



ARFF FLASH

APRIL 2017

Public Safety Officer saves life of traveler at GRB

On the morning of February 20, 2017, Airport Public Safety Officer Ashley Hull was dispatched regarding a woman who had collapsed on the roadway just outside the terminal at Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport. The woman did not have a pulse and was not breathing. Officer Hull responded immediately and relieved off-duty Wausau police officer Shawn Fritsch who had initiated CPR and administered one shock from a public use AED available in the airport terminal building. Officer Hull performed chest compressions over an extended timeframe, using an AED several times and inserting an airway for the patient. The woman was taken to the hospital and survived the ordeal thanks to the actions of Officer Hull and the others who assisted.



Officer Hull's efforts were recognized with a commendation from Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach and Airport Director Tom Miller and an award from Pro-Tec Fire Services. "This was an unbelievable team effort with the off-duty officer, our public safety department as well as Ashwaubenon," Officer Hull said.



The sky's the limit with this hobby

Three years ago, Ardmore Industrial Airpark ARFF's Chief, Denny Byers, started a new hobby: building and flying radio-controlled helicopters. Denny's latest project is a 700 size Huey Cobra, his third large scale helicopter to date. He started building the helicopter seven months ago, and has put about 35 hours into the project so far. There's no doubt about his passion for radio-controlled helicopters, sharing that he "really enjoys the hobby, and it's a great way to relieve stress!"

Live fire training prepares 80 participants

The Ardmore Industrial Airpark Fire Department hosted its annual live fire training event in fall with more than 80 participants and several agencies also involved. The goal of the training is to enhance and fine tune live fire training operations, communications, incident command operations and triage with the EMS agencies and outside fire departments that would assist in the event of a large aircraft crash. The training session included volunteers who acted as victims of a plane crash.

ARFF Chief Denny Byers said he was happy that the event continues to grow and is looking forward to next October's event. "Each year the training event gets bigger, and we receive a lot of community support," Byers said. "I expect even more participation next time, since I've already received several calls from other departments wanting to participate."



Chicago-Rockford ARFF hosts MABAS divisional meeting

The Chicago/Rockford International Airport ARFF hosted the regularly scheduled February meeting of MABAS Division 8. The Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) provides emergency rapid response and sustained operations which may include sustained fire, emergency medical services (EMS), hazardous materials, technical rescue, water rescue, urban search & rescue, and incident management assistance team resources. Division 8 is made up of parts of Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin. Thirty-five officers from 14 departments attended the meeting. Topics included resource logistics, equipment updates, training requirements, funding and dues, State MABAS information and different calls that have utilized MABAS resources. Chief Millard who hosted the meeting with FF Brad Read, says the turnout was very good with excellent communication throughout the group.



Employee of the 4th Quarter nominees

Chicago/Rockford International Airport

Deputy Chief Kevin Briggs and **Firefighter Spencer Caruara** were nominated for their quick response on an Alert 2: possible engine fire on the MD-80 after the plane suffered a bird strike. Both Briggs and Caruara responded with the apparatus, called for MABAS alarm and set up the staging location while keeping constant communication with ATC. There was no engine fire, but the plane was destroyed. The crew quickly did everything they were required to do in this emergency situation.

Des Moines International Airport

Firefighters Mark Clifton and **Anthony Barber** were nominated for their response involving extinguishing an aircraft fire on a heavily traveled city road. A CIRRUS SR20 had reached approximately 900 feet when it lost power. The pilot deployed the Ballistic Recovery System (BRS) parachute which helped all four occupants to escape without injury. ARFF 5, driven by Mark “Radar” Clifton and Chief 6 driven by Anthony Barber responded. ARFF 5 immediately began suppression efforts utilizing the bumper turret, extinguishing the fire within two minutes of arriving on scene. The Des Moines Fire Department thanked the entire Pro-Tec Fire Services crew for their excellent teamwork and assistance.

Each employee will receive a \$100 gift card and a framed certificate of appreciation. Excellent job by all!





Kudos to Jerry Knopf on an outstanding CPR class!

“I attended the third of three CPR/AED classes taught by Jerry Knopf. I had heard very positive first hand feedback from several attendees for the first two classes, including effusive comments from the Senior HR Manager, but I was not fully prepared for what I experienced.

Jerry presented the best and most interesting class of this type that I’ve ever attended. For perspective, I earned a First Aid merit badge while in the Boy Scouts in 1969, and have since received a variety of first aid, CPR and AED classes in both the U.S. Army and in corporate entities, so I’ve attended many similar classes by different instructors.

Jerry absolutely nailed it by how he presented the material. Some examples: he used some theory (the why) in such a manner as to effectively explain and reinforce the technique (the how to). He used appropriate humor and his paramedic experiences to reinforce key teaching points; and his open manner ramped up student engagement.

After that class, I can say I was proud to be professionally associated with Jerry and with Pro-Tec Fire Services.

Again, outstanding job Jerry!”

Pete Traynor, CPP
Security & Fire Protection Manager
Boeing, San Antonio

2017 Conferences

The Mississippi Airports Association Annual Conference | Bay St. Louis, MS | April 19-21

62nd Annual Wisconsin Aviation Conference | Waukesha, WI | April 24-26

89th Annual American Association of Airport Executives Conference & Exposition
| Long Beach, CA | May 7-10

SWIFT Airports Operations Conference & Equipment Expo | Halifax, Canada | September 18-21



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