

February 8, 2021

Ronald McDonald  
Valley Transit-General manager  
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Mr. McDonald:

As you are aware, on the afternoon of Sunday, January 31, 2021, the Grand Chute Police Department and Grand Chute Fire Department along with over 16 other agencies responded to an incident which we had hoped would never come to fruition – a report of an active shooter at the Fox River Mall. As the situation continued to unfold, years of preparation, planning, training, and collaboration for a horrific event such as this materialized in the form of a coordinated regional response from our Fire / EMS, Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, CERT and our incident support partners.

As we mourn the tragic loss of life that accompanied this incident, we must also recognize that it was readily apparent that no incident of such magnitude could be properly handled without your assistance! The actions and perseverance displayed by each and every member of our public safety and incident support family on scene that day serves to confirm that the citizens and visitors of Grand Chute, as well as the rest of the Fox Valley are served by a collaborative and capable network of emergency and incident support responders. We are both humbled and honored to serve with alongside such dedicated, progressive, and professional men and women.

Thank you for your commitment to preserving the lives of those we serve.

Respectfully



Timothy Bantes  
GCFD Fire Chief



Greg Peterson  
GCPD Police Chief