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| <b>Status</b>                   | Approved                           |
| <b>Report Type</b>              | Incident                           |
| <b>Primary Officer</b>          | Jesse Spears                       |
| <b>Investigator</b>             | None                               |
| <b>Reported At</b>              | 08/25/20 15:38                     |
| <b>Incident Date</b>            | 08/25/20 15:38                     |
| <b>Incident Code</b>            | ERT : Emergency Response Team Call |
| <b>Location</b>                 | 3700 WASHINGTON RD, KENOSHA        |
| <b>Zone</b>                     |                                    |
| <b>Beat</b>                     |                                    |
| <b>Municipality Type</b>        | None                               |
| <b>Disposition</b>              | Closed - Resolved                  |
| <b>Disposition Date/Time</b>    | 08/26/20 06:38                     |
| <b>Review for Gang Activity</b> | None                               |

#### Dispatch Information

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| <b>CFS #</b>            | REPD20-10473                       |
| <b>Location</b>         | 3700 WASHINGTON RD, KENOSHA        |
| <b>Incident Code</b>    | ERT : Emergency Response Team Call |
| <b>Occurred Between</b> | 08/25/20 15:38:26 and              |
| <b>Assigned</b>         | 15:44:24                           |
| <b>Enroute</b>          | 15:44:24                           |
| <b>On Scene</b>         | 15:44:24                           |
| <b>Completed</b>        | 06:35:29                           |

#### Unspecified

Sauk County ERT

### Initial Narrative By Jesse Spears, 09/02/20 09:39

Sauk County ERT assisted the Kenosha PD with protests/riots which were occurring in their jurisdiction due to an officer involved shooting.

Det. Sgt. Jesse Spears #136

### Supplemental Narrative By Timothy Knuth, 09/11/20 11:32

TAK 08-25-20

#### BACKGROUND

On Tuesday 08-25-20 the Sauk County Emergency Response Team was requested and responded to the city of Kenosha to assist in response to civil unrest in the city where the city was experiencing rioting, looting and damage to property.

#### INFORMATION

On Tuesday 08-24-20 Sauk County ERT members were requested to respond to the city of Kenosha to assist with civil unrest occurring in the city of Kenosha. Sauk County ERT had previously responded to the city of Kenosha on Sunday 08-23-20 and we were deployed to provide security to fire department personnel as they put out

several fires in the city. Sauk County ERT also responded to the city of Kenosha on Monday 08-24-20 where ERT assisted in controlling the civil unrest. During this incident law enforcement personnel and equipment were struck with objects such as rocks, bricks and fireworks. ERT members met at the Sauk County Law Enforcement Center and departed for the city of Kenosha at approximately 4:30 P.M. ERT members arrived in the city of Kenosha and staged at the staging area (Mary D Bradford High School).

Sauk County ERT was split into two teams (field force team and rescue vehicle operation) and I was assigned as a team leader to the rescue vehicle operation. Also assigned to rescue vehicle operation was Detective Pointon (driver), Sgt. Gilbert (navigator), Detective Spears (chemical munitions), Deputy Schlough (chemical munitions), Detective Oakeson, Deputy Stoddard and Paramedic Willer (TEMS). Due to the civil unrest chemical munitions were stored in the rescue vehicle and the LRAD (long range acoustic device) was set up on the rescue vehicle. We were assigned to the area of 56<sup>th</sup> St. and Sheridan St. and when we were a few blocks away from this location we placed the skip round shield on the passenger side of rescue vehicle. This was done because the prior night Waukesha's rescue vehicle was disabled after a firework was thrown at the rescue vehicle and exploded underneath the rescue vehicle.

We arrived on Sheridan St. at 56<sup>th</sup> St. and a crowd began to gather in the area. A large crowd was gathered in the park across from the courthouse on 56<sup>th</sup> St. and while on Sheridan St. items such as bottles and bricks were thrown at and struck our rescue vehicle. A green laser was aimed at our rescue vehicle. The crowd appeared to be agitated with our presence with the items being thrown, yelling at the rescue vehicle and body gestures of the crowd of flipping us off and waving arms frantically at us. Several subjects also walked around and within a few feet of the rescue vehicle as were in position.

The Kenosha County rescue vehicle responded to in front of the courthouse on 56<sup>th</sup> St. and accessed this by driving through the park. As they drove through the park I observed this rescue vehicle being struck with numerous objects thrown by the crowd. Shortly after this the Kenosha County rescue vehicle was in position in front of the courthouse we were requested to respond to in front of the courthouse as well. We began driving on Sheridan Rd and then turned into the park and during this time the rescue vehicle's emergency red and blue lights were activated along with the audible siren. As we turned into the park most of the people in the crowd dispersed and moved out of the way while others ran up to and beside the rescue vehicle. The rescue vehicle was struck with numerous objects to include bricks, rocks, bottles and fireworks. While driving in the park a subject stood in front of the rescue vehicle which caused the rescue vehicle to have to stop. The subject refused to move and commands were giving over the LRAD for the subject to move and the subject refused to move and stood directly in front of the rescue vehicle. We requested the Kenosha County rescue vehicle attempt to move the subject by deploying less lethal munitions, but they were out of position and unable to do so. The rescue vehicle continued to be heavily struck by objects thrown by the crowd. Our rescue vehicle slowly inched forward and the subject eventually moved out of the way and we were able to position the rescue vehicle in front of the courthouse on 56<sup>th</sup> St.

While at this position the crowd continued to throw objects which included rocks, bricks, bottles, fireworks and other hard objects at our rescue vehicle and struck our rescue vehicle. I estimated the crowd at the park to be approximately 400-500 people. Announcements were made by Sgt. Gilbert over the LRAD system to the crowd to disperse and to leave the park. Announcements were also made by other rescue vehicles to disperse, to stop throwing items and were in violation of a curfew that was in place. The crowd did not obey any of these commands and continued to throw items to include fireworks at field force personnel and rescue vehicles.

We requested to use the LRAD system to disperse the crowd and command gave us permission to utilize the LRAD system. The LRAD system was activated and the crowd began to move back from field force personnel, but the crowd did not disperse entirely and continued throwing items at field force personnel. Throughout our deployment at this location we activated and used the LRAD system in attempt to disperse the crowd and stop any further civil unrest. The LRAD system was deployed for no longer than 25 minutes at a time and would be turned off for periods of time and would only be activated again when the crowd became more uncivil and violent.

Announcements were made if these actions did not cease that chemical agents would be introduced to the crowd. Items continued to be thrown at field force personnel and chemical munitions were deployed into the crowd from our rescue vehicle and other rescue vehicles on scene. Detective Spears deployed these chemical agents from the turret of our rescue vehicle and deployed approximately the following: 10 OC/CS 40 mm ferret rounds deployed by the 40 mm chemical munition launcher, 4 riot control CS chemical munitions deployed by hand, 2-4 instantaneous blast OC chemical munitions deployed by hand. Deputy Stoddard and I also deployed a total of 8 (4 each) hand held chemical munitions from the rear of the rescue vehicle. Deputy Stoddard and I opened the rear doors of the rescue

vehicle, stepped out of the rescue vehicle and remained by the door and deployed the chemical munitions by hand. This was a combination of riot control CS, instantaneous blast OC, and flameless tri chambers. All ferret rounds were accountable when deployed and were directed into the ground, curb or tree bank in front of the crowd. The hand deployment of chemical munitions were deployed upwind of the crowd to use the wind at the fullest extent to safely disperse the crowd.

While attempting to deploy chemical munitions from the turret Detective Spears had to quickly shut the turret at times to prevent from being struck by objects being thrown such as rocks, bricks and fireworks. Deputy Stoddard and I also had to retreat quickly back into the rescue vehicle at times to prevent from being struck by items. Chemical munitions were directed in the area of crowd members who were throwing items such as rocks, bricks and fireworks. I observed the crowd begin to use barricades and create shields using umbrellas, dumpsters, street signs and other objects in order to advance closer to field force personnel. The crowd also utilized a human shield tactic where people would deliberately stand in front of a group who were launching or throwing objects.

A male subject wearing a hard hat approached the Kenosha County rescue vehicle and stood in front of the rescue vehicle and then began reaching in front of the rescue vehicle. It appeared the male subject was attempting to damage or disable the rescue vehicle or possibly light the rescue vehicle on fire. Sgt. Gilbert gave the subject commands over the LRAD system to move away from the rescue vehicle, but the subject did not comply and continued to stand in front of the rescue vehicle and manipulate his hands and arms in front of the rescue vehicle. Deputy Schlough deployed three 40 mm sponge rounds utilizing the 40 mm chemical munitions launcher from the turret of our rescue vehicle. The first sponge round did not strike the subject while the second round struck the subject on his left side in the mid-section area of his torso, but the subject remained in front of the rescue vehicle. The third sponge round struck the subject in the same area as the second sponge round and the subject then moved away from the Kenosha county rescue vehicle.

The crowd in the park did not disperse and our rescue vehicle along with other rescue vehicles and field force operations moved toward the park and continued to use the LRAD system and deployed chemical munitions and the crowd began to disperse the park. Our rescue vehicle continued to be struck by objects as we attempted to disperse the crowd. The crowd dispersed from the park and we positioned our rescue vehicle in the park and held a position there along with field force operations on the ground. While dispersing the crowd a field force member from the ground needed medical attention and Paramedic Willer assessed the field force member near the rear of our rescue vehicle. During this time we also removed the skip round shield from the side of the rescue vehicle and placed it inside the rescue vehicle.

The crowd began to assemble on Sheridan St. near 57<sup>th</sup> St. in the roadway. Several announcements were made for the crowd to leave and disperse, but they continued to remain in the street. Several rescue vehicles including our rescue vehicle began driving south on Sheridan St. and the crowd dispersed. Our rescue vehicle along with 4-5 other rescue vehicles proceeded south on Sheridan St. and stopped on Sheridan St. at 60<sup>th</sup> St. While driving south on Sheridan St. there were subjects standing and walking on the sidewalks and street, but they were not congregating in one large group. Our rescue vehicle would periodically be struck with objects such as rocks, bricks and bottles.

As previously stated we stopped and positioned ourselves on Sheridan St. at 60<sup>th</sup> St. with about 4 other rescue vehicles. A crowd of approximately 50 people began to congregate and assemble in the street and parking lot of a gas station located at the corner of Sheridan St. and 60<sup>th</sup> St. and we continued to monitor the crowd. At one point a female subject from the crowd squared herself up to the front of our rescue vehicle and from about 20 yards away threw a brick at our rescue vehicle. The brick struck the front driver's side windshield and damaged the windshield by chipping the windshield. Shortly after this our rescue vehicle moved back (north) approximately one block and continued to monitor the crowd from this position along with the other rescue vehicles.

While at this location we heard several gunshots (approximately 5-6) coming from the area south of us. During the gunfire the crowd of people in the gas station parking lot and street began to run and scatter in all different directions and there was also a number of people south of this crowd who ran and scattered in different directions. Detective Pointon and Sgt. Gilbert were able to observe a body in the middle of the street on Sheridan St. near 61<sup>st</sup> St. and we responded with our emergency lights activated and drove south on Sheridan St. toward the gunfire and person down in the road. The other rescue vehicles also responded to this area. On Sheridan Rd. near 61<sup>st</sup> St. there were two injured subjects in the road. We positioned our rescue vehicle near the subjects along with the other rescue vehicles to provide security to the subjects and we exited the rescue vehicle to provide further security. In the area of the injured subjects there were numerous subjects running and yelling in the street and sidewalk. Paramedic Willer began medical treatment to one of the injured subjects while the other injured subject also received medical treatment. Paramedic Willer continued medical treatment to the patient as the patient was loaded into the West Allis rescue

vehicle and Paramedic Willer went with the West Allis rescue vehicle as they transported the patient to a local fire station for further treatment. I observed the other injured subject with a significant right arm injury and he was loaded into a rescue vehicle.

After the two injured patients were transported from the scene we loaded back into the rescue vehicle and responded to the medical center/hospital on Sheridan St. near 63<sup>rd</sup> St. as we observed the FBI rescue vehicle respond to the parking lot. We were at this location briefly and while there we observed a car on fire in the parking lot of a business on the corner of Sheridan St. at 63<sup>rd</sup> St. A crowd began to gather in this area and we monitored the area and crowd and waited for any fire response to provide security. We were informed by command we could depart the location and responded back to the area of the courthouse. We remained in this area and Paramedic Willer met us back at this location and we stayed in the area until command advised we could return to the staging area. No members from the rescue vehicle operation were injured and the rescue vehicle sustained damage from being struck by numerous objects during the operation. The skip round shield also received damage as the shield fabric was torn from the metal.

## **DISPOSITION**

Sauk County ERT members assisted in the city of Kenosha.

Submitted By

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