

Joint Community Message

As Law Enforcement leaders in Kenosha County, we come together to share this community message.

We hear you and we see you. We are dedicated to evaluating policies and practices to address the issue of bias in policing. We commit to doing our part, while working with the communities we each serve, to usher in change.

We condemn excessive force and will hold our officers and each other accountable. We strongly support legitimate police action but are disgusted by any instance of police misconduct, especially those where racist ideology may be a contributing factor. We are proud professionals and do not support those who do not serve with fairness, compassion, honor and integrity.

We are increasing training on de-escalation as well as awareness/avoidance of bias. We are working together to assure fair and appropriate policing in our communities. We are increasing dialog with our communities to gain perspective and foster trust. Those who live, work, recreate or seek education here have every right to expect that their life is respected and valued.

We remain strongly committed to our oaths and to keeping our communities safe. Our goal is to reaffirm and strengthen our resolve to see that everyone is and feels safe.

Chief Daniel Mishkinis, Kenosha Police Department

Chief David Smetana, Pleasant Prairie Police Department

Chief Adam Grosz, Twin Lakes Police Department

Chief James Heller, UW Parkside Police Department

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