



Company Updates

Good Luck to Our Corporate Chief Bill Ewing

Chief Ewing has elected to move on from his position of Corporate Chief at Pro-Tec Fire Services to move closer to his family in Texas. Bill joined our team in 1997 as the Chief at Outagamie International Airport (Now Appleton International Airport). He took over as Corporate Chief in 2010 and always maintained an attitude of excellence. His passion has always been firefighting. “Once a firefighter always a firefighter, it’s in my blood.” Thank you for your service and good luck.



We Continue to Recognize Our Firefighters “Zero” Accidents In 2015

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

Listed below are the different locations and how they choose to celebrate this great accomplishment.

Wabush Airport

First of all I would like to congratulate Pro-Tec Fire Services for this great accomplishment of no recordable injuries or loss time accidents in the year 2015. Hopefully 2016 and future years will follow suit. I would also like to thank you for the money provided to all the firefighters for assisting in this goal.

Here at Wabush we decided to have a BBQ to celebrate this award which also allowed us the opportunity to get together as a team as this doesn't occur very often due to the scheduling here at the airport. All the guys enjoyed their steak dinners and were very thankful for Pro-Tec's generosity.

I have attached a photo of everyone.

Thanks again,
John Smith
Fire Chief, Wabush Airport



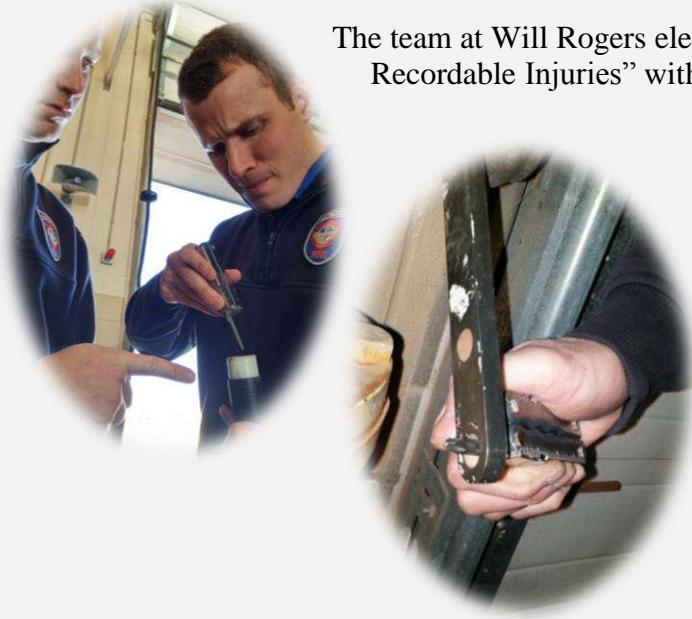
Carlsbad International Airport

Chief Shawn Raysin handed out \$25.00 Visa card gift certificates to each one of the firefighters that provide ARFF services at Carlsbad Airprot. **Thank you to all!!**



Will Rogers International Airport

The team at Will Rogers elected to celebrate 2015 “No OSHA Recordable Injuries” with a Leatherman Pliers for all.



Medford International

Attached is a photo of the Medford crew with the sweatshirts they purchased with the \$125.00 Safety Award. The shirts were printed with the logo the guys came up with last year. They paid the difference in the cost of the sweatshirts along with all of the printing costs.

Pictured Left to Right – Engineer Jason Servatius, Engineer Tony Incerty and Captain Scott Grimes.

MORE COMPANY NEWS!!!

Fort Smith Triennial

Written by Danny Gasparotto



We had our recent Airport Disaster exercise with multiple agencies responding. We had almost 30 various victims and 8 deceased participants for the exercise of a crashed aircraft due to total hydraulic failure. There were spot fires set up around the perimeter which needed extinguishment and fire control by our ARFF Crews. Follow-up was conducted by mutual aid with the city Municipal Fire Department, Local PD, EMS, and County Emergency Management. We established a unified command and utilized local airport tenants for assistance with transportation of the wounded to the triage area prior to transport by EMS.

The exercise went well and we received a number of Kudo's for an outstanding total performance. Each responding agency will complete an After Action Report and we will host a working group to discuss and suggest any changes for future responses. But all went well. Kudo's to our Pro-Tec Fire Fighter (Mr. Michael Moffet) who responded with the apparatus and quickly established fire suppression and a good rescue path for the walking wounded and Fort Smith Municipal Fire in their response.



Chicago-Rockford Hosts Triennial Drill



On Saturday April 30th the C-R Airport looked very different. Emergency vehicles covered the west side of the airport. The mock airplane crash of an MD80 with over 100 passengers took stage that morning off Runway 7/25. The weather was very chilly and the threat of rain was in the air. C-R ARFF was at full staff for the event. 2901, 2902, 2903 and 2990 all responded. A quick MABAS card 10 was activated bringing in Fire, EMS, and multiple agencies to assist.

The agencies consisted of Security teams, Rockford PD, Winnebago Sheriff Dept., Coroner's Office, and others. Approximately 25 agencies responded with very good coordination.



ARFF response included RED shift first response in 2902, and 2903, D/C Briggs assumed Command and Capt. Hogan extinguisher fire in 2903. D/C Kunce and Chief Millard responded in our Command Vehicle and interfaced with Briggs and then transferred Command to Millard where Briggs became Operation Branch. Kunce became communication/liaison Branch and FF Caruana and FF Kelly responded in 2901, they assisted in several operations working with

MABAS responders. Rockford Fire was assigned EMS Branch and did triage and transportation officer duties.

The drill was a huge success with many evaluators giving a thumbs up for overall compliance. Things noted were a need for identification of the command vehicle with a green MABAS designated light, and giving some specific locations for several of agencies once they were set up. One huge thing that seems to always be a problem is communication between the agencies but with the assignment of different frequencies it was noted how GOOD it went.

The last thing to share is our department members have a lot of experience in EMS and Fire situations but for this drill we used ANTN to review the drills that they covered. This was very helpful in identifying problems these airports have had.



Great Job from Our Firefighters at Austin Straubel International Airport



On February 12th at 8:28 am, the Airport Public Safety Department was notified by the Air Traffic Control Tower of a Canadian Regional Jet experiencing flight control problems. The aircraft was carrying 45 persons on board and was 80 miles north of the Green Bay Airport.

Capt. Tess was not on duty at the time, and Lt. Mike Socha was the Officer In Charge. This was to be Lt. Socha's first aircraft emergency as being in charge.

Lt. Socha requested a MABAS Box Alarm assignment. Responding fire and ambulance units included Cities of Green Bay and De Pere, Villages of Ashwaubenon, Hobart, and Howard, and police officers from the Brown County Sheriff's Department.

During the aircraft's decent, the tower was unable to communicate with the aircraft to gain additional information.

Lt. Socha did a tremendous job on working on several radio frequencies and tactical channels. He was clear and concise on his requests from the responding apparatus and 5 responding chiefs as to the location of the Command Post and the several staging areas for responding vehicles. The aircraft did eventually land safety without incident, but on final approach the aircraft seemed to be struggling to lineup with the runway, and landed higher and faster than normal.

Congratulations!!!



. Congratulations on the following PERFECT inspections.

NO WRITE UPS

Carlsbad was a 100% on their Cert Inspection in June. This is their 6th in a row; not bad especially with a new Cert Inspector. The Cert Inspector was impressed with their record keeping and how organized the records were.

Textron-Beechcraft had a short notice DCMA inspection. The inspector checked all of the usual things (trucks, training, pump test records, hot work permits etc.,), no write-ups or negative comments.

Achievement of Great Customer Service



Rockford International Airport

Submitted by Chief Chris Millard

Recently, I attended a board meeting and had prepared some year-end 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.

God Bless, Chief Millard

Rockford International Airport

PR Events in Rockford

We were invited to be a part of the 6th annual SAMS safety fair hosted by Swedish American Hospital. This event is a free safety fair which included several fire departments, private ambulance companies and police departments. The turnout was amazing and it was really great to see the excitement in the kids when they saw the big ARFF vehicle. FF Caruana attended this event along with our Striker. He gave out sticker badges and other fire prevention materials to the children and also answered several questions about the vehicle. Big thanks to the Rockford Police Department for the escort to and from the event.



May 24th and 27th- Chief Millard and FF Caruana welcomed over 120 home schooled children and their parents to the fire station for a tour. Everyone was very intrigued to hear a little about our job and to see the vehicles. The crowd pleaser is always when we spray a little water from the nozzle for them!! It brings us great pride to see the smiles on the kids' faces and to share our knowledge with them.

Austin Straubel International Airport

Family Day!!

Written by Captain Chet Bruette

I am happy to say, it could not have gone better. We had a very nice, though unseasonably warm day. I would say we had at least 70 people come out and take a look at the station and share a nice meal with us. I spoke with many families who were very impressed with our operation out here. For many of these families, it was the first time they were able to see our station and what we do for the airport. For other family members, they were only out here once, maybe twice before, but it was long ago.

As for our members working together to make this day work flawlessly; I have not seen a better job of our members working together, and taking pride in the work they put in, to make this day possible. Many of our members volunteered their time to help make this a great day. From Dave Rienow coming in early (on his day off) to help cook the food, to Mike Socha shopping for gift bags to give to the kids that came

out. Many, many more instances of our members helping to make this a great day.

I would also like to personally thank Chief Paulson in the work and time he put in. I don't think anyone had more invested in making this day happen than him. The time volunteered in getting supplies, setting up, and coming in on days off (including the day of the event). And he never complained or stated "this was our event so you deal with it." He did it all with a great attitude and smile which helped motivate our members more. This is just another example, I believe, in how well our members and Chief Paulson continue to work together. There has been many instances, where communication between Chief Paulson and myself has stayed open, and solutions have been found to any and all problems we have come across. We all truly believe that there is nothing we can't accomplish or problems we can't find a solution for, when we work together.

Our yearly Family Day at the airport was a HIT!!! We presented Dean Wickman and Gary Erickson plaques for Distinguished Service. Both Dean and Gary's family along with the grandkids attended the festivities.



OUR LOCATIONS CONTINUE TO TRAIN

"The Pain of Discipline is Nothing Like the Pain of Disappointment" – Justin Langer



Des Moines International Airport

We attended training with Des Moines Fire and the Iowa Air National Guard. This training was brought to Des Moines by the hard work of Marty Smith who started pursuing this back in 2010. The training is funded by UPS and their pilots union.

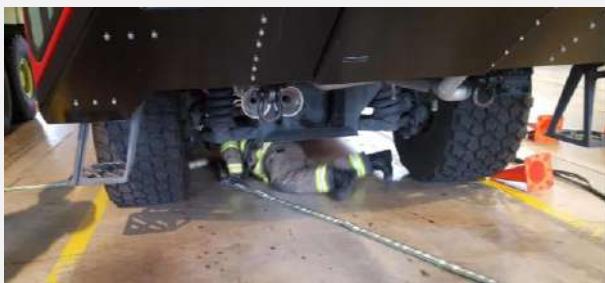
Everyone had fun and learned a lot. The lead instructor was Captain Jess Griggs who was the pilot of UPS flight 1307 February 7,

2006. He experienced and survived an

in-flight cargo fire on the main deck. We were allowed to operate the L1 door, operate the seats in the cockpit and extricated each person from the pilot's seat. Captain Griggs was extremely impressed with the firefighters from the Des Moines Airport.

We set up a course with 200' of 1-3/4" hose and the guys had to follow it. As you can see in the pictures they had to go over the picnic table seat and under it on the opposite side. From there they crawled under the front axle of ARFF 3 then they proceeded under ARFF 4. From here we placed obstacles in the way such as a high rise pack.

The troops enjoyed this training.



Pictures Tell All From Roanoke Live Fire Training



TEXTRON AVIATION FIRE DEPARTMENT-BEECHCRAFT



The Textron Aviation Fire Department (TAFD) took advantage of the nice weather to get some hands on training with equipment. Textron Aviation-Beechcraft had a Composite Fuselage of a Hawker 4000, which was going to be dismantled and taken out of service. TAFD firefighters were able to practice and hone their skills in the use of the K12, sawzall and generator, air chisel, piercing nozzles, axes and sledge hammers. This allowed them to prepare for a worst case scenario, should the need ever arise. The TAFD feel very fortunate to have been contacted by Textron-Beechcraft and notified of the Composite Fuselage they could use for training purposes. It's not every day

you're asked if you want to destroy an airplane just for training. They even managed to find time to strike a quick pose for their work!



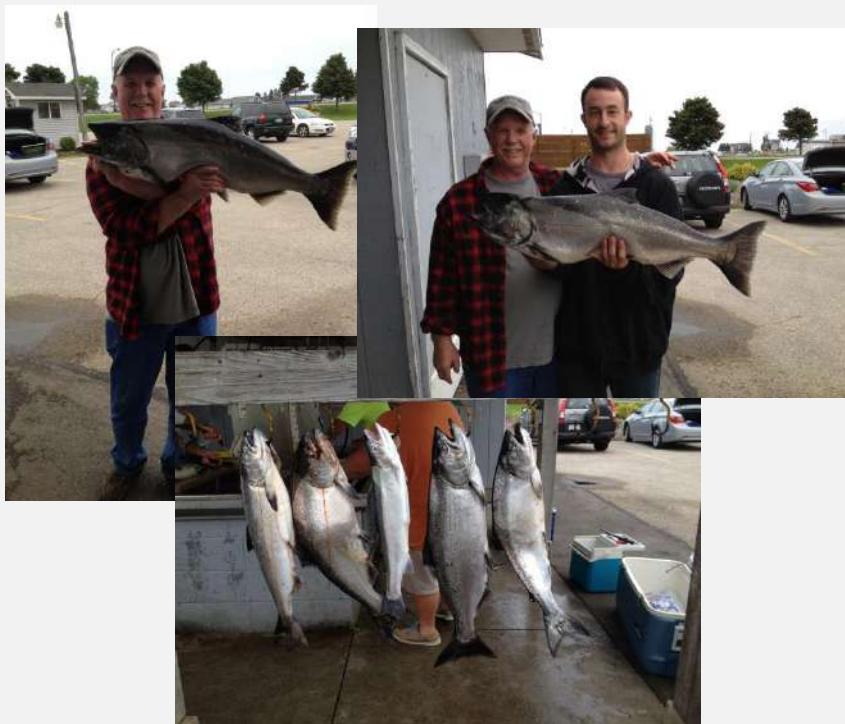
Miscellaneous News

What to do in Green Bay

Written by Mark Christensen

We are always looking for special interest stories or what is going on in your home town. I would like to introduce you to something that we like to do in our area called Green Bay, Wisconsin. Even though we have a small unknown football team called the GREEN BAY PACKERS to watch that is not the only thing this area has to offer. Green Bay is the last big city south of the north woods of Wisconsin where there is plenty of outdoor fun to be had. One thing that I like to do is fishing with my son for salmon and/or trout in Lake Michigan which is just a half hour east of Green Bay. It is very seldom we don't come home with a fillet or two. We are always willing to take out a friend or two but you have to get up mighty early in the morning.

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



Take the Time to Remember One of Our Own



On May 24th, Pro-Tec Fire lost our Chief, Ed Turpin, from Fort Smith, Arkansas. Ed lost his battle to cancer. Ed was Pro-Tec's Chief at Fort Smith until he officially retired in January of this year. Ed's background in the fire service speaks for itself, retired from the Air Force after 17 years of service, retired after 29 years in the firefighting service. Ed had definitely had a commitment to the industry even his email address began with "Fire Dog". Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and to the airport community that Chief Turpin was a part of.