



COUNTY OF KENOSHA

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
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ADMINISTRATIVE PROPOSAL

COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT 2023/24-5

RE: KENOSHA COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

TO THE HONORABLE KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Placing special trust in his judgment and based upon his qualifications, I hereby submit to the honorable Kenosha County Board of Supervisors for its review and approval the name of

Craig Roepke
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

to serve a three-year term on the Kenosha County Local Emergency Planning Committee (Group 2-Firefighting) beginning immediately upon the confirmation of the County Board and continuing until the 30th day of April, 2026 or until a successor is appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors.

Roepke is a new appointee and will serve without pay.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of April, 2023.

Sincerely,

Samantha Kerkman
Kenosha County Executive

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SAMANTHA KERKMAN

APPOINTMENT PROFILE
KENOSHA COUNTY COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES & BOARDS

(Please type or print)

*Information marked with an * will be redacted before this form is publicly posted.*

Name: Craig Steven Roepke
First Middle Initial (optional) Last

*Residence Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Village of Pleasant Prairie Chief - Fire & Rescue
Company Title

*Business Address: [REDACTED]

*Telephone Number: Residence [REDACTED] *Business [REDACTED]

*Daytime Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

*Email Address: [REDACTED]

Name of the Commission, Committee or Board for which you are applying:

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Personal Statement: Please indicate why you believe you would be a valuable addition to the Commission, Committee or Board for which you are applying. If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet.

I have the desire, and motivation to use my experience and background to participate with individuals to create and sustain an environment of preparedness for the community. In my current role, these efforts are focused more locally to provide the needed capabilities which are intended to help prevent and minimize the adverse effects of both human and natural incidents. This is in part is accomplished by people, equipment, and training/education that I have advocated and promoted. Another key element is reaching out to organizations and creating relationships that may help to provide resources that are mutually beneficial to the community in time of need.

I view my past and current career efforts to be progressive for the purposes of self-improvement and to utilize my education, training, and motivation to advance groups and entities that I am involved with.

As highlighted in the attached resume, I have taken numerous courses and trainings in public safety preparedness and related FEMA courses that outline both best practices and the NIMS concepts.

I appreciate the opportunity to be considered for this position and look forward to a response. Should there be any additional questions or clarifications that I may bring forward, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

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Additional Information:

I have a key interest in Communication interoperability, which I have had the opportunity to explore and improve within our local municipality. Because of my former education and experience, I look for technology uses where they can be exploited to create improved processes.

Nominee's Supervisory District: _____

Special Interests: Indicate organizations or activities in which you have a special interest but may not have been actively involved.

Do you or have you done business with any part of Kenosha County Government in the past 5 years? Yes No If yes, please attach a detailed explanation.

Affiliations: List affiliations in all service groups, public service organizations, social or charitable groups, labor, business or professional organization, and indicate if it was a board or staff affiliation.

Kenosha County Chiefs & Captains Association, Staff
Wisconsin State Fire Chief's Association, Staff
Wisconsin State Fire Inspectors Association, Staff
Lake County (IL) Fire Chief's Association, Staff

Governmental Services: List services with any governmental unit.

Village of Pleasant Prairie

Conflict Of Interest: It would be inappropriate for you, as a current or prospective appointee, to have a member of your immediate family directly involved with any action that may come under the inquiry or advice of the appointed board, commission, or committee. A committee member declared in conflict would be prohibited from voting on any motion where "direct involvement" had been declared and may result in embarrassment to you and/or Kenosha County.

CRAIG S. ROEPKE

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Signature of Nominee

03/29/2023

Date

Please Return To: Kenosha County Executive
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CRAIG S. ROEPKE

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Village of Pleasant Prairie, WI
Department of Fire & Rescue**

1982- present

Located at Southeast Wisconsin, the Village of Pleasant Prairie comprises of 34 square miles of residential, commercial, and rural landscapes serving over 21,000 residents. The 37-member combination full-time/part-time department answers over 3100 calls annually and is an all-hazard emergency response organization performing at the EMS Paramedic level.

Chief – Fire & Rescue

2017-Present

Deputy Chief – Fire & Rescue

2012 – 2017

Firemedic

2009 – 2012

POC Captain

1994-2009

POC Lieutenant

1990-1994

Responsibilities in current position

Provide leadership and decision-support in all aspects, of administration, suppression, prevention and Emergency Medical Services operations for the Village. Collaborate internally with all Village department staff members as well as externally with local and regional public safety agencies. Work in partnership with private companies and organizations to progress initiatives for the benefit of the community. Responsible for a 5+ million-dollar financial budget to support public safety operations that include personnel, equipment, and facilities. Demonstrated experience in budgetary responsibility, commercial plan review, scene incident management, and organization performance and growth.

Accomplishments

- Key stakeholder for the current construction of a 14-million-dollar additional fire station #3.
 - Focused responsibility in managing operations in all aspects concerning vehicles, equipment, protocols, and communication with the medical director physician.
 - Key participant in the design, coordination and deployment of the \$4.5+ million Fire Station #1 construction project.
 - Involved in the now retired Public Private Partnership (PPP) initiative within Kenosha County. This group brings together private industry and companies with public entities such as Emergency Government and local public safety groups. Its focus is emergency preparedness and group networking.
 - Involved directly in the selection, design, and acquisition of a new \$1.1+ million Aerial Platform fire apparatus.
 - Partner the Fire Department's role in the Village's commercial development efforts. This includes plan review, inspections and interaction with developers, contractors, and Village department groups including Engineering, Building Inspection, and Community Development.
 - Rescue Task Force (RTF) – Lead contributor agency for Kenosha County involvement for fire service agencies to organize a county-wide standard for fire response and equipment capabilities. Collaborate with both local & County Law agencies along with the System Medical Director on integrated response procedures for active threat incidents.
 - Continuous improvement efforts as it relates to process refinement, staff contribution and operations. Ability for stakeholders of our services to access information more effectively and staff to operate more efficiently.
 - Lead LMR (radio) communications person for the department and in partnership with the Police and Information Technology department's in overall communications infrastructure vision and operation.
 - Lead member to work on the Village's VHF simulcast radio infrastructure with key vendors, supporting both public safety segments in creating a reliable robust communications system.
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Private Sector Experience

Rexnord, LLC, Milwaukee, WI

2006-2009

A privately held manufacturer of power coupling, transmission, gear, specialty components and water management serving both government and industry. (www.rexnord.com)

Manager – User Technology Infrastructure

Responsible for Help Desk & workstation support groups, consisting of twelve (12) full time staff members in four locations supporting a 2200+ fixed and remote client infrastructure. Providing client and peer support in the scope of operations, projects, hardware, and software application standards across 18 North America locations.

Snap-on Incorporated, Kenosha, WI

1989-2005

A publicly traded manufacturer and distributor of automotive/industrial tools and diagnostic equipment. (www.snapon.com)

Manager – IT Client Solutions

Responsible for managing operations for I/T Client Solutions group consisting of global (email) messaging, Help Desk, and desktop services. Staff included twenty-one members locally, regionally and in Canada.

Accomplishments

- Introduced & Implemented Electronic messaging (email) to the Snap-on Corporation consisting of over 14,000 mailboxes nationally and eight countries world-wide.
- Direct involvement in federal government compliance programs impacting audit and disaster recovery operations for I/T and Finance organizations.
- Participated in consolidated operations of 52 branch locations into 8 Regional Customer Service Centers domestically.
- Responsible for on-location consolidation and technology efforts globally in Canada, Japan, Sweden, UK, and Mexico.
- Selected from numerous colleagues to represent Snap-on as the I/T business transition team member for the acquisition and integration of the acquired NEXIQ Technologies Corporation.(www.nexiq.com)
- Manage and provide direct support for senior company executives including CEO, CFO, and CIO as well as their administrative staff.
- Provide technologies and support for Waukegan, IL based corporate aircraft, pilots, and staff.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Kenosha WI - Bachelor of Science, Applied Computer Science

A four-year public university located between the cities of Kenosha and Racine, Wisconsin. Part of the University of Wisconsin System, the school has 4,769 students and 125 full-time faculty. The university offers 33 undergraduate majors and three master's degrees in 22 academic departments

Blue Card Incident Command Certification Program

This program is designed to first instruct, train and then evaluate and certify Fire Dept. Officers who serve in the role of Incident Commander that supervise and manage emergency and hazard zone operations for every day, local NIMS Type 4 and Type 5 events.

Dale Carnegie Institute - Effective Communications & Human Relations

Course comprises a process that uses team dynamics and intra-group activities to strengthen interpersonal relations, manage stress and handle fast-changing workplace conditions. Other subjects included are communication, creative problem-solving and focused leadership.

ITIL v3 Foundations Certification

Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) is a set of practices that describes processes, procedures, tasks, and checklists which are not organization-specific, but can be applied by an organization for establishing integration with the organization's strategy, delivering value, and maintaining a minimum level of competency.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firefighter II • Fire Officer I • Fire Instructor I • Fire Inspector I • Driver/Operator – Motor Pump Operator • Driver/Operator - Aerial Operations • WI EMT-Paramedic (1991), WI EMT-Intermediate (1986), WI EMT-A (1982) • CPR – Basic Life Support & AED - current • ACLS – Advanced Cardiac Life Support - current • PALS – Pediatric Advanced Life Support - current • Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) - NAEMT 	<p><u>Emergency Management (Training highlights)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIMS – 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800 • Enhanced Incident Mgmt./Unified Command (MGT314) TEEX- College Station, Texas • Emergency Medical Operations for CBRNE Incidents – CDP - Anniston, AL • USFA Type 3 Incident Mgmt. Team (O305) • Planning Section Chief NIMS All Hazards (L962) • Operations Section Chief NIMS All Hazards (E958) • Resource Unit Leader NIMS All Hazards (L965) • COM-L/COM-T NIMS All Hazards Communications Unit Leader/Technician • Training Identification & Preparedness Planning (MGT418) • Public Information in an All-Hazards Incident (MGT318) (PIO) (G290) • Med Prep & Response to Bombing Incidents (MGT-348) • Basic Air Operations NWCG S270 • Advanced CAMEO Applications (MARPLOT, ALOHA) (NCBRT) • Wildland Fire Suppression (S180/S190) • Wide Area Search (PER213)
<p><u>Related Certifications/Associations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gateway Technical College Fire Program Advisory committee member • Wisconsin State Fire Chief’s Association • Lake County (IL) Fire Chief’s Association • Wisconsin State Fire Inspector’s Association • Kenosha County Hazardous Materials Team (member) • Kenosha County Special Response Team (SRT member) • COLA – Company Officer Leadership Academy – Gateway Technical College 	<p><u>Specialty Courses/ Technical Rescue</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazardous Materials – Technician level • Confined Space - Technician level (NFPA 1670 & 1006) • Technical Rope - Technician level (NFPA 1670 & 1006) • Trench Operations - Technician level (NFPA 1670 & 1006) • Structural Collapse - Technician level (NFPA 1670 & 1006)