Letter from Chief Funkhouser via KPD Facebook Page

THANK YOU KIEL

Time and again, when a crisis or tragedy has occurred in or involves people in our area, I have witnessed people in our community step up and help out in amazing ways. Monday was no different.

Thank you to everyone who has reached out to me, our officers, and staff expressing their gratitude and support during the bomb threat on Monday. We appreciate it, but it goes WAY beyond KLPD and the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office, and Calumet County Sheriff's Office who helped us with law enforcement.

The City staff (DPW, City Hall, etc.), the Kiel Fire Department, Kiel EMS, the staff at the Kiel Schools, local citizens, business owners (HUI especially), church groups, and so many more people stepped up to help each other and protect our kids.

Some things went well, and some things did not go well, but in the end, together as a community, we once again mitigated a serious situation by doing the best we could with what we had. Moving forward, we’ll work to fix what didn’t go well and reinforce what did. Overall, I am thankful to everyone who stepped up and helped out. I am truly grateful.

As I drove home Monday evening after a long and very stressful day, I passed a mom walking her dog with a baby in a baby backpack. The kid was smiling ear to ear bouncing on Mom's back as she walked along. I saw kids on their bikes riding along Fremont Street heading for the park. I saw a line of people at Dairy Queen waiting for ice cream and a group of people enjoying their ice cream at the gazebo by the river. As I crossed the bridge I saw a Dad with his kids fishing at Veteran’s Park. When I made it home I was swarmed by my kids who hugged me tight and who were glad I was home safe. I watched the sun set over the beautiful skyline and gave thanks that the day was over and that the people and kids in our city were safe. I gave thanks that I live in this city and that I call it home.

I’ve said it before…There is no measure of darkness, only the absence of light.

When darkness comes, Be The Light. It’s dark in our city right now, but each of us can be the light in our own way. Please think before you speak and before you type. Our world is dark enough. Let’s bring some light to it.

It is an honor to serve this City.

Chief Dave