



ARFF FLASH

Third Quarter 2020

Helicopter Crash at DSM

Submitted by Chief Don Minks

At 19:30 on 7/14/2020, the Des Moines International Airport Fire Department was notified by Des Moines Fire Dispatch of an Alert 3 involving a helicopter at the intersection of Highway 28 and Army Post Road outside the airport security fence. Dispatch advised witnesses saw the helicopter crash land and that the sole occupant had self-extricated but that the helicopter was currently on fire. Des Moines Fire Department units were simultaneously dispatched to the incident as well.



Des Moines Fire Department personnel arrived on scene first and Engine 8 established command and advised that there was no smoke or fire and Captain Collins would have incident command and check on the patient who had extricated. Chief 6 and ARFF 3 arrived and advised dispatch and operations that a Unified Command would be employed by Chief 6 and Engine 8 (Captain Collins). The helicopter was found to be about 10 feet from the airport fence on top of the hill just East of Highway 28. The aircraft was on its right side and was heavily damaged upon first glance. ARFF 3 positioned at the tail of the aircraft about 150 feet away per the direction of Chief 6.

Chief 6 performed a face-to-face with Captain Collins and advised that the fuel and ignition needed to be cut to the aircraft immediately. Chief 6 pulled the fuel shut off and turned off the master power switch to the helicopter while taking the keys out of the ignition. Chief 6 advised on scene crews to try to leave all debris in its place for investigation

purposes. Fuel could be smelled but no large amounts seen leaking and no active leaks were observed. Unknown if fuel had spilled or the amount.

The pilot stated that he lost rotor speed and could not maintain lift which he believes led to the helicopter crashing at the incident location. The pilot stated that he had about 15 gallons of fuel left on board. Chief 6 verified that there was no fuel leaking at the time and it was noted that the fuel type was 100LL or AVGAS. Des Moines Fire attended to the patient and transported to the hospital and Des Moines Fire units were released at this time due to no fire and no other victims.

Debris was spread from Army Post to the incident location and it appeared that the helicopter had hit the ground before possibly bouncing up and crashing at its final resting place.



Operations Supervisor, Nick Everhart, contacted the appropriate authorities including airport directors and the FAA/NTSB. It was decided that the helicopter would be moved away from the crash site to a secure hangar on airport property for investigation.

DMPD remained on scene along with Airport Fire until an aviation recovery team arrived and was able to lift the aircraft and tow it to a hangar in the South T area. ARFF personnel remained with the helicopter throughout to ensure no ignition of fuel. During the moving of the aircraft, it was noted that fluids were leaking and monitored by ARFF personnel. A total of less than one gallon of fluid was observed leaking during the process of moving the

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aircraft. Once placed in the hangar, ARFF personnel returned to the station without incident.

Debris was picked up from the incident site and placed in the hangar with the damaged helicopter.

Aircraft: Enstrom 280FX
Tail Number: N282SH
Souls on Board: 1
Estimated fuel left: 15 Gallons
Airport Originating: Unknown
Airport Destination: Des Moines International Airport (KDSM)
Des Moines Fire Dispatched: Yes
Casualties: No

Kalamazoo Alert III

Submitted by Regional Chief Dave Holmes



Kalamazoo had minor Alert III on Sunday, July 12. Plane doing touch and go bounced too hard and broke off front wheel and nosed into edge of runway/safety area.



No injuries, deaths or fire. Slight fuel leak from overflow, which was then plugged.

DSM Airport Traffic Rises

But may not fully recover for five years. Click [Here](#) to read the full news article.



Sunrise

Submitted by David Reinow

A very beautiful sunrise making its way over Austin Straubel-Green Bay Airport runways. Just a reminder to every now and then stop, take a break and enjoy nature's beauty.



Breaking Ground at KBLV Firehouse for Boeing

Submitted by Capt. Flaiz



After 20 years, the firehouse at MidAmerica St. Louis Airport is getting a major addition. On July 24th, they broke ground on a third engine bay. The third engine bay will be used to house a Boeing ARFF unit that will support their expanding presence at MidAmerica.

On August 7th, the nicer weather has been a big help. Construction on the new bay is going well. Plumbing is in and the foundation is prepped for concrete. (Top Right)



On August 19th, the exterior brickwork is in progress. (Left)

September 3rd, the bay floor is in and the front and rear pads are in progress. (Bottom right)



Pro-Tec has a startup date of November 15. Chief Quin Cayson will be in charge of the startup.

Respect for Law

Submitted by Ashley Hull

Recently the Green Bay Preble Optimist Club presented Green Bay Austin Straubel Public Safety Department with 500 tickets to Bay beach Amusement Park as a Thank You for our service.

Pictured is PSO Ashley Hull accepting the tickets. Bay Beach is a city owned family friendly amusement park serving the Green Bay community for more than 100 years with 24 rides for all ages.





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Storms Cause Power Outage

Submitted by Chief Don Minks

The Des Moines Int'l Airport lost power and internet August 10, 2020 at approximately 10:00 a.m. during a Derecho storm with 80 mph winds that passed through the Des Moines metro area. Officials estimated that power won't be restored for approximately two days.



The ARFF station purchased a new generator a couple of years ago and it was able to run the entire station. The terminal wasn't so lucky; they had enough electricity to run lighting to exit the terminal, but the air conditioning at the terminal was out, the jet bridges were not functioning, and air stairs were being used to onboard and deplane the passengers.

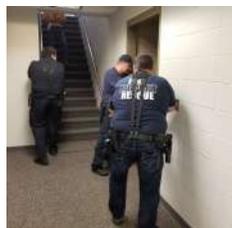
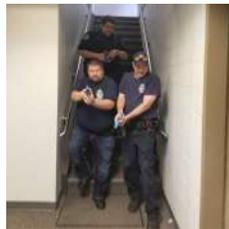
Our team was able to help passengers on and off the planes who needed wheelchairs. We were using the ARFF trucks to light up the ramps for nighttime operations. Our generator



has been requested to assist in opening a hangar door, as well. We provided assistance anywhere we could during the outage.

Live Shooter Training

Public Safety Officers at Austin Straubel Airport—Green Bay, Wi conduct mock active shooter training exercises. To best prepare our staff for an active shooter situation, they've created an Emergency Action Plan (EAP), and conduct training exercises. Together, the EAP and training exercises help prepare our staff to effectively respond and help minimize loss of life.



Helpful Link: [Active Shooter, How to Respond.](#)

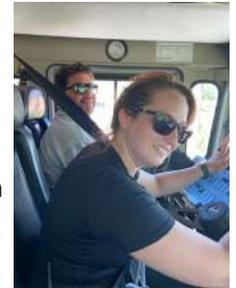
Live Fire Burn at PHL

Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire Department A and C shift conducting their live fire burn training at the Philadelphia International Airport. We are grateful to work with the awesome PHL team!



Live Fire Burn at MidAmerica

Friday, July 24th, MidAmerica ARFF completed both annual and initial live fire drills for our department. We trained at the very nice Scott AFB training grounds and we appreciate their support. This run shows FF Lindauer during his first ever live fire drill in operation of Crash 2, a T3000 Oshkosh, on



#3 and #4 engine fire. Good job Bob. Mid-America Strong!!!



Welcome!

Chicago Rockford ARFF is excited to announce a new member to our team, Firefighter Mathew Hehn!

Firefighter Hehn is a second generation firefighter, and he himself has been in the fire service for 9 years, as well as an EMT-B provider for 13 years. FF Hehn is a Captain at a local volunteer department, he holds many state licenses and certifications including Basic Operations Firefighter, Hazmat Operations and Instructor 1. Hehn also has taken many NIMS classes. Along with his passion for the fire service, FF Hehn has a passion for aviation. He is currently undertaking classes to become a pilot.



FF Hehn is a welcomed new member of our family and we are looking forward to new training and learning opportunities together.



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Water Salute

August 15, 2020—Manchester-Boston Regional Airport Fire Department performed a water salute for a DC-3. The DC-3 visit marked the conclusion of Aviation Museum’s ‘Around the World’ virtual learning flight adventure.



The Aviation Museum’s ‘Around the World’ flight adventure embarked from Manchester-

Boston Regional Airport on May 1, and has since circled the globe, visiting two dozen countries and flying over landmarks ranging from the Eiffel Tower to the Taj Mahal.

The program, produced on museum’s professional flight simulator, was created as an online resource for teachers and students engage in remote learning during the coronavirus pandemic. Because the program was created virtually, museum volunteers could select any aircraft for the flight. The military version of the DC-3, known as the C-47, was chosen because of its historic importance.

Hydrant Flush

Submitted by Capt. Caruana

Rockford ARFF recently flushed all 25 hydrants within their AOA, this was a great opportunity to be visible by our airport partners and tenants, exercise the valves and address any issues that may have arose.

Over the course of several shifts, Captain Caruana and the firefighters worked on this assignment, we even weeded around the area of several of the hydrants. This was a great assignment and we will continue to do this regularly, not only to keep the valves exercised and within good working order, but also to help our team stay knowledgeable on the locations of all our hydrants within the fence. Big thanks to Firefighters: Jacob Kunce, Brad read and Matt Hehn.



Triennial Emergency Exercise at ATW

August 12, 2020—Appleton had their Triennial Emergency Exercise on August 12th at ATW



and Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) ARFF Training Center. Fire Departments from surrounding areas joined in on the training as well as many volunteers from local organizations.



Foam Testing

Submitted by Capt. Ruest

Annual ARFF foam took place at Skyxe Saskatoon Airport with Chief Bryan House, Captain jody Ruest and Captain Dar LaRiviere.





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Fatal Accident at Rockford

On August 20, 2020, about 1543 central daylight time, RFD ARFF was dispatched to a Beech 200 airplane when it was destroyed after being involved in an accident at the airport. The private pilot was fatally injured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 91 positioning flight.

The purpose of the flight was to relocate the airplane to the pilot's home base near Wayne, Illinois. The airplane was at Chronos Aviation LLC (a 14 CFR Part 145 repair station) at the Rockford International Airport (RFD), Rockford, Illinois, for maintenance work. Preliminary flight track data showed the pilot initiated a takeoff from runway 19 at RFD. During the takeoff, the airplane departed controlled flight and impacted terrain. The airplane came to rest on a flat grass field to the east of runway 19 on airport property.



The airplane sustained fire damage and was fragmented from impacting terrain. A Federal Aviation Administration aviation safety inspector and an air safety investigator from Textron Aviation documented the accident site and the wreckage was recovered to a secure location for a future examination of the airframe and the two Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6A-42 engines.

Early reports show strong work from Chief Millard and our team there. An unfortunate outcome, but our staff responded expeditiously and professionally. Just a reminder that what we do is important and to be please be safe!

DSM Host Blood Drive

The DSM International Airport partnered with the American Red Cross to hold a blood drive September 17th & 18th. The blood drive was a success; there were 72 units donated with 49 new donors. Several of the Pro-Tec Firefighters rolled up their sleeves to donate.



Comanche Down

Submitted by Capt. Caruana

Captain Smith at Saskatoon International Airport responded on August 30th to a Comanche with an instructor and student on board that suffered a gear collapse on touchdown. No injuries and Captain Smith stood by until the aircraft was recovered.

Good work Captain Smith.



Respect for Law Enforcement

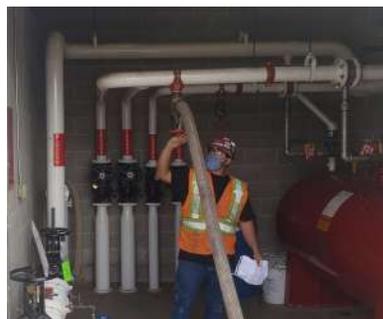
Submitted by Chief Chet Bruette

On September 16th, former Austin Straubel-Green Bay Airport Fire Chief, Trace Paulson was honored at the green Bay Preble Optimist Respect for Law Enforcement banquet. Trace was with Pro-Tec at GRB for 39 years (22 as Chief) and 40+ years at Seymour Police Department.



Fuel Farm

9/30/2020—Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD) ARFF Captain Caruana & FF Hehn attended the annual UPS fuel arm foam testing. Every year UPS replaces the ARFF and tests the new product. While we were there we flushed their hydrant which they were very appreciative of. Over the past year we have taken a proactive approach in being involved with more at the fuel farm and it has strengthened our relationships with our partners and helped further our education.





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Dry Chemical Testing

Annual dry chemical testing at Skyxe Saskatoon Airport with Chief Bryan House, Captain Jody Ruest and Lt. Frank Shand.



Mutual Aid Annual Training



On 9/30/2020 Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD) ARFF hosted the first of several groups of mutual aid partners for their annual training. Tonight, they had members from the Blackhawk and New Milford Fire Departments.

It's always great to get these crews over for a visit. Topics that they covered were staging areas, hydrant locations, water supply, and aircraft extrication utilizing their donated CRJ aircraft. "Regardless if it is their first time here or 12th time, there is always something to learn" said the Chief of Blackhawk. We rely on our mutual aid partners, especially our neighboring ones, that can really effect the outcome of an emergency.



Wings of Democracy

From Pro-Tec Leidos/Manassas is a F581B standing by for start up of World War II aircraft in town for the



Wings of Democracy fly over that was to be held in Washington, D.C. Unfortunately, weather postponed and eventually



cancelled the fly over but it was a rare privilege to have the only two B-29s (Doc and Fifi) in

flying condition at our location along with B-17 Sentimental Journey, C-47 Miss Virginia and USCG PB-4Y patrol aircraft.



Welcome!

Pro-Tec Fire Services and Kalamazoo International Airport Fire Department welcomes Firefighter Keith Hooker to the family.



Keith is currently on Pavilion Twp Fire and Rescue for the last two years and completed his Fire I & II and Haz Mat Operations this last June. He was also sent to Columbia, South Carolina for ARFF training which he completed and passed

on 9/30/20. He is finishing up his AZO specific training this week and will be on his own soon.

Welcome Keith!





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McClellan-Palomar Airport



Some great shots of the ARFF truck at McClellan-Palomar Airport in Carlsbad, CA. Photos by the very talented Firefighter Ryan Grothe who does photography when he's not working at the airport.



Donation to RFD

Submitted by Captain Caruana

Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD) Fire Department ARFF has been fortunate enough this year to have two CRJ aircrafts donated by Chronos Aviation for training purposes. Over the past year we have been continuously training on HRET Ops as well as flowing water/modulating. These donated planes have been invaluable assets when it comes to ARFF



training, we have also been able to invite local mutual aid partners out to train with us as well.

Closeup Look at F-16

A shift Firefighters at MidAmerica St. Louis Airport (BLV) had an opportunity to get a close-up walk around two F-16's. Aircraft commander pointed out interior and exterior canopy opening, hydrazine safety indicators, ejection seat, and engine fire and shutdown systems. Pictured are FF's Kevin and Bob looking super cool. USAF Fly, Fight, Win



We would like to thank our airport administration for allowing us to have these CRJ's to train on and also Chronos Aviation for the donation. Once the two planes have been fully utilized and eventually removed for recycling, we will then have our new HRET prop installed and ready for continual training.

RFD Live Fire Training

Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD) Fire Department ARFF crews participated in their annual live fire training at Chicago O'Hare International Airport. The instructors always



provide us with great training and hospitality, this year we were invited to a tour of their new station and a bowl of hot soup.

Thank you to all the members who always make us feel welcome when we visit!

MARRIAGE, BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS



FF James Brooks at Des Moines married Cassie Ulfe on August 8, 2020.



Harold Jones and wife welcomed a baby girl—Tessa—on Saturday, August 29 at 10:17.

Todd James and wife Danita adopted an 8 year old girl into their household. Welcome Kyndall.





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Welcome Back!

Firefighters at Skyxe Saskatoon Airport, welcome back! Firefighters have been laid off since May 31, 2020 due to passenger counts being down. After COVID struck, the airport went from 250 737 movements a month in February to one a week in May. Airport went from CAT 6 to a CAT 5 during that time with one truck staff on duty. Since then, passenger count and flights are up so airport is once again a CAT 6 and we were able to bring our Firefighters back.

From L to R: Chief Bryan House, FF Brett Doucette, FF Justin Kraft, FF Craig Muench, FF Ryan Meyers, FF Collin Ross, Captain Jody Ruest



Department, the Airlines (Delta, Envoy, UGE, Frontier), and Airport Administration.



EOC Operations was conducted by one Captain and one Lieutenant working with multiple agencies as well as the Airport Director.

It was another case of our multi-purpose department getting training in multiple locations. I am proud of the work they all did!

Ardmore Live Fire Training

Submitted By Ryan Thomas

Blue and Green Shift at Ardmore Airpark in Ardmore, OK completed their annual ARFF live fire training at Tinker Air Force Base.



Green Bay Triennial Exercise

Submitted By Chief Chet Bruette

It was a very good day of training for our department. We had our members working on the fire-ground, EMS ground, Command (Unified Command), and working in the EOC.



Fire-ground consisted of three mutual aid departments (Hobart FD, Lawrence FD, Ledgeview FD) bringing out their Engines and Tenders. Portatanks were dropped and water shuttle operations took place to keep one ARFF truck full of water while we continued to flow water out of it to simulate reignition of multiple fires.



EMS consisted of working with Ashwaubenon Rescue in the triage of passenger/patients.

Unified Command was two of our Captains working with Ashwaubenon Public Safety, Brown County Sheriff's

Live Fire Training at MidAmerica

Submitted By Raymond Flaiz

7/24/20 MidAmerica ARFF completed both annual and initial live fire drills for our department. We trained at the very nice Scott AFB training ground and we appreciate their support. This photo shows FF Lindauer during his first ever live fire drill in operation of Crash 2, a T3000 Oshkosh, on a #3 and #4 engine fire. Good job Bob. MidAmerica Strong!!!





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Canadian Airport Extinguishes ARFF

CBC News, August 7, 2020—Fire services at the Wabush Airport in Newfoundland have been extinguished because of a federal policy that axes airport crews when passenger numbers dip below a specific number. Click [here](#) to read the full article.

recognized all seven employees with our new Outstanding Performance and Service challenge coins at a special luncheon hosted in their honor at the airport.



Their actions on that day exemplified the spirit of our mission and core values, and further supports Pro-Tec as being the nationwide leader in the ARFF industry. As such, we wanted you to be aware of their performance.

CH-47 Chinook visited MidAmerica Airport

Submitted By Raymond Flaiz

8/24/2020—A U.S. Army Reserve CH-47F model Chinook dropped in for refuel. The flight crew was willing to give ARFF personnel a very thorough safety and emergency walk around.



Main points of focus were emergency exits, equipment, fuel and rotor stops, and battery shutoff. Thanks to the crew Chief for an excellent walkaround.



Honoring Heroes at Rockford

Submitted By Bill Hershman

At approximately 3:40pm on Thursday, August 20, a twin engine Beechcraft Super King Air departing from Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD) crashed while attempting to take off, killing the pilot and only person on board. Our staff on duty performed admirably and airport officials noted that ARFF crews were on scene within minutes and all fire was extinguished within 10 minutes of the crash. More details on the incident can be found by clicking [here](#).

The FAA and NTSB continue to investigate the cause of the crash.

Below is a list of the Pro-Tec staff who were first due to the incident (working that day):

Deputy Chief Brian Kunce, Firefighter Jacob Kunce

The following Pro-Tec staff were off-duty and responded to the incident:

Chief Chris Millard, Captain Spencer Caruana, Firefighter Rick Plantz, Firefighter Matt Hehn, Firefighter Bradley Read.

Because of their valiant efforts on that day, Pro-Tec has

WRWA Training

Submitted By Tyler Jones

Will Rogers World Airport Fire Department C Shift Driver/Operator training. Drivers drove to each stage and positioned where they can pick up the cone. The goal was to pick up the cone and move the cone to the bucket. This exercise helps drivers practice setting up to use the piercing nozzles and challenges drivers to properly maneuver the nozzle without dropping the cone.





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Saying Goodbye is never Fun

Submitted By Chris Larson

Fire Chief Michael Leddy finished his final shift on September 4th. He plans on retiring to Georgia to spend time with his family. Michael was with Pro-Tec for two years at Leidos/Manassas Regional Airport in Virginia.



20 Years!

8/25/2020—Today we hosted a little gathering at Austin Straubel Green Bay International Airport to honor both Lt. Jeff Lueck and HR Director Karen Cashman for 20 years with Pro-Tec Fire Services. Our heroes demonstrate their extraordinary talent and skills 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. They bring remarkable skill and compassion to their work at Pro-Tec Fire Services, where they express their commitment to the well-being of the people we serve, their families and our community. Congratulations on your milestone work anniversary in 2020!



Pictured above, Chief Chet Bruette, HR Director Karen Cashman and Lt. Jeff Lueck.



A NOTE FROM HUMAN RESOURCES

Submitted By Karen Cashman



OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment begins on **Nov. 1st** and closes on **Dec 15th** for our United Healthcare health and dental insurance.

- Open Enrollment is for any eligible fulltime employee who is not currently on the insurance and would like to enroll for a 1-1-21 effective date.
- Keep in mind an employee cannot enroll after 1-1-21, unless they have a “qualifying event”. A Qualifying event is defined as: a new employee who has met the 90 days waiting period, loss of coverage through your spouse or legally defined domestic partner, divorce or death of a spouse and the employee was covered under the spouses insurance.
- An employee may drop or change insurance for themselves or their dependent at any time during the calendar year.

United Healthcare applications are available on the company website for enrolling. *Complete an application ONLY if you are currently not on the health/dental plan and you want to enroll.*

Scan the completed application to kcashman@protecfire.com by the date listed above.

Address change in 2020?

If you have moved in 2020 and have not submitted a change of address to your Fire Chief, please do so immediately. All change of address needs to be completed by submitting a 105 for our records. It is important that W2's are sent to the correct address and not returned. Thank you!

If you are interested in rolling over your 401(k), ROTH, taking out a loan or just have questions regarding your account, call a representative at 800-695-7526. You will need the last 4 of your social security number and the plan number is **104557**. Most requests and all documents can be completed online.



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Employees of 3rd Quarter

We had so many great nominations for Employee of the 3rd Quarter, we decided to pick two EOQ. Congrats guys, both performed outstanding!

Trent Lott International Airport, Moss Point, MS—On Sept. 7, 2020 at 0030 hrs., Capt. Condrey was on duty at Trent Lott Airport. The ATCT (Tower) was closed and airfield lighting was in pilot control (PCL) mode. Capt. Condrey was monitoring the airport and local emergency radio frequencies when he heard Moss Point Fire Dept. being dispatched for "an aircraft in distress with engine trouble attempting to land at the airport". Capt. Condrey immediately alerted Lt. Posey for the response. They could hear the aircraft running rough, circling the airport but the airfield lights were off. Capt. Condrey activated the lights using the PCL. Seeing the lights, the pilot landed quickly and was met by the ARFF crew who escorted him to the self-fueling station.

The pilot stated he was returning from doing hurricane relief work in Lake Charles and must have gotten contaminated fuel before he left. He started having engine trouble 7-10 miles out from Trent Lott. He stated if the runway lights had not come on he was about to attempt a landing on 1-10. Capt. Condrey and Lt. Posey assisted the pilot in draining the water from his fuel tanks and fueling his aircraft which then departed for Destin, Florida. He told them from now on he would be fueling at Trent Lott!

Mark's superior professionalism and dedication to the fire protection mission prevented the loss of life and property. Mark assumed command of the incident, turned around Moss Point Fire and Police after safe landing of aircraft and assured the pilot land safely on an airfield instead of the primary East-West Interstate highway potentially saving even more lives. He then went above and beyond providing excellent customer service assisting the pilot to help him continue the flight.

Mark is a rock-solid fire officer who has proven himself in routine and crisis situations and produces exemplary results. Over the last year, he played a major role in upgrading of ARFF services at the airport leading to perfect inspections and high praise from the DCMA. More recently, he assisted with the training of new firefighters during the Mobile contract start up.

His distinctive accomplishments demonstrate his firefighting expertise, professional attitude and reflect great credit upon himself, Trent Lott Airport and Protec Fire Services making him highly deserving of the "Employee of the Quarter" award.

Calgary International Airport, Calgary, Alberta—I am recommending Capt. Hamm for employee of the quarter for his work and commitment put towards our annual ARFF vehicle testing here at the Calgary International Airport.

We took on the task of conducting all ARFF vehicle testing as a value-added service for the airport. The airport had purchased a No-Foam testing trailer approximately five years ago to help reduce cost and environmental impact to the annual ARFF vehicle testing. The No-Foam trailer had never been used to conduct vehicle testing since it had been purchased over five years ago.

Armed with only the owner's manual and his determination, Capt. Hamm, with the help of his crew, took on the challenge of figuring out the No-Foam trailer without any previous knowledge of the system, the trailer, or how it interacted with the ARFF vehicles. Through what seemed to be never ending research and practice, he was able to implement a procedure along with the creation of documentation to capture the results. Capt. Hamm and his crew were also able to pinpoint some vehicle and trailer deficiencies through practice and conducting trial-test with the trailer and various ARFF vehicles. His communication, attention to detail, and work with Airport's maintenance staff was extremely professional and noteworthy which resulted in a positive, successful outcome to the project.

The documentation Capt. Hamm created was extensive and instrumental to the success of the ARFF vehicle testing. He was able to develop and formulate multiple complex spreadsheets that would automatically graph the results of the test as values were entered into the spreadsheet. This documentation is currently utilized to create the mandated Transport Canada documentation and will be utilized from here on out at YYC Station-1.

Capt Hamm also worked extra-long hours to train 23 other Pro-Tec staff as well as multiple YYC staff on the use of the trailer and how to document the results. Capt Hamm put in countless extra hours into this undertaking to see it to a successful end. In doing this work, Capt Hamm captured the attention of the Calgary Airport Authority's General Manager of Emergency Response Services who noticed and acknowledged the tremendous effort Capt. Hamm put into this project to help it succeed. His effort ultimately saved the Airport Authority close to \$45,000 in vehicle testing cost.

Captain Hamm's hard work, dedication, and problem-solving ability resulted in the Airport Authority's ability to conduct foam testing in a manner that is safe for the environment and our staff as it eliminated unnecessary exposure to PFAS. Now that we have gained the ability to conduct all ARFF vehicle testing at the Airport as an added value, Capt. Hamm has helped Pro-Tec further solidify its position with the Airport Authority.



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

Colin Ehlert Appleton
 Brice Christensen Green Bay
 Ryan Grothe Carlsbad
 Karen Cashman Corporate
 David Holmes Corporate
 Cory Brooks Des Moines
 Shane Ruppert Des Moines
 Brian Placon Leidos
 David Robidoux Manchester
 Shelby Baum MidAmerica
 Brandon Gass MidAmerica
 Robert Lindauer MidAmerica
 Brett Long Mobile
 Robert Stewart Mobile
 Timothy Savage Moss Point
 Mitchell Hill Oklahoma City
 Dallas Jackson Oklahoma City
 Kendric Lopez Oklahoma City
 Gregory Smith Oklahoma City
 Patricia Thompson Oklahoma City
 Spencer Caruana Rockford
 Mathew Hehn Rockford
 Samuel Loftin Summit
 Daniel Burk Trenton-Mercer
 Jesse De Costa Calgary
 Brett Gerein Calgary

DECEMBER

Nelson Clements Ardmore
 Kyle Hofacker Green Bay
 Carter Weiske Carlsbad
 Andrew Engwer Manchester
 Jason Fritz Manchester
 Charles Skidmore Manchester
 Justin Zigenis Medford
 Timothy Brown MidAmerica
 Terence Bridges Mobile
 Terry Merrell Mobile
 Brian O'Hear Mobile
 Henry Goff Moss Point
 Brandon Card Oklahoma City
 Jana Robinette Oklahoma City
 Todd Vicsek Oklahoma City
 Richard Woodward Oklahoma City
 Randy Poindexter Oklahoma City
 Daniel Juarez San Antonio
 Robert Howell Summit
 Aaron Weisenberger Summit
 Bryan Eveland Trenton-Mercer
 Jeffery Ritter Trenton-Mercer

Jim Paul Calgary
 Travis Wray Calgary

JANUARY

Jesus Sanchez Appleton
 Clayton Wilkerson Ardmore
 Rudolph Cataldo Des Moines
 Eric Enderton Des Moines
 Evan Hecht Des Moines
 Keith Hooker Kalamazoo
 Patricia Robertson King Aerospace
 Harry Day III Lynchburg
 Edwin Hall Lynchburg
 Marc Chappell Manchester
 Richard Daughen Manchester
 Melvin Fennell MidAmerica
 Dexter Galindo San Antonio
 William Divirgilio Summit
 Christopher Powell Summit
 Clifford Snyder Summit
 Cory Demyan Trenton
 Ryan Meyers Saskatoon
 Craig Muench Saskatoon

Gregory MacWilliams Oklahoma City
 Ryan Laird Oklahoma City
 Tammy Palmer Oklahoma City
 Jeffery Herring San Antonio

DECEMBER

Kevin Graham Carlsbad
 Shane Ruppert Des Moines
 Michael Socha Green Bay
 Philip Padgett Kalamazoo
 William Clark King Aerospace
 David Pierce King Aerospace
 Harry Day III Lynchburg
 Scott Grimes Medford
 Brandon Gass MidAmerica
 David Alderman Oklahoma City
 Caleb Wiegert Oklahoma City
 Shelly Gonzalez Oklahoma City
 Jana Robinette Oklahoma City
 David Grant Oklahoma City
 Devin Blue San Antonio
 Stephen Fischnar San Antonio

JANUARY

Gary Wunsch Appleton
 Nelson Clements Ardmore
 April Lallo Carlsbad
 Patricia Christensen Corporate
 Susan Watermolen Corporate
 Conan Kelley Leidos
 David Howey Leidos
 Gregory Morave Oklahoma City
 Austin Gorbet Oklahoma City
 Gregory Smith Oklahoma City
 Dustin Scheffler Oklahoma City
 Travis Crutsinger Oklahoma City
 Spencer Caruana Rockford
 Brian Kunce Rockford
 Christopher Millard Rockford
 Edward Reid San Antonio
 Collin Rogers San Antonio
 John-Paul Garcia San Antonio
 Aaron Weisenberger Summit
 Justin Holmes Summit

FUN BIRTHDAY FACT
 In a group of 23 people,
 there's a 50-50 chance that
 two of them have the same
 birthday

FUN BIRTHDAY FACT
 About 10,000,000 have the
 same birthday as you

ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

Ronnie Hayes Ardmore
 William White Ardmore
 David Holmes Corporate
 Jeremy Annis Des Moines
 Brian Placon Leidos
 Justin Zigenis Medford
 John Karns Medford
 Kevin Peters MidAmerica





ARFF FLASH GOOD NEWS

Perfect Score at Boeing-SA

Submitted By Chief Juan Cardona



Boeing San Antonio scored green across the board on the recent Annual DCMA AOI Inspection. The entire staff at SA works extremely hard to try and guarantee a favorable

AOI Inspection (this is three years in a row). Their hard work has paid off and they received a renewal of the contract that was up in 2020. With the renewal comes six new firefighters being added to the team in San Antonio, a new command vehicle, and a new sleeping quarters and office space. All at SA are very excited. Nice work team!

Celebrations Cont....

Congrats to MidAmerica St. Louis Airport FF Kevin Peters on his promotion to C shift Captain. He relieves Jason Bruns who has accepted a new position in airport administration. (right)



Congratulations to Brice Christensen for five years at Green Bay Airport. (left)



Perfect Score at Trenton-Mercer

Submitted By Chief Stuart Steele

I am please to inform you that the team at Trenton was able to score yet another perfect FAA Inspection. Thanks to the hard work of all three Captains and some very intelligent firefighters, we sailed through this year's inspection with no "beneficial suggestions" or discrepancies. Melinda continues to be proud and impressed with our performance. Good luck to the other Pro-Tec sites that are doing their inspections.



CELEBRATIONS

PSO Matt Marcks at Green Bay celebrated 5 years with us on 8/6—congratulations Matt on your anniversary. (right)



Congratulations to FF/EMT Greg Hill, FF/EMT Dan Burk and FF/EMT Cory Demyan at Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire Department for recently completing some training at BCCC.(left)

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