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Pro-Tec Celebrates “Zero” Accidents for 2015

Pro-Tec Fire Services, Ltd
completed the entire 2015
calendar year with **“NO OSHA
Recordable Injuries/Accidents”**.

This is a huge accomplishment! I have been here 16 years as the HR Director and we have never achieved this before. To date, we are continuing this injury free record and we hope to close out the entire 2016 year with the same record!

Thank you to each and every one of you who come to work and put the company’s safety initiatives first! Together we made it possible.

**FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL NEWSLETTERS WE
WILL BE HIGHLIGHTING THE DIFFERENT
LOCATIONS AND HOW THEY CHOSE TO
CELEBRATE THIS HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT.**

Submitted by: Karen Cashman, HR Director



Appleton International Airport

Submitted by Chief Wunsch

ATW APS welcomed the chance to celebrate having a safe work place and safety minded employees. We were looking for a way to spend the reward money on something that would be a daily reward.

It is one of our goals to continue to be safe. Being safe takes both conscious effort and physical ability to accomplish tasks.

To help the staff continue to stay physically fit we used the ProTec reward money, along with a contribution from our station "pantry fund", and funds from the Airport to upgrade a piece of equipment in our fitness room. We now have a Marcy Diamond Elite multi station work out cage. This equipment provides a safer way to perform weight lifting and strength conditioning.

In an effort to help the staff have time for a good work out, the Deputy Chief and I will provide the staff with either a partner to work out with or cover the daily duties for the on duty staff during their work out time. **We thank all the ProTec staff for being safety concious.**

Kalamazoo-Battlecreek International Airport

Submitted by Chief Vosburg

I would like to start off by saying thank you on behalf of all of us here at the AZO (Kalamazoo, MI)

For the \$25.00 per person for an injury free 2015. I am very thankful that the entire company is doing a great job with safety and wellness.

We here at AZO have decided to take the money that you have given and combine it with all of our own personal

money and purchase a recumbent exercise bike. All of us will be chipping in an equal amount for a quality product. We all know that healthy living can be hard, we have all committed to each other and more importantly to ourselves and our loved ones to do more for a healthy and fit living.



MidAmerican St. Louis Airport

Submitted by Chief Schipper

We elected to give everyone gift cards to use as they see fit.

We start each shift with a 15-20 min "shift meeting" that starts the day with the right frame of mind, addresses safety concerns not only in the station, but throughout the whole airport and addresses any "hot topics" from either Pro-Tec, MAA or local emergency response agencies. I know these shift meetings are not fool-proof, but I can say I have seen an uptick in communication and general awareness of things associated with the airport. Something I would highly encourage.



Saskatoon

Submitted by Chief House

For our celebration all members received a 25.00 gift card. The crew decided to pool their gift cards together and purchased a new TV for the gym room.

(Left to Right)

(FF Craig Muench, FF Brett Gerein, Lieutenant Terry McGinnis,
FF Frank Shand, Captain Jody Ruest, Captain Darwin LaRiviere)

(Missing from photo: Captain Ryan Cross, Captain Brian Smith,
FF Brett Doucette, FF Garrett Gregoire)



MORE COMPANY NEWS!!!

Appleton International Airport

The new Oshkosh Striker has been delivered to the Appleton Airport ARFF station.



Fort Smith Regional Airport Chief Ed Turpin's Retirement

On January 28th **Chief Danny Gasparotto**, members of the Pro-Tec Fort Smith Regional Airport team and others gathered to celebrate Pro-Tec's One Year Injury Free milestone and Chief Ed Turpin's retirement. The celebration included lunch and as in most fire stations – lots of interesting stories.

We wish Chief Turpin continued health and happiness!!!!



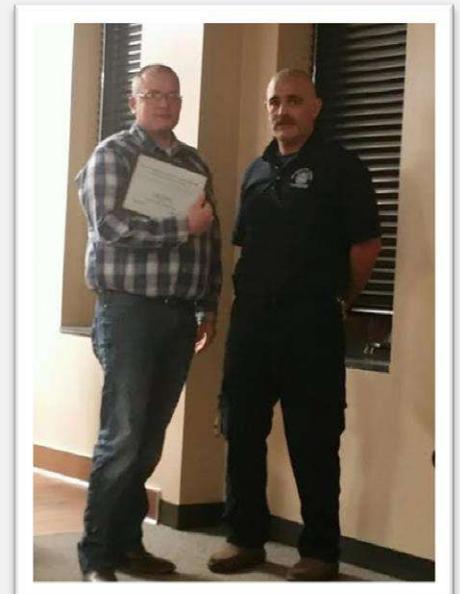
Employee of the Quarter

2015 Employee of the Quarter (Third Quarter)

Submitted by Chief Minks

We had a department potluck as a holiday party and brought our significant others and Dr. Stilley our medical director in for dinner and to watch the Iowa Hawkeye game on December 5. We used our house funds to buy a pork loin and drinks and then everyone brought in a side dish. We also had a white elephant grab bag for anyone that wanted to participate. Everyone had a great time.

This is when we awarded Adam with his employee of the quarter award and had him walk everyone through the call. We also awarded Adam, Tony, Mark (Radar) and Cory with a certificate of completion for completing their 40 hour ARFF course. I purchased frames and we made this dinner into a surprise awards banquet. This was a great evening of stories and good conversation by all.



2015 Employees of the Quarter (Fourth Quarter)

Submitted by Chief Paulson

We are proud to announce that Austin Straubel Airport – “B” shift were all nominated for the “Employee of the Quarter” for their outstanding leadership and dedication to our customer; the Airport. Captain Bruette, Lt. Dave Rienow, Public Safety Officers, Matt Marks and Brice Christensen.

See Chief Paulson’s nomination below:

I would like to nominate “B” Shift for their efforts on a recent snow event. It was the makings of “a perfect storm” This started with a recently promoted Captain, a recently promoted Lieutenant, and 2 recently hired Public Safety Officers and that this was their first snow event on the department. The “perfect storm” ended with a “perfect outcome”. How this played out was it started out at the top.

“B” shifts new Captain Chet Bruette, and Training Lieutenant David Rienow have diligently been working with the new hire PSO’s Matthew Marks and Brice Christensen on friction testing procedures and airfield operations. From there it was the continuity of the shift and affording the new members to ask questions, and be comfortable to wake up a supervisor in the middle of the night if needed.

I was in a debriefing on this snow event with the shift. The Lieutenant did state to the rest of the shift that this was a good example of doing your job. What I saw was a job well done.

It was also nice to see e-mails from our long standing Airport Director, but also from our new Assistant Airport Director, who oversees airfield operations. This was a great “first impression” for our department concerning our responsibilities during snow/winter operations.

Great Job and keep it up!





Congratulations!!!

The Pro-Tec firefighters continue to shine for our customers.
Congratulations on the following PERFECT inspections.

NO WRITE UPS

Des Moines International Airport

Cert inspector said that there are no issues with ARFF of the fueling operations here in Des Moines. He also stated "that we are extremely well organized and the way we document everything makes his life easier. He also stated that we blew the timed response out of the water." He had us pierce the trainer and flow foam so he could look at it.

Textron - Beechcraft

Congratulations to Chief Gary Wilson, Captain Marc Perez and the team at Textron –Wichita on a **PERFECT** DCMA inspection today. According to Gary the inspector hit all of the usual areas including not finding anything. The only thing different is that it was short notice (Gary was notified Thursday night by the inspector). Well Done Guys! **Well Done!!!**

Summit Aviation, Middletown, DE

The inspector stopped by for a short notice inspection. He did not stop by the fire station but he did check operations in the maintenance hangar. I do not know if this is the new normal for the DCMA; everyone be ready if you are subject to a DCMA inspection.

Great Customer Service !!!



Rockford International Airport

Submitted by Chief Chris Millard

I recently attended a county board meeting and had prepared some yearend numbers for them. They were shocked and really impressed that we assisted over 1900 + wheel chair and needy customers. Mr. Dunn reported that this is the first time they have ever had this kind of service, and that the airport FF's have a great presence in the terminal also handling any medical situation that arises. The board president thanked me for what our department does. Thanks for allowing us to serve Pro-Tec and the Chicago-Rockford Airport.

Austin Straubel International Airport

Winter Ops and Our New Recruits

Just wanted to let you know the great job the two new guys did last night/early this morning. Brice kept up on checking the surfaces, last night/early this morning, while it was

raining and having a possible switch over. At 04:00 Matt got up and helped Brice check the conditions. At 04:20 they noticed it sort of switching over to a little rain/snow/ice. That's when they got me up. Checked outside, made the notifications to JB and Rick in time and then started snow ops. The conditions never really changed to bad (which is good), but they did a great job staying on top of the situation, getting me up in time, and having us send out the notifications early enough if the surfaces would have gone to bad. We only really had patchy wet snow.

Captain Chet Bruette

Help From Our Crew for the Backup 911 Center

Last week when we were at the station Trace showed us the alternate 911 center. The County was going to use it over the weekend while some work was being done at the 911 center. Looks like it went well.

P.S. The 911 Center Supervisors are badged and can escort their staff in the gate and while they are in the station freeing us from having to monitor them.

That is awesome Trace. That made my day. I made a point to thank you and Tom publicly at a recent Public Safety Committee, but I think I forgot to thank you personally. So, sorry about that and thank you very much. It's amazing sometimes how hard it is for even departments within the County to work together, but this has been smooth sailing and that is a credit to your staff and ours.

Brown County 911
Cullen



Rogue Valley International - Medford Airport

Station Tour Put on by the ARFF Crew

Of all the areas we explore on our tours, the ARFF station is, by far, the favorite stop! Our fire chief and his crew takes their time to fully explain the dynamics of the “what and why” of what they do, and how airport fire-rescue differs from conventional fire departments. Thanks guys!

Staff at Medford Airport



Boeing San Antonio

Bill and Roy, I wanted to bring to your attention the performance of Jerry's team Tuesday evening in supporting the executive jet move into the hangar due to the threat of severe weather. Jerry's team completed the fire protection make readies for the spill barrier diking and the RMT-4000s and then quickly completed the fire protection measures after the jet was parked in the hangar. Additionally, the fire truck also blocked the main gate for inbound traffic while the tow was underway.

Representatives from the Air Force and I observed efficient and professional actions from ARFF services. Given the seasonal weather and the jet on the ramp, I expect to repeat this fueled jet exercise.

Please pass on our thanks.

Pete Traynor
Boeing San Antonio



Trump Comes to Lynchburg and Roanoke Airports

On January 18th Donald Trump flew in to Lynchburg Regional Airport to be the guest speaker at Liberty University's Convocation. This was the second time he has flown in to Lynchburg to speak at L.U. the difference was this time he had not only his entourage but he was escorted by Secret Service, Airport Police, Va. State Police and the Campbell County Sherriff's Department. Chief Jimmy Bowen and Captain Edwin W. Hall stood by with both ARFF trucks to provide fire protection.

With the Presidential election heating up this is becoming a regular event with Political candidates flying in.

The Trump entourage also made a stop to Roanoke Airport. Nice picture of the plane with Chief Keith Witlow.



TRAINING TO SAVE LIVES

Trent Lott Live Fire

Trent Lott Firefighters did their annual Live Burn at Mississippi State Fire Academy. Class was with other departments in the region including Firemen from FEDEX out of Memphis, Tenn. Other departments were the Jackson area and the northern part of state. Mississippi Fire Academy is located in Jackson, Ms. and is nationally recognized as one of the top schools in the southeast for ARFF training.

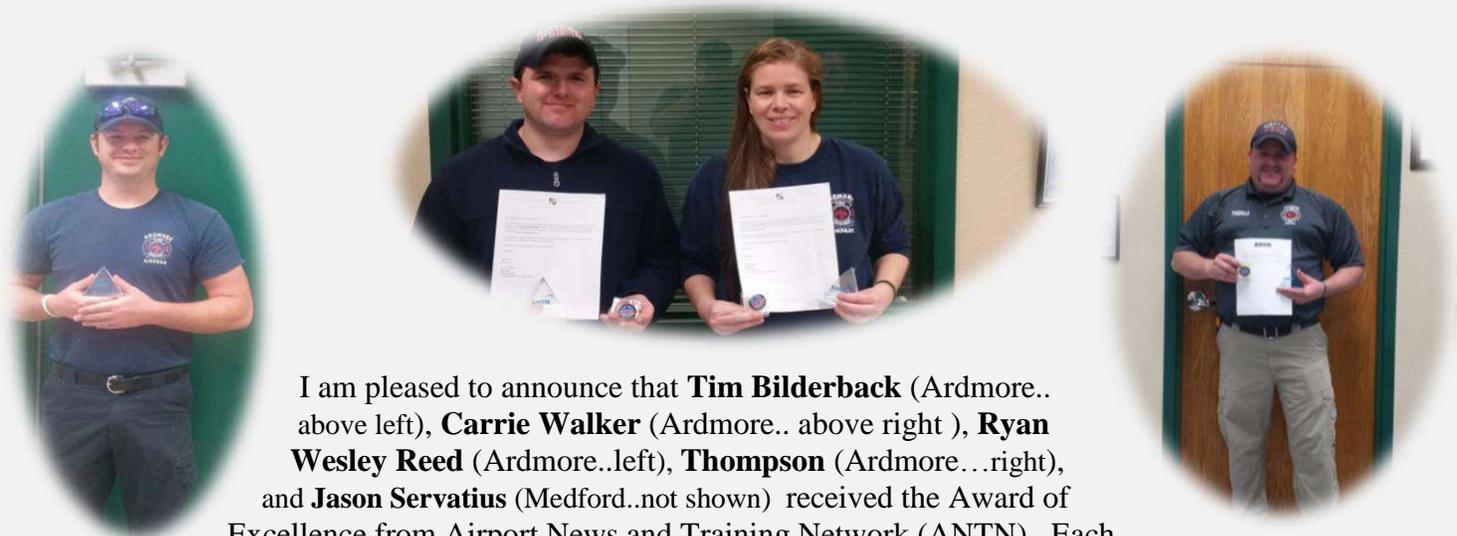




Des Moines Training

On another note, we were recently afforded the opportunity to train on an actual aircraft. The contractor that was awarded the bid for getting rid of the planes at the aviation school invited us over to use our cutting tools, piercing and entering this aircraft. This contractor was a wealth of knowledge and we were all instructed by Whistler Aviation on where to cut and various techniques on where and how to make entry. This training was priceless.

ANTN AWARDS



I am pleased to announce that **Tim Bilderback** (Ardmore.. above left), **Carrie Walker** (Ardmore.. above right), **Ryan Wesley Reed** (Ardmore..left), **Thompson** (Ardmore...right), and **Jason Servatius** (Medford..not shown) received the Award of Excellence from Airport News and Training Network (ANTN). Each passed 189 tests and watched countless videos to achieve this award.

Each will receive a certificate and Achievement of Excellence plaque from the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE).

State Certified Instructor

Carrie Walker (Ardmore) is now a state certified instructor in EMS through the paramedic level. This is huge in that she can go to any of our locations and teach an EMS class including Emergency Medical Responder, EMT and Paramedic skills. We have another instructor (Jerry Knopf) in San Antonio.

ADDITION TO THE PRO-TEC CREW!

From Kalamazoo

I wanted to inform you all of a new edition to our Pro-Tec and AZO family. FF Bryan Hughey and his wife Riley had their first born March 1st 2016. Welcome Delaney Rose Hughey.



Milestone Anniversaries for 2016

Ardmore

Denny Byers 15 years

Kalamazoo

Josh Vanoverbeek 5 years

Nancy Robinson 10 years

MidAmerica

Melvin Fennell Jr. 10 years

Roanoke

Geoffrey Collins 5 years

Corporate Office

Carl Thiem 10 years

Oklahoma City

Chief Dan Diehl 5 years

Earl Dahl 10 years

Denny Clark 15 years

Larry James 15 years

Joseph Johnson 15 years

Kenneth Kirchoff 15 years

Greg Macwilliams 15 years

Lee Perry 15 years

Todd Vicsek 15 years

Leslie Woosley 15 years

*Thank you all for your commitment to Pro-Tec Fire Services
and congratulations on your achievement.*

We are still looking for articles regarding interests in your local area or at your airport. Please do not hesitate to e-mail me at mchristensen@protecfire.com