. The fender was cracked and headlight broken due to hard projectiles which were thrown by the rioters. Several large pieces of brick, concrete, and asphalt were located on top of the MRAP. No additional damage was discovered. No additional assistance was requested by Kenosha PD and the team was relieved from their assignment.

CASE STATUS:

Closed

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos of MRAP Damage

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