



Fall-2014



Welcome to the fall newsletter, 2014 edition of the *ARFF Flash* . This month we have news from across the company beginning with new growth in the company; Des Moines International airport and Fort Smith, Arkansas. In addition, there are other operational updates, important milestone anniversary's and HR related updates. If you have ideas for articles or want to write one for a future edition please contact anyone in the corporate office with your idea or article.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Anniversaries**
- **New Locations**
- **HR Updates**
- **Veteran's Day**



Liz Wilson

30 Years

Congratulations to Liz Wilson on her 30 Year Anniversary with Pro-Tec and the companies that preceded Pro-Tec. When she started August 20, 1984 we were “JJ Security” that included four different groups providing ARFF services, passenger screening at more than 72 airports including several major airports such as Chicago O’Hare, and Kansas City along with security guard services and security alarm monitoring. The corporate office staff was almost double what we have today. In those days we occupied the entire south half of our building including the two-story part at the south end of our building 2129 South Oneida Street, Green Bay.



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She had a front row seat watching the company change and grow to what we are today. Her knowledge of current and former contracts and employees is phenomenal; a resource we tap into on a frequent basis. We appreciate her sense of humor especially when she walks into one of our offices with an invoice or time sheet asking the “What was he thinking?” question about an unusual or cryptic explanation of a charge or overtime worked.

Liz touches each of our lives on a weekly basis whether it is ensuring our pay check is correct, sending out our invoices and ensuring all of the bills are paid keeping the lights on, the internet working and fuel in our airport vehicles.

Cert Inspections

We are in the middle of Cert Inspection season; as usual all locations continue to shine, impressing the FAA in your regions. Carlsbad (5th in a row), Green Bay (6th in a row), Kalamazoo, Medford (4th in a row) and Roanoke (6th in a row), Outagamie (4th in a row) and Des Moines (1st) all earned 100 percent's during their inspections in July, August and September. Congratulations!!!

We also had three locations (Ardmore, Beechcraft and Trent Lott) go through Defense Contracting Management Agency (DCMA) audits each with perfect results. While Beechcraft and Trent Lott’s were scheduled weeks in advance, Ardmore’s was a surprise. Chief Byer’s reports the auditors and one of Ardmore Industrial Airpark’s higher profile tenants walked into his office, announced the audit and requested to look at his records. As usual Denny’s records were perfect as were the answers he and his team gave the auditors on their training program, equipment and capabilities. Nicely Done!

Locations

Ardmore

Firefighter Certifications

Congratulations to Firefighters Ronnie Hayes and Justin Steer for earning their Firefighter I Certifications from Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training. Chief Denny Byers has aggressively worked with his team to help them earn their Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician-Basic and Hazardous Materials Technician certifications. He and the City of Ardmore Fire Department Training Division conduct the certification training jointly helping both departments get their new firefighters certified. In the process he was able to apply for a grant to send his fire fighters to Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL for Hazardous Materials Technician certification.

In addition to joint certification training, the Airpark Fire Department and Ardmore Fire Department conduct frequent joint training sessions at the Airpark and at the Ardmore Fire Department Training Center where they have a Structural Fire/Flashover Simulator. Annually, Chief Byers and the Airpark host three days of training for their mutual aid departments consisting of classroom and hands-on ARFF training.

Congratulations to Carrie Walker for earning her EMT Instructor Certification.

Airpark Entrance Sign

On June 24th the Ardmore Industrial Park unveiled the new main entrance sign on State Highway 53. The sign reflects the close partnership Pro-Tec and the Ardmore Development Authority enjoy.



Ardmore

On August 12th (left to right) Wesley Reed, Captain Ben Barbour , Ryan Thomas and Ronnie Hayes were awarded Pro-Tec Recognition coins for their efforts on May 29th to recapture several Oklahoma Department of Corrections inmates who walked away from the minimum secu-



rity facility on the Airpark. When they spotted the inmates they notified law enforcement who apprehended them. We appreciate their professionalism and willingness to do what needed to be done— SAFELY.

Burbank

The team at Burbank along with Airport and airline employees participated in a fund raising event to help the Burbank Animal Shelter raise money to qualify for a grant. According to



Chief John Scanlon the event was a huge success raising almost \$25,000.

**Nicely
Done
Burbank!**

Des Moines

We officially welcomed the new team at Des Moines International Airport to Pro-Tec on August 13th. The staff picture is below and is led by Chief Kevin Gill.

They staff completed orientation and initial training and are fully operational and working on shift.



Left to Right: Deputy Chief Kevin Shultz
Deputy Chief Don Minks II
Firefighter David Kilpatric (Beechcraft)
Firefighter Jacob Pemberton
Firefighter Jessica Smith
Firefighter Dayton Harryman
Firefighter Jordan Casey
Firefighter Stephen Fox
Firefighter Joe Patava
Deputy Chief Ben Truetken
Center: Chief Kevin Gill

Des Moines International

Des Moines International Airport Fire Department Badging Ceremony

On Friday, October 3, 2014, at 1900 hours, the company held a badging ceremony for the members of the DMIA FD. The Master of Ceremonies was Operations Chief David Holmes, and our special guest was Asst. Chief Marty Smith of the 132nd Fighter Wing, Iowa ANG Fire Department.

The ceremony opened with comments from Operations Chief David Holmes. Asst. Chief Marty Smith's invaluable assistance and guidance was recognized, and Asst. Chief Smith was presented with a certificate of appreciation by Chief Gill.

Next, Chief Gill offered remarks. Asst. Chief Smith was asked to step forward, and Chief Gill was badged by Asst. Chief Smith. Next, members of the DMIA FD were called forward, where each member was badged by a member of their family, and each member was also presented with an award of recognition, which recognized the member as a founding member of DMIA FD. The Oath of Allegiance was then presented and vowed by the members of the department.

After the members were badged, Chief Gill presented a short speech in which he recognized the invaluable guidance, leadership, and hard work of Operations Chief David Holmes in the formation and launch of the Des Moines International Airport Fire Department; without his dedication and work, the success of the department would not have been possible. Chief Holmes was then presented with a special award of recognition by all members of the DMIA FD.

Closing comments were made by Chief Gill, which included thanking the families of the members for their support and understanding of our members.

Left to right : Deputy Chief Don Minks II, FF Dayton Harryman, DC Ben Truetken & FF Jordan Casey



Fort Smith, Arkansas

Welcome to Chief Ed Turpin, Danny Gasparotto, John Mills and Jerry Carter as the newest members of the Pro-Tec team at our most recent airport Fort Smith Regional Airport, Fort Smith, AR.

On October 1st we assumed responsibility for the ARFF services at Fort Smith Regional Airport from the 188th Fighter Wing, Arkansas Air National Guard. Fort Smith is an Index B Airport serviced by Delta and American Airlines.

The staff started training on September 15th. We have a staff of four including an Administrative Chief (Ed Turpin). The firefighters work an 18 hour shift similar to those worked in Carlsbad and Lynchburg.

A special thank you goes out to *Chief Dan Diehl and the team at Will Rogers World Airport* for helping start this contract efficiently and effortlessly. We appreciate all of you stepping up to the plate when needed. FF Sam Mills is pictured below.



Terrorism and Social Media

Recently, several of our locations have reported that during TSA security briefings they are told about terror groups targeting military/public safety personnel and their families for harassment via social media. We want our employees and their families to be safe.

Please exercise caution when posting personal information on social media including your address, vacation activities, children's names, birth dates, recent pictures etc. which is out there for public consumption. Take a few minutes to review who can access your personal information and who may have looked at it recently.

Lastly, if you or a family member experiences harassment on social media from someone you do not know for what you do as an emergency responder or you see something in your neighborhood/around your station that does not look right (out of the normal); report it to law enforcement. It is better to error on the side of caution than to ignore it and tragedy follows.

Hat's off to Kalamazoo and Lynchburg !

Captain John Yuhas (Kalamazoo and Captain Edwin Hall (Lynchburg) have earned accreditation as a Airport Master FireFighter through the ARFFWG/AAAE Training Program The program is open to any airport fire fighter; the qualifications can be found at <http://arffwg.org/products-page/partner-project/afo-designation/> .

Captain Yuhas in his email advising corporate of his award stated: *The AMF was one of the most challenging certifications I have ever experienced. I want to thank everyone for funding it to make it possible for me to achieve it.*

I started working for Pro-Tec, part-time, in 1985 and left in 2000, I returned in 2002, part-time. I have enjoyed working in the ARFF services. The knowledge gained will be passed on to future employees here at Kalamazoo to the best of my ability as a training officer here. Thank you again.

Congratulations to both on their achievement!



Meet Chief Dan Diehl's (Will Rogers World Airport) son, Collin who is a freshman in high school (14) and his daughter Courtney (18) who is a freshman at Oklahoma Baptist University majoring in nursing.

Looks like they are
PACKER fans too!



HR Update

For medical, dental benefit information, summaries, enrollment forms log unto our company website:

www.protecfire.com

Employee Log In

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Save the form to your desktop and type, save and send via email! All insurance related forms and questions should be sent to kcashman@protecfire.com

Open Enrollment is 01-01-15, all enrollment forms are due by 01-01-15. Enrollment forms can be found on the company website under benefits.



Veterans Day



Navy-WW II Veteran-Harvey Hafeman (WI) and his spouse, Connie.

Harvey just recently passed away on 10-09-14 at the age of 93.

We would like to take this time to thank all the Veterans who so unselfishly have served our beautiful country. In addition, we would like to take a moment to reflect on all Veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice and no longer are with us.

Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice of the common good.