



## Austin Straubel Airport Thanks One of Their Own

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 of our airport's terminal.

The woman did not have a pulse and was not breathing.

Off duty Wausau police officer Shawn Fritsch saw the woman on the ground and had initiated CPR. He also administered one shock from an AED which had been brought to him by an airport employee

Officer Hull arrived within minutes of that happening and relieved officer Fritsch. She took over performing chest compressions for an extended period of time. She also used the AED several times and inserted an airway for the patient

When the ambulance arrived, the woman was taken to the hospital and amazingly survived the ordeal thanks to the actions of Officer Hull and the others who assisted.

She would tell you she was just doing her job.





## Training with the Mobile Breathing Apparatus Trainer submitted by Chief Don Minks

In Des Moines we had the Mobile Breathing Apparatus Trailer (MOBAT) from the Fire Service Training Bureau at the station for training. This is a two floor trailer that's used for interior search and rescue. We used theatrical smoke to help simulate a real emergency. Crews were tasked to find the victims and rescue them from the situation. There are six small doors that you can enter or exit through and allows the scenario to be changed. There is a stair case, a scuttle hole, and a framed wall that participants have remove their SCBA'S to get through and then put the SCBA back on. This is to build confidence and familiarity with the SCBA in the event you need to get somewhere and can't fit with the SCBA on. It also teaches how to not lose control of the SCBA in the event you would need to do this.

## Congrats to Chief Dan Diehl

The Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) met on July 26<sup>th</sup> and voted unanimously to award Chief Dan Diehl the "Chief Fire Officer" (CFO) designation. Chief Diehl earned the professional designation as witnessed by a team of his peers and members of the Commission on Professional Credentialing. Chief Diehl has demonstrated through his education, leadership and management skills that he possesses the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities required for the fire and emergency services profession.

On behalf of the Commission on Professional Credentialing, Chief Diehl was commended for his efforts and dedication in achieving this personal and professional milestone.

*Congratulations!*





## Perfect Inspections!

### Rockford

Just had the Cert Insp. exit meeting and both ARFF and Airport scored a perfect score. I would like to thank my staff, (DC Kunce) and Chief Holmes for all they did with and for us  
Thanks Chief Millard

### Des Moines

Chief Minks called to report they received a "perfect inspection" with nice comments from the inspector. The inspection is ongoing for the rest of airport activities.

### Triennial

We just completed our triennial state EMS site inspection. Ellen the inspector advised us at the beginning that she will find something that needs to be corrected because she always does. We passed with no corrective actions needed.

She praised us on the relationships that we have made throughout the metro area and all the negative hurdles that we have made, starting this department from scratch and under great scrutiny.

### Fort Smith

All went well. no write ups at all. We had a new inspector this year, and he was much more thorough than the inspector we had the last two years.

- 1: He spent much more time looking over our records, ensuring we have everything required by standards, and all is up to date.
- 2: He wanted to see an annual training schedule for all FAR Part 139 training and medical training classes. With spreadsheets showing completed training and the class rosters showing dates, times, class curriculum for 24 consecutive months.
- 3: PPE and Equipment inventory records.
- 4: Current Airport Certification Manual and Airport Emergency Plan.
- 5: Agent inventory records showing current levels of PKP, Milspec 301 and milspec 306 blend AFFF Foam.
- 6: Truck records showing most recent write ups or problems with Apparatus, most recent Annual Pump testing and foam refractometer testing.
- 7: Local SOG's for various Aircraft Emergencies.
- 8: Maps, Grid maps, and command and control documents in each Apparatus.
- 9: Question and answer session on Airfield Familiarization and ARFF operations.
- 10: Timed response run to simulated Alert 3 on the Airfield with discharge of Agent.
- 11: Fire fighter Bunker Drills which were timed.
- 12: Agent Discharge of AFFF and Dry Chemical agent to verify proper working operations.
- 13: Official out-brief for ARFF crews, and official out-brief for the Airport Director.

## Appleton Fire Fighters Go Above and Beyond

ATW APS has been trying to add a Rapid Intervention Truck to their fleet for numerous years. Budget requests were submitted and RFPs put out. Due to budget restraints the vehicle was not possible. After reviewing the received bids we noted most of the cost was “assembly of the vehicle”. We submitted a budget to purchase the needed pieces and parts to build the vehicle. This was approved by Airport Administration.

Josh, Adam, and Jonathan worked numerous hours assembling, installing and wiring the flatbed, the cabinets, the pump, the emergency lights, the SCBA racks, the scene lights, etc.

**Airport 5184** was placed in service April 4, 2017. **5184** will respond to vehicle accidents, grass fires, and extrication calls at the airport and area MABAS calls as requested.

With this we will save hours, wear, and mileage on the ARFF rigs (which previously responded to the type calls). It will also be safer on the roadways than responding with an oversize ARFF rig.



## Rookie Award in Des Moines

Our General Manager Carl Thiem made a visit to the Des Moines airport station on May 9 and 10. We held a staff meeting on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup>, where DC Stephen Fox mentioned he wanted to add an ambulance to our fleet so we could start transporting patients. After multiple and varied reasons justifying the need for this (in Stephen's eyes), Carl said "You are overselling it, Rookie!" The "Rookie" name suits him well, and I'm sure he'll continue to live up to his new name.



## Our Fire Fighters in Action at Austin Straubel International Airport

I just wanted to say thank you and tell you how grateful I am to Public Safety Officers Jeff Lueck and Mike Socha who assisted Delta Air lines on June 10 with a very ill and fragile passenger. We contacted Public Safety looking for a slider board to use for a straight back aisle chair. It was a delicate situation. They immediately offered to assist and were plane side within minutes. The passenger could not assist at all and you could see was very ill. Both officers spoke with her, were very respectful as they discussed the best way to assist her. It was not easy to lift her into the chair and we had a very difficult time getting her through the narrow aisle of the CRJ. Once we were able to get her deplaned the officers asked the family and nurse if they needed assistance getting her into their vehicle. The family was so grateful. We proceeded to the claim area where Jeff and Mike met us to again assist us in transferring her into the vehicle which was even more tedious and very difficult. I do not know what we would have done without them! They certainly are my heroes for taking on all they did to give Brenda the care she received. We found out from her mother they flew in from D.C. she is 51 a high ranking official and dying of cancer. They did not know if she would even survive the flight. To see the care she was given by these two officers really meant so much and the family was very grateful! Please make sure to thank them for the great job they did and difference they made today!

We are very grateful at Delta for their assistance.

## Firefighter from Roanoke Airport Stops to Help

A Florida woman injured in a car accident in Massachusetts set about tracking down a Virginia firefighter who helped save her.



That firefighter happens to be from right here in Roanoke.

Most days for that firefighter, Tim Jordan, are routine. He works at the Airport Rescue Firefighting team, a private fire station specifically for airport emergencies.

But out of routine was his vacation to Boston about a month ago with his girlfriend. One dark night along Interstate 95 he said they saw something looming closer on the road.

Jordan said he told his girlfriend to pull over. They soon saw that a car had run into another car that was abandoned in the middle of the interstate.

Jordan said he jumped into action. "Obviously these people needed some help," he said. "Just instinctive."

The driver of the car was calling 9-1-1. She had already helped her sister, passenger Lisa Churchill, out of the car. Churchill couldn't move from the road.

"Next thing I knew I was being swooped up and put over the guardrail and that was Tim," Churchill told us over Facebook Chat.

Jordan helped Churchill out of the road and over the guardrail for safety.

She said she begged Jordan not to leave her side. She told him she didn't want to die and that she needed to get back to Florida to see her granddaughter.

"Finally I just kinda had to get real close to her and just say, 'look I'm gonna be here until they put you in the ambulance and you're gonna be fine,'" Jordan recalled.

He stayed by her side while other cars bumped into the guardrail, driving over the debris left over.

"It was almost like a movie, the fingertips left and the ambulance door closed and that was the end of it," Churchill said.

Except - that wasn't the end. After four days in the hospital, she took to Facebook to track Jordan down and thank him personally.

On her public status she wrote in part: "He promised to stay with me until that moment and he did... I never got to thank him and he doesn't even know I'm alive... All I know is his name is Tim and he is a firefighter from West Virginia... I was afraid I was going to die and he talked to me the whole time I laid there... Then he just disappeared. Can y'all share and maybe he or someone who knows him will see this?"

It wasn't easy. Not only did Jordan not live in West Virginia, there was another issue.

"I'm one of about 7 people in the Unites States that's not on Facebook!" he said, laughing.

Churchill's post was shared more than 26,00 times. Eventually she found him, with his girlfriend's help. Churchill emailed him to say he would never know what his act of heroism did for her and her family.

"I think just like it was a relief for Lisa to find me it was a relief for me to know she was OK," Jordan said. "Because I was obviously concerned about her well being."

Despite the new found attention, Jordan remains humble.

"That's what he said, 'I do this it's not a big deal.' It is a big deal," Churchill said. "To the survivor it's a big deal."



**Will Rogers Airport**

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Kudos to our ARFF  
#AircraftRescueFireFighting crew! Their swift response this a.m. minimized damage during a vehicle fire in Hourly Parking.



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