

PRO-TEC

March 2014 Edition

ARFF Flash



## MARCH 2014

Welcome to the March 2014 edition of the *ARFF Flash*.

Slowly but surely winter is starting to give way to more spring like temperatures making all of us feel a little better.

This month's edition highlights the start-ups at Rockford and Wabush along with a sneak peak at the 2014 Pro-Tec Chiefs Meeting to be held April 29-30 in Green Bay.

~ Editorial Team ~

The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.

-- George Bernard Shaw,



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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## March Anniversary

Congratulations to Fire Fighter Jace-C Harm (Burbank) and Lieutenant David Walters (Green Bay) for 15 years of service with our company..

## ARFF Quiz

The March ARFF quiz is from IFSTA ARFF 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Chapter 7



1. What determines the minimum number and type of ARFF apparatus required at an airport? (219)

- A. Local requirements.
- B. Airport index or category.
- C. Number of airport employees.
- D. Population of surrounding area.

2. At a certified U.S. airport, if required apparatus or equipment become inoperative and an equal replacement cannot be found, airport management must notify FAA Regional Airports Division Manager and affected carriers within: (219)

- A. 12 hours.
- B. 24 hours.
- C. 48 hours.
- D. 72 hours.

3. The major benefit of a bumper turret is: (231)

- A. Reduced cost.
- B. Reduced agent use.
- C. Greater range of motion.
- D. Improved visibility for the driver/operator.

4. Which of the following statements about the overhead fill method is MOST accurate? (237)

- A. It is safer than filling from the side of the vehicle.
- B. It is faster than filling from the side of the vehicle.
- C. It is not as safe as filling from the side of the vehicle.
- D. It requires fewer personnel than filling from the side of the vehicle.

Answers: 1. B    2. C    3. D    4. C



## 2014 Chiefs Meeting



The 2014 Pro-Tec Chiefs Meeting will be April 29-30 at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Green Bay across from Austin Straubel International Airport.

Chiefs, please make plans to arrive on April 28th and depart May 1st. Let me know when you are arriving, I'll meet you as you clear the boarding area and get you to the hotel.

The hotel has a number of lounges and restaurants for you all to meet and catch up on the 28th or you can take the hotel shuttle to the Stadium District where there are a number of Packer themed restaurants and lounges.

Watch the April *ARFF Flash* for more meeting details .

~ *Bill Ewing* ~



# L o c a t i o n s

## Rockford

At 0800, Wednesday February 26th Pro-Tec Fire Services assumed responsibility for Chicago Rockford International Airport.

When you think about assuming responsibility for ARFF services you think of an orderly change over at shift change. Well... it did not quite go that way. Because the airport had not received the temporary occupancy permit for the new station and because it was impractical for us to use the existing ARFF station which was part of Rockford FD Station #7 we manned the trucks in the Airport Snow Removal Equipment Building using a cell phone the Air Traffic Control Tower had on speed dial and a portable radio tuned to the airport's Ground frequency for emergency notification.

While we were not permitted to run operations out of the new station until 10:00 AM on the 26th we were permitted to move in on the 25th with help from a lot of people including Carl (Thiem) and Mark (Christensen) who came down to meet the team and airport administration.



## Rockford Continued

The results of the renovation is nothing short of spectacular as the pictures below will attest to. The bathrooms, kitchen and laundry rooms have granite countertops, both restrooms have full size walk in showers, all areas have energy saving, motion sensitive lighting that comes on when movement is detected turning them off after a programmed number of minutes. The apparatus bay has similar lighting but dim down until motion is sensed.



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We are staffed with three shifts of two personnel (Deputy Chief and a Fire Fighter) 24/7/365. At this time the Chief also works shift. Our duties include: ARFF, CPR/First Aid training, Fire Extinguisher Inspections/Training, Fuel Farm/Mobile Refueler Inspections, Terminal Public Relations, Hot Refuels etc...just recently we

added Facility Inspections when the Ops Technician responsible accepted an Airport Manager position at a GA airport in northern Illinois.



## Rockford Continued



We inherited three quality, well maintained ARFF vehicles including: 1997 Oshkosh T-3000 HRET, 2005 Crash Rescue F-550 with a 150 gallon Tri-Max kit/500 lbs. PKP system and a 2010 Oshkosh 3000 Striker . The 1997 Oshkosh is scheduled for replacement in the next couple of years with an other HRET due to UPS has its regional sorting facility on the airport; receiving a

mixture of 12-14 A-300, 757, 767 cargo aircraft each night.

Rockford is certificated as an Index C airport but with the capability of an Index E with one hour notice. The airport is serviced by Allegiant and Frontier airlines flying A-319/320 and MD-80s to vacation spots in the U.S., Mexico and Caribbean. Because of their close proximity to Chicago O'Hare, Rockford has the potential to receive diversions when the weather is bad in Chicago or O'Hare is on a ground hold. When this happens it is possible to see anything (except A-380) stopping for a "Gas-N-Go" which we conduct stand-by operations for the hot refuel operations IAW NFPA 407.

If you haven't yet, called or emailed Chief Jim Klinefelter, to welcome him to the team please do so. He can be reached at the station (815) 969-4442 or via email at [jklinefelter@flyrfd.com](mailto:jklinefelter@flyrfd.com). Jim will also be at the Chiefs conference in April.

*~Bill Ewing~*

# MidAmerica

MidAmerica Airport hosted a Make-A-Wish flight for 8-yr old Nicholas, a young man that is coping with a life-threatening neurological disorder. The trip to Orlando was sponsored by Pyramid Electrical Contractors. Below is an excerpt from the press release by Make-A-Wish, MidAmerica St. Louis Airport and Pyramid

*“Pyramid Electrical Contractors, a local Fairview Heights business, heard about Nicholas’ story and stepped up to ensure that his sendoff was as magical as his wish trip. The company worked with MidAmerica to provide the family with the full “Red Carpet” treatment at the airport. Nicholas and his family were greeted upon arrival by a long red carpet lined with balloons, and a personal assistant was on hand to escort them through check-in to their gate and to ensure that all of their needs were met. Each family member also received a gift bag, including T-shirts, water bottles, autograph books, photo albums, toys and more. To truly make Nicholas feel special, he also received a portable DVD player and some of his favorite movies to watch during the flight.*

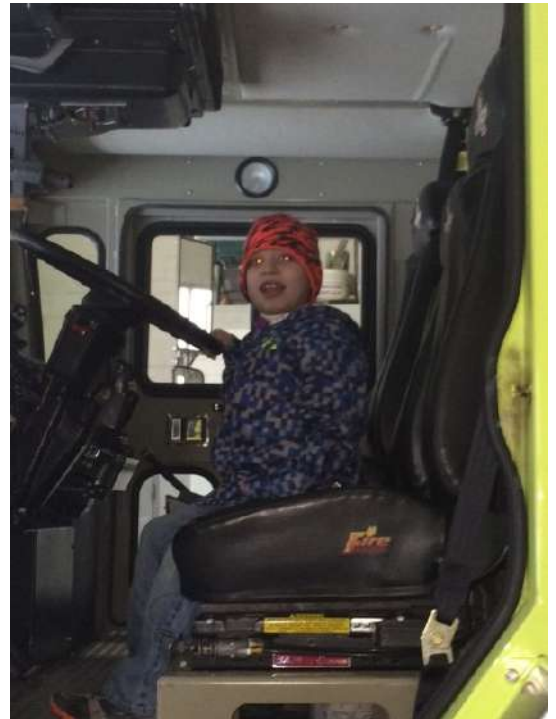
*Representatives from Allegiant, MidAmerica St. Louis Airport and Pyramid Electrical Contractors were at the airport to share this moment with Nicholas and his family.*

*“Our goal was to show support for Nicholas, make him and his family feel welcome and start his wish trip out with a bit of a splash,” stated Tim Cantwell, Director at MidAmerica Airport. “We were delighted to host them and I commend Pyramid Electrical Contractors for going above and beyond and adding the red carpet touches to make this sendoff even more memorable.”*

*Allegiant has built a business around helping make vacation possible in small communities throughout the country. By establishing Make-A-Wish as its primary charity, Allegiant is able to help make wishes possible in the communities it serves, including Southwestern Illinois. Thanks to this unique partnership, Nicholas was given the opportunity to fly with his family to Orlando from MidAmerica Airport, as Allegiant provided its 79<sup>th</sup> wish trip to this Make-A-Wish family. “*

# MidAmerica

The Pro-Tec team at MidAmerica led by Chief Dennis Schipper gave Nicholas, his family and entourage a tour of the ARFF station, letting Nicholas sit in the Crash-2 to fully experience an ARFF vehicle.





# Wabush Airport



From left to right FF Jamie Kennedy, FF Ryan Connolly, Chief John Smith, FF Dan Eisenhauer

I would like to welcome our new fire fighters in Wabush, Canada. Wabush Airport is located in the frozen arctic of Canada. There are two cities that are more or less connected via a single road between them, Wabush and Labrador City. The airport is located right in the middle of that connection. The big industry in the area is mining and most of the customers that come to the airport are miners that fly in and out of the area. Due to the increase in the mining industry a new ARFF station had to be created to maintain Canadian safety standards. When we say a new ARFF station we mean a brand new station with a new Rosenbauer Panther and a new Chief's vehicle with all the bells and whistles.

# Wabush

The station itself was an old station from the 80's that has been completely remodeled. The station is still currently under construction but ARFF services is up and running.

I want to thank Bryan House from Saskatoon for helping with the startup. He was instrumental in getting the services up and running. The airport administration has nothing but good to say regarding our fire fighters and the service they provide.

*~Mark Christensen~*

That's all for this month. This is your newsletter, please send your article ideas, ideas for improvement, department news or airport news to the editorial team (Karen, Mark, or Bill) for inclusion in the April edition.

*~Editorial Team~*