



# COUNTY OF KENOSHA

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## **Sgt. Christopher Hannah appointed to serve as Kenosha County Emergency Management director**

Kenosha County Sheriff's Sgt. Christopher Hannah is being recommended to serve as the county's Director of Emergency Management, County Executive Samantha Kerkman and Sheriff David Beth announced today.

Under an executive order signed today, Hannah is serving as acting director until his appointment is approved by the County Board.

Hannah succeeds Horace Staples, who was promoted recently to the rank of Captain in the Sheriff's Department and is now the commander of the county's Detentions operations.

Previously, Hannah served as training sergeant and deputy director of Emergency Management.

"Emergency Management plays a vital role in our county, particularly during times of crisis and great need," Kerkman said. "With his experience, skill set and knowledge of the community, I am confident in Sgt. Hannah's ability to serve adeptly in this role."

A Kenosha native, Hannah earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point before beginning his law enforcement career with the Village of Oregon Police Department in 1999. He joined the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department as a deputy in 2005, working all three shifts on patrol.

Hannah became the traffic court officer for the department in 2014, remaining in that position until his promotion to Sergeant in May 2017.

Hannah has served in numerous roles in the Operations and Administrative Services divisions as a sergeant, including first- and third-shift patrol sergeant, sergeant of Support Services, sergeant of Media/Community Relations and sergeant of Training.

As the Director of Emergency Management, Hannah is responsible for planning, coordinating and implementing all emergency management and Homeland Security-related activities for Kenosha County.

“I am grateful for this new opportunity and look forward to continuing the valuable relationships the Kenosha County Sheriff’s Division of Emergency Management has with all its partners,” Hannah said.

More information about Kenosha County Emergency Management is available at <https://www.kenoshacounty.org/511/Emergency-Management>.

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