



ARFF FLASH

First Quarter 2020

Explosion at Textron

Information courtesy of KWCH in Wichita, KS

On Dec 27, 2019, an explosion at the Textron Aviation plant in Wichita, KS injured 13 employees. The county says a three-inch, liquid nitrogen line was ruptured but does not say what caused the line to rupture. The rupture only impacted one building. The plant where the explosion happened houses composite manufacturing and experimental aircraft fabrication.



Textron Aviation officials said everyone was accounted for and the plant was actually closed for the holidays, so only a limited number of people were there.



Of the 13 injuries, only one was “potentially serious” and there were no fatalities. Robert Baker, was among the those inside the building who wasn’t seriously injured in the blast said he initially thought he

felt an earthquake and looked around, thinking there might have been construction on the roof. “By the time I got oriented, there was a pressure wave, the walls were flexing, there was dirt permeating through the cracks of the walls. There wasn’t any debris flying around that I could see, but by that point, you had to know it wasn’t any construction. It wasn’t somebody banging on the walls. It was an explosion. There was no other way to describe it. The wall I was standing next to moved four feet.”

A neighbor across the street said she “heard this huge explosion and felt an extreme boom, almost like an earthquake but



more intense than that. Looking outside, falling debris from the explosion made it appear as though it was snowing.”

Textron Aviation is grateful for the rapid response and expertise of the emergency personnel and first responders who assisted at the scene.

Among those first responders were Pro-Tec’s Lt. Kim Anderson and Firefighters Konner Knoll and Jared Rangel. Read more about their involvement on page 2.



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Employees of 4th Qtr., 2019

Submitted by Marc Perez

On December 27, 2019, there was a massive incident on the Wichita Textron Campus. An explosion occurred at Plant 3. It blew out the entire north wall of the building and damaged nearby homes. To demonstrate the volume of this event, the sound generated from the explosion was heard as far away as Andover, Kansas, which is approximately 20 miles from Textron.

Textron workers were inside the building at the time of the incident. Once alerted, "A" Shift responded to the scene in a matter of seconds. Lt. Kim Anderson took command and instructed his only 2 Firefighters on duty, Konner Knoll and Jared Rangel, to make entry and assess the interior. Lt. Anderson advised incoming Wichita Fire and Sedgwick County Fire to set up Unified Command as there were multiple injuries. Knoll and Rangel did indeed alert they had multiple casualties and needed several EMS Units. Lt. Anderson advised Dispatch to alert all area hospitals of the incident and put them on alert for a Mass Casualty Incident. Wichita Fire Battalion 3 arrived, and Lt. Anderson made contact and detailed the situation. Lt. Anderson passed command to Wichita Fire and entered the building to assist his crew. Anderson, Knoll, and Rangel, started bringing out the injured to the arriving Fire Crews. They then re-entered the building to continue victim rescue maneuvers. They were in physical jeopardy performing this task. All parts of the building were missing, electrical lines were down and exposed, and there were broken gas lines. Nonetheless, the Pro-Tec Fire Crew "A" Shift performed their duty and brought the injured employees out to waiting Fire and Ambulance crews. Lt. Anderson coordinated with several Wichita and Sedgwick County Fire crews to process the patients and get them to the Medical/Triage Area.

Our crews were on the scene for 3-4 minutes before any assistance arrived. People were screaming for help. Though parts of this building were missing and the scene was unsafe, they responded as professional Firefighters. They entered and rescued the injured, all while still being aware of the dangerous situation

surrounding them and having enough awareness not to become part of the problem but to be the solution.

Miraculously no lives were lost that day. Thirteen were injured, two were critical. Though no injuries are always optimal, I believe this count was as low as possible because of the swift action of our Firefighters. It's not everyday Firefighters are faced with this situation. But, when they are, it is rewarding and inspiring to see that representatives of Pro-Tec are well-trained, professional, and efficient.

During our debrief of the incident with City and County representatives, they vividly recalled the DeBruce Grain Elevator explosion in 1995 in Sedgwick County, the chaos, and how seven men lost their lives that day. In comparison, they noted the similarities of destruction to the Textron incident and how outstanding was the Pro-Tec response and how grateful the community was.

A little about my crew that day: Lt. Kim Anderson is a 30-year retired Battalion Chief with Wichita Fire. He has been with Pro-Tec for 4 years. FF Konner Knoll is in his first Fire Career and has been employed by us for eight months. FF Jared Rangel is also in his first Fire Career and has been employed by us for two months.



Lt. Kim Anderson, FF Jared Rangel, FF Konner Knoll, Chief Marc Perez



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Lynchburg Jet Bridge

Submitted by Edwin Hall

Lynchburg Regional Airport in Lynchburg, VA recently installed a new Jet Bridge. Construction for the bridge began in the fall with the intents to begin operation on February 1st.



The ARFF crew was invited to attend training on the jet bridge operations.

Chief Heather Palm, Capt. Edwin Hall and FF Doug Stiff along with airport maintenance, custodians, grounds maintenance and airline employees attended the training.

This makes six years of record-breaking traffic in a row!

Gaining worldwide recognition, the local wine and tourism industry is a key factor in the Rogue Valley's strong economic growth, seeing nearly 11,000 visitors come to our area every day. As a result, MFR has seen a 72% increase in passenger traffic since 2013.



The Airport has now set passenger records for 34 consecutive months, and 58 out of the last 60 months.

Regarding MFR's record breaking numbers, Airport Director Jerry Brienza stated, "We are very delighted to see the end year numbers at the levels they are, across the board. Our passenger numbers are growing, our general aviation community is growing, and our aircraft traffic is growing. We have every reason to believe that this upward trend will continue in 2020."

Rogue Valley Int'l Medford Airport - Busiest travel year yet

Posted on Rogue Valley Airports Facebook page 1/15/2020

[Rogue Valley International Medford Airport / Jackson CO. Airport Authority](#)

Busiest travel year yet – Medford Airport experiences record growth!

Medford, OR – January 14, 2020 – The Rogue Valley International – Medford Airport (MFR) again saw more than 1 million passengers pass through in 2019, a record that reflects the highest passenger traffic in its history – 1,087,873, up almost 8% from 2018!



Combined with current need and anticipation of future growth, MFR will be adding a third screening lane to the TSA Checkpoint and a second passenger loading bridge. TSA Checkpoint reconfiguration will take place this month, and construction for the new boarding bridge will begin Mid-April 2020. The boarding bridge should be completed by Mid-June 2020.

The Airport's Master Plan is also under development. Once completed, the Plan will most likely include recommendations for terminal expansion, including the passenger gate area and construction of a second baggage claim carousel. MFR's Master Plan consultant, Mead & Hunt, shows passenger projections to be 1.5 Million by the year 2030, and over 2 Million or more by 2040.



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Pro-Tec in Mobile

Submitted by Beth Chandonais

Mobile, AL. – January 9, 2020, Pro-Tec Fire Services, Ltd. has partnered



with Mobile Airport Authority providing Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) services to the Mobile Regional Airport and Mobile Downtown Airport with services starting April 1, 2020. Pro-Tec is the largest private provider of ARFF services in North America.

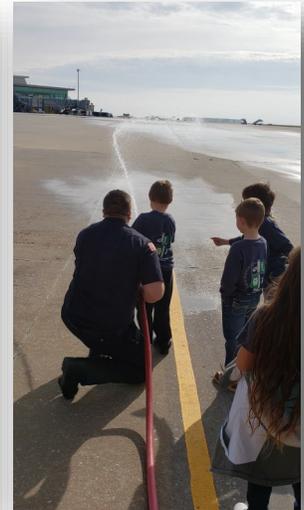
Pro-Tec Fire is a family owned company located in Green Bay, WI and has provided ARFF and EMT level emergency medical services (EMS) to commercial airports, airparks and aircraft manufacturers since 1974. At present, they have twenty-four customers in the United States and Canada. Pro-Tec has over 250 firefighters that respond to emergencies in a highly professional manner. They provide firefighting services for both FAR Part 139 and NAS 3306 accounts.

The Mobile Regional Airport (MOB) is a non-hub primary commercial service airport located in Mobile, AL with approximately 300,000 annual enplanements. Airlines serving MOB include American Airlines, Delta Airlines, and United Express with approximately 23 arrivals/departures daily to six (6) hubs. MOB's ARFF coverage is currently designated as an Index B.

The Mobile Downtown Airport (BFM) is a non-hub primary commercial service airport which began commercial air service in May 2019 with Frontier Airlines providing service to Denver and Chicago three (3) days a week. [This has since discontinued but Frontier will offer a direct flight to Orlando starting April 18th.] During the months of May and June, 2019, Frontier had approximately 5,500 enplanements. The main airport tenants include the Airbus U.S. Final Assembly Line for the A220 and A320 series of aircraft and ST Engineering which is a large aircraft maintenance repair and overhaul (MRO) facility for single and wide body aircraft up to the B777. Other tenants include MAAS Aviation, a paint MRO, and FedEx. BFM's ARFF coverage is officially designated as an Index A but the Authority requires an Index B staffing level.

Station Tour

Firefighter Simpson is leading a station tour to some school aged children at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City, OK.



Updates from Leidos

Manassas Leidos Personnel responded with mutual aid units from Prince William County on a commercial fire dispatch. Alarm was the result of a sprinkler system set off.



Leidos' Foam 581B responds with mutual aid units



Chief Leddy and FF Campbell—Leidos at Manassas Regional Airport

Manassas Leidos Personnel give a presentation to the Virginia Airborne Search & Rescue Organization on our role and capabilities.

While out and about conducting drivers training with a new firefighter, Lt. Higgins stumbled upon a group of high school students that were touring an aircraft. Lt. Higgins gave them a quick tour of Foam 581B.





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Live Fire Burn in Lexington

Submitted by Chet Bruette

January 16, 2020, I drove my new hire down to Blue Grass Regional Airport in Lexington, KY for his initial fire burn. I worked with Carl Faulconer who was the training coordinator. Wow, this guy was fantastic. He was the nicest, most helpful individual. He called me the day before we left and while we were driving to make sure everything was ok. He kept his facility open waiting for us to arrive (around 5:30pm) and I believe he would have left it open as long as it took. Gave us a good name of a restaurant to eat at and called me the next morning on our way home to ask how dinner was, how our stay was, and let me know if I ever needed anything, to give him a call.

It wasn't great to drive all the way there and back, but Carl Faulconer definitely made it much better. I would never hesitate to send someone there in the future (during winter shutdowns). I can not say enough good things about this man.



Blue Grass Airport Regional ARFF Training Center

Classes available:

- ARFF-100 Basic Aircraft Rescue Firefighting
- ARFF-300 Basic Certification Burn
- ARFF-301 Advanced Certification Burn
- ARFF-400 Basic Structural Approach to ARFF
- ARFF-401 Advanced Structural Approach to ARFF
- Custom Designed Courses



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Des Moines welcomes President and Vice President

Submitted by Don Minks

January 30, 2020, Air Force One and Air Force Two are arriving at Des Moines International Airport in Des Moines, IA. The President's motorcade arrived earlier in a C130. The motorcade was housed at the fire station until POTUS arrived later that evening.



The Beast



130—brought in motorcade

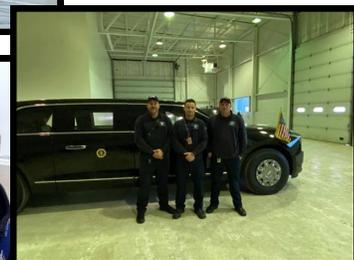


FF Brooks with Air Force Two

Certificate of appreciation from White House Communication Agency



Signature: Stephen B. ... Presidential Communications



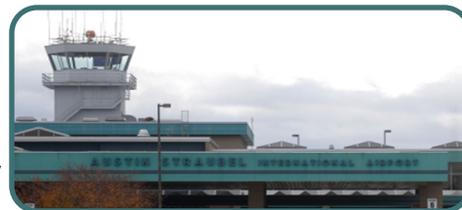
Brown County (Green Bay) Flood Preparedness

Submitted by Chet Bruette

Chet Bruette, the Airport Director, Assistant Director and Marketing Communications Manager join with other county agencies to discuss flood preparedness in Brown County.

The Airport will be opening it's doors to agencies across the county to help store

items (water, food, diapers, etc.) and house other departments (Police, BC Technology Services) to help in the effort. Full article on page 8.





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What's new at Trenton-Mercer? Pro-Tec Future ARFF



Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire Department Crew

Platoon Capt. Robert Hewins showing local firefighters different firefighting foams and their abilities. Capt. Hewins also showed and described TTNFD's firefighting capabilities.



C Platoon Training with Engine 34



L to R: FF/EMT Greg Hill, Capt. Chris Johansson, FF/EMT Dan Burk



Engine 34 and Engine 34-1 next to "Fifi", a Boeing B-29 Superfortress

Submitted by Beth Chandonais

Fire Chief Juan Cardona and wife Laura's baby girl, Paris Camila.



Remember to inform me when your child is born so I can get you a gift from Pro-Tec. Email me at bchandonais@protecfire.com and also remember to submit photos if you would like your child to be included under the "Future ARFF" section of the newsletter.



Prior approval by you and your significant other is required.

Lunch-break

Sometimes the military just makes a quick pitstop for lunch. Here a C-130 is just stopping long enough at Ardmore Airpark in Ardmore, OK to pick up food from Jakes Joint for everyone on board.



New Captain



MidAmerica Airport Crash Rescue A shift has a new Captain. Ray Flaiz was presented the red helmet and gold badge from Capt. Jason Bruns as Ray started his first shift as Captain on March 7th. Congratulations Ray!



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Wildland Fire Prevention

Submitted by John Karns

The ARFF at Rogue Valley International Medford Airport collaborates with the local municipal fire departments and fire districts in a number of areas within the fire services. One of those is promoting the messages from the Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative. The Cooperative's focus is on public education of effective fire prevention actions and behaviors to help eliminate uncontrolled wildland fires. The Rogue Valley area is quite susceptible to wildfires due to its terrain and wildland fuels that are present. In fact, ARFF's Rosenbauer 3000 participated in the extinguishment of a large wind-driven wildland fire several years ago.



ARFF and the Cooperative work together posting a variety of fire prevention signs on airport property. ARFF changes these signs depending on the season and the specific message the Cooperative wants to deliver to the public. This is just another example of ARFF working with other agencies to better protect our community.



Pro-Tec Proposal

We'd like to congratulate Firefighter Brooks (Des Moines) on his recent proposal to now fiancé Cassie.



Calgary Lunch and Learn

Submitted by Sylvain Theriault

On Monday, Feb. 3, Dr. Devon Lyons and his team from Elevation Chiropractic visited the station with lunch to educate the crew on general health and the importance of good spinal health.



C Shift along with Fire Chief and a few visitors participated in a very informative 30 minute presentation where spinal health and preventative measures can influence your health not only today but for many years to come. The critical take away from the day is... healthy nervous system is the start to a healthy lifestyle.

Dr. Lyons and his team will be making a few more appearances to the station to talk with the other crews also.

Air Force One

Submitted by Jeffrey Sands

Manchester-Boston Regional Airport ARFF personnel are not only responsible for all aircraft emergencies, they also respond to all medical emergencies as an initial response as well as providing security patrol of the airport fence line. The security patrol is responsible for opening gates allowing access to the AOA. With New Hampshire having the first in the nation primary they are very busy during this time. This year was a little different as they had both Air Force One and Air Force Two on the grounds at the same time.





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Brown County officials want to prepare the public for flooding-Green Bay

From page 5—by FOX 11 News Monday, February 3rd 2020

BROWN COUNTY (WLUK) -- After a year of record precipitation and several instances of flooding, Brown County leaders want to help people plan for future floods.



Several county and city of Green Bay officials called a news conference Monday to discuss what those in the county can do to prepare for flooding and avoid "collateral damage."

The goal is for citizens to be able to make their properties safe and be ready to evacuate. "We are primed to see generational flooding in this area. A



whole generation has come and gone and hasn't seen this so people are in a state of complacency. So I think it's important that we are prepared individually and collectively," said Brown County Public Works Director, Paul Fontecchio.

Officials believe having a sense of personal responsibility is what will help residents during an emergency situation. That means have an action plan in place so that you and your family are prepared in case of an emergency.

"Know what you're going to do before you have to do it. That involves having a plan for the short term and long term," said Brown County Sheriff Todd Delain. "Am I going to be in a situation where I can't get to my house for a couple of hours or a day or is this catastrophic flooding where I would be out of my house for a long period of time."



Pro-Tec Welcomes our new Firefighters



Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport -- Firefighter Dave Rienow. Dave just completed over 30 hours of training on the two Oshkosh Striker 3000's certifying him to operate each truck. Congratulations Dave and Welcome to Pro-Tec!

MidAmerica Airport welcomes FF Tim Brown (left) to C shift under Capt. Bruns. Tim comes to us with many years of structural fire-fighting experience and he is a U.S. Army Veteran. We know he will be a great addition to the team. Welcome to Pro-Tec Tim!



MidAmerica and Pro-Tec welcomes FF Riley Weaver to A shift (left) and FF Jeff Talley to B shift (below)



Plane activity at MidAmerica

Submitted by Raymond Flaiz

USAF Thunderbird 7 landed at MidAmerica Airport in Mascoutah, IL and taxied to Scott Air Force Base for fuel.



Photos courtesy of Capt. Bruns

The USAF T-38 Talons remained overnight with BLV on February 17.



Photo courtesy of Capt. Fechtler

MidAmerica has been a recent flight operations test site for the new Boeing T-7A Redhawk.

Joint use civilian/military airports like BLV present special challenges to ARFF rescue personnel especially when considering military aircraft. Recently an Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II (AKA The Warthog) flew in and out of MidAmerica Airport.



Photo courtesy of Capt. Fechtler

MidAmerica enjoyed viewing a flight of Spanish Air Force fighters as well as a Royal Air Force A330 land at BLV today.



Photos courtesy of Capt. Bruns

MidAmerica hosted a flight of three German Air Force Tornados who came in for fuel.



Photo courtesy of FF Riley

Mardi Gras at Moss Point

Submitted by William Nowlin

Moss Point held a Mardi Gras Gumbo Feed at Trent Lott Airport Fire. It was attended by Airport personnel, Northrop Grumman partners and local first responders/mutual air partners. The meal consisted of gumbo, shrimp jambalaya and traditional king cake. A good time was had by all.



Leidos new ARFF Truck

Submitted by Joseph Higgins

Leidos at Manassas Regional Airport recently took delivery of a new (to them) ARFF truck. It's a 1992 EONE Titan, it will be replacing a 1995 Oshkosh. They had a tire failure last year that destroyed the rear fender. Company Two said the truck had to go back to South Carolina to be fixed, so instead of giving a loaner to use while it was being fixed, they gave them a new truck.



GRB

Lt. Jeff Lueck at GRB braving the cold temperatures outside.

Lt. Lueck just finished up from responding to a medical call. It was a good reminder to always be extra cautious on the ice and snow covered surfaces.



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MidAmerica bids Farewell

Submitted by Raymond Flaiz



MidAmerica Airport bids as fond farewell to A shift FF/Capt. RJ Fechtler after his final shift on the 5th of March. RJ served Pro-Tec and Mid-America Airport for over five years as an Airport Operations Officer, Public Safety Officer/FF, and Shift Captain. He is moving on to a new job opportunity and he will be

missed. Best of luck RJ and thank you for your service.

Calgary bids Farewell

Submitted by Jordan McPherson

On February 28, 2020 we said goodbye to an employee at Station 1. FF Eric Peace rang the bell to signify the end of his employment with Pro-Tec Fire Services Canada, ULC. FF Peace will begin a new chapter in his career working for the Kelowna Fire Department. We wish FF Peace and his family the best of luck as they start a new journey in Kelowna!

The bell will be used to initiate new Firefighters and to signify the end of a Firefighters service at the Station. A Thank You to DFC Passmore for beginning this great tradition at Station 1. In attendance of his last shift was C shift, A shift and the Fire Chief.



Chili Cookoff

Submitted by Ryan Thomas

Ardmore Airpark recently participated in a chili cook-off fundraiser for a local volunteer fire department. Ardmore Airpark ARFF came out on top with the first place metal. We were glad to help support our local agencies.



Rockford Fire Station Tour

Submitted by FF Brad Read

March 12, 2020: Rockford ARFF had the pleasure of participating in two airport tours for local schools.

The first was a local elementary school and the second was a high school exploring different opportunities for vocational or trade schools. RFD ARFF was thrilled to show off our trucks, tools and explain how ARFF is different from traditional structural fire fighting. The students enjoyed learning about our specialty and asked some fantastic questions.



As the weather turns warmer, the Chicago Rockford ARFF team looks forward to being an active participant in airport tours.

Jet Bridge at LYH

Submitted by Edwin Hall

March 12, 2020 the Lynchburg Regional Airport had a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new jet bridge.



New Helmets & Shields

Submitted by Ryan Thomas

Ardmore Airpark took delivery of new helmets and helmet shields with funds acquired by the Carter County Fire Tax set aside specifically for the Ardmore Airpark. These helmets are Honeywell Ben 2 Low's and they are very light weight.





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COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

Saskatoon Fire - Mutual Aid

Submitted by Capt. Jody Ruest

At 0240 the firehall was called by Battalion Chief Chad Hills of Saskatoon Fire asking Captain Ruest if an engine could be placed in the airport firehall to cover the area normally covered by Engine 4. Captain Ruest said that we could probably do that by moving Red 7 to maintenance and would call back to confirm .

Capt. Ruest called back Chief Hills and said that could be accommodated after a conversation with SAA Duty Manager and Engine 13 was brought into Bay F3



at 0250. Captain Ruest and FF Doucette welcomed the engine company to the firehall and explained alarm and gate operation to them if they received a call.

The reason for this occurring was that Engine 4 had attended a EMS call with a patient that was transported to hospital at approximately 0100 hours. The doctor called from the hospital to say that the patient



is a presumptive case of Covid 19 virus.

As a result, the crew of Engine 4 and #4 firehall have been quarantined in place until testing is done.

Update: Everyone is healthy, safe and things are back to normal.

STRENGTH and HOPE

Submitted by Kyle Hofacker

The doors are down. All is quiet, but we stand ready!



Today the Green Bay Austin Straubel Int'l Airport Fire Department, along with departments

across America, will open their bay doors and turn on the emergency lights on our trucks and ambulances as a sign of STRENGTH and HOPE for all. This is a small sign of strength and hope for all who work in EMS, Fire, and Law Enforcement. This is also to show our support for those working around the clock in hospitals providing care. Support to those who strive to find the right medicine for the sick of this pandemic. Support for the ones in the food/grocery and industry working around the clock to feed us, the farmers for creating the food and supplying us with our dairy products, and for those putting many miles on the road trucking daily to keep us going.

You can do your part by turning on your porch light. Let us know you're fine and that you have HOPE.

We ask all departments to LIGHT'EM UP. Maybe, just maybe, we will create 5 minutes of smiles and peace.

Stay Strong! WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Dinner Club

Submitted by Tyler Jones



Due to Covid-19, Green shift has decided to pause the "dinner club" and order only from locally owned restaurants. First choice, San Marcos in South OKC.



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TRAINING

Extrication Training

Chief James, Capt. Young, Capt. Thomas and FF Wilkerson and FF Clements doing some extrication training on a Boeing 737 at Ardmore Airpark in Ardmore, OK.



EMSA Training

B shift at Will Rogers World Airport met with Oklahoma City ambulance service (EMSA) to do a refresher training on their equipment.



CPR Training at MidAmerica

Continual training is essential and a top priority for Pro-Tec Firefighters. Here Capt. Jason Bruns evaluates FF Ray Flaiz during CPR/AED recertification at MidAmerica Airport (BLV). They all pulled through :)



Fuel Farm Training

Submitted by FF Brad Read

March 12, 2020: Rockford ARFF in along with the Rockford Fire Department had the opportunity to tour and train on the UPS fuel farm fire suppression systems. The UPS hub at Rockford is the second largest in the company. It is important for the airport firefighters and our local partners to be familiar with the systems in place to mitigate any hazard incident that should arise. UPS provides expert knowledge on the fire systems to thoroughly train those that may respond to an incident at the fuel farm.



HRET Training at WRWA

Will Rogers World Airport ARFF recently conducted HRET Training. The goal was to pick the cones up and transfer them to the other barrels.



GRB Training

Submitted by Kyle Hofacker

A shift at GRB performed an unannounced time response training. We continue to train on ARFF vehicles to stay on top of our skills for the event there is ever an emergency. Training scenarios like this helps our members continue to be prepared for unexpected incidents.



GOOD NEWS

Prevent the spread of COVID-19 in 7 STEPS

- 01 Wash your hands frequently
- 02 Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- 03 Cover your cough using the bend of your elbow or a tissue
- 04 Avoid crowded places and close contact with anyone that has fever or cough
- 05 Stay at home if you feel unwell
- 06 If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early — but call first
- 07 Get information from trusted sources



SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

IT'S NORMAL TO FEEL SAD, STRESSED, CONFUSED, SCARED OR ANGRY DURING A CRISIS.



TALK TO PEOPLE YOU TRUST, SUCH AS FRIENDS AND FAMILY OR YOUR FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

#StopTheSpread

How to use a mask?

Source: World Health Organization



Before Putting on a Mask:
Clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

While Wearing a Mask:

1. Cover your mouth and nose. Make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask.
2. Avoid touching the mask. If you do, clean your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
3. Replace the mask with a new one as soon as it is damp. Do not re-use single-use masks.



To dispose of the mask:

1. Remove the mask from behind using the strings. Do not touch the front of mask.
2. Discard the mask immediately in a closed bin.
3. Clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.



1/6/20: Kevin Foley, Airport Director at Des Moines International Airport in Des Moines, IA submitted four of our members for Hero of the Heartland award due to a cardiac arrest we had back in March of 2019 and the patient survived!

Letters to the Editor—Des Moines Local Newspaper: **Thank you to Des Moines airport emergency personnel**

Our family would like to thank the Des Moines International Airport security, EMS and TSA employees and the nurse who happened to be in our area on Feb. 25.

Thank you for your quick response for our 2-year old son and grandson to provide CPR and helping us in our time of need. You are all our unsung heroes.

Our outcome was not good, but you are all heroes. Airport, you went above and beyond to answer our call for help on that day. This happened so quickly, and airport employees were at our side in 30 seconds or less and EMS was there in less than two minutes. What a great job you all are trained to do and did without hesitation.

We weren't able to get anyone's names, but thank you to you all. We appreciate every one of you.

-The Passow Family, Clare

2/28/20: MidAmerica Airport received 100% on their CERT Inspection

3/6/20: Chicago-Rockford International Airport received 100% on their CERT Inspection

2/5/20: Trent Lott International Airport received a great score from Northrop Grumman Supplier Assessment Management System. Jackson County Airport Authority (Trent Lott) provides fire protection support services to the Fire Scout Production facility in Moss Point, MS. "NGAS is very satisfied with the overall performance this quarter." "Training is above and beyond DCMA requirements."

2/25/20: Appleton Int'l Airport

"I responded for a hit-and-run accident in front of door 3 at the terminal. Landon was already on scene speaking with the registered owner and advised he looked at surveillance video of our possible striking vehicle.

Landon and Zach helped me search through a lot of video from the front of the terminal, baggage claim and gate area. We were able to piece together several camera angles and trace the occupants of the suspect vehicle all the way back to the jet bridge at gate 7. Then, he put it together for me on a thumb drive for my report. The only thing we were not able to get is the license plate of the striking vehicle....

(However...2 days later I received a phone call from the registered owner thanking us for our time and effort. He also advised the actual hit-and-run damage occurred at a different location and time...and they were able to contact that striking vehicle.)

Thank you again to you and your crew for their time and efforts."

-Deputy Mike Duven



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GOOD NEWS

4/14/2020: Email from Kerry Rose, Defense Contract Management Agency; Re: Trent Lott International Airport, ARFF
Hi Bill (Nowlin),

Thanks for your wise input today and your presence once again at the Northrop Safety Council. Really glad you will join us on our upcoming meetings as well. I am extremely confident in the Trent Lott Airport Fire departments abilities since your arrival. I have informed my leadership, up to the Director of Safety DCMA, that I have regained full confidence in the Trent Lott ARFF department and making steady progress with regard to Northrop Grumman’s ability to know and understand your department. Your immediate and thorough reshaping of the ARFF department, it’s policy’s, procedures and practices are in large part solely responsible for its success. I am relieved to know men like yourself and those in your department are standing watch over many millions of DOD assets that will be used by our warfighter to secure our freedom here in the U.S. as well as peace and safety around the world!

Are you using Social Media?

Submitted by Beth Chandonais

Are you aware Pro-Tec is on social media? We are using Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn...***please like and follow our pages.*** There you will find the latest and most up-to-date information about things happening at each of the Pro-Tec locations.



SPOTLIGHT

On 12/23/2019 we welcomed Fire Captain/OIC Kevin Graham to Mc Clellan-Palomar Airport in Carlsbad, CA. Kevin started his fire service career in 2004 with the Department of Defense. From there he worked with USAF Plant 42 Fire Dept. and then moved to Being Fire in 2010. He worked at Boeing until 2016 and decided to go back to contract firefighting until 2019. In 2019 he was appointed Fire Chief with a civil service fire dept. in Louisiana. His wife, Gina, took over her father’s company in Anaheim, CA so they decided to move to CA and he joined Pro-Tec Fire Services.

Kevin enjoys the people he works with. He says everyone is knowledgeable, helpful and just nice to work with. “We all pitch in to get things done.” Kevin strives on being approachable, believes in and enforces team work and is brutally honest with his fellow employees.

It is Kevin’s responsibility to make sure everything runs smoothly. The best tool he says he has is the help and knowledge of the others that worked his position before him. “They are extremely helpful with explaining everything I need to know.” He would love to see the airport build the department a fire station.

Kevin is happily married to his wife Gina and together they have three boys. On his days off he enjoys spending time with family, taking road trips and doing anything outdoors. Kevin is happy to be a part of the Pro-Tec team. “Everyone has been helpful making my transition to a new job that much smoother.”



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