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To Everyone Who Helped Kenosha

In August and September of 2020, Civil Unrest and Violence brought the eye of the world to Kenosha. Our community was watched and scrutinized on the daily news in every country.

We sent out a call to all of law enforcement and fire/rescue from within our county to help deal with the tensions that were building within our city. We then put out a call to agencies in southeast Wisconsin and the National Guard. The requests then grew to agencies throughout the State as many businesses went up in flames on our second night.

We also requested help from the Federal Government, and they sent a huge amount of resources to help our cause.

We sent out the call, and you responded. You all responded with more help than you could afford to send, but you sent them anyway. The men, women, resources and knowledge you sent helped us bring an end to the violence. It was an incredible sight to really see all the resources on site and standing by to replace those who stood in harms way to protect Kenosha.

Five days into the event, my family came to see me at Bradford High School, or more commonly known as the Command Post. This was the first time they had seen me since the protests had started. They could not believe the equipment and people that were set up to help protect our home community. My daughter and son thought the parking lot looked more like something from a movie set than one of our local schools.

What my family witnessed was literally thousands of men and women whose only goal was to help protect Kenosha. Those who came were nothing short of superman and superwomen, without the capes.

Just in case some of you did not know it, the citizens of Kenosha also took on the role of superhero as well. The people of our community donated food and drink by the pallet. Many helped to prepare or serve the food to the thousands that needed to be fed every day. We could not have survived without all of these generous organizations, businesses and caring people who gave with no concern towards any recognition.

I did my best to personally thank each person that came here to help. I met many, but many also went without receiving my personal gratitude. We designed commemorative challenge coins to help remind anyone who came to Kenosha for the civil unrest. Kenosha and I thank them. These are just a small token of the heartfelt appreciation for what you have all done to help keep Kenosha safe.

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