



ARFF FLASH

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Kalamazoo Battle Creek ARFF Works as a Team!



Great job to FF Nancy Robinson for completing Level 1 of the ATSI program through ANTN Digicast. Keep up the good work and continue to train.



Our second annual Kalamazoo Battle Creek Airport Air Fair was another great success. It is a one day community event that continues to grow. The airport provided fun, games, and food. Pictured is FF John Yuhas and FF Nancy Robinson working with kids and the public. FF Bryan Hughey and FF Kyle Baker were out on the airfield giving tours of the fire trucks and equipment. We did have a minor ALERT III during the air fair event and all fire personnel were on hand to handle the situation quickly and efficiently.



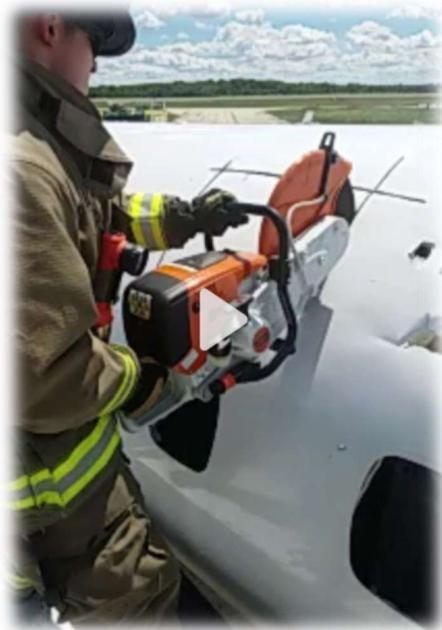
Our Tri Our Annual live burn was held in May and was a great success! Not only was all ARFF personnel trained for a 2 day event, but multiple counties and other agencies also came to train. A big thank you for all involved, including the American Red Cross that provided snacks and drinks throughout the day.

Submitted by: Chief Paul Vosburg

Rockford Fire Fighters Save a Life

On our way to the terminal we were notified by the Control Tower of an inbound King Air diverting to us with a man on board not breathing. I communicated with the tower and Firefighter Read notified Rockford Fire for a paramedic ambulance response. The plane landed and we intercepted it at taxiway Foxtrot and runway 7. I immediately boarded the plane and found a man on the floor in the aisle having CPR performed on him. I connected him to the AED and was instructed to administer a shock, which I did. We continued CPR with Firefighter Read giving rescue breaths and me doing compressions. Within minutes he started breathing on his own and had a pulse. As we kept assisting with breaths, RFD Fire Engine 7 and Medic 7 arrived and transported him to the hospital. He was alert and speaking upon leaving our care. Deputy Chief Brian Kunce responded after hearing the emergency traffic. He took the time to transport a family member to the hospital in his personal vehicle.

Submitted by Chief Chris Millard



Training in Rockford

During the months of July and August Chicago-Rockford ARFF Department had some amazing training opportunities. Thanks to Assistant Airport Operations Manager David Lindberg and the folks at Emery Air we were given a CRJ-145 to practice our extrication and piercing skills. All three shifts took plenty of time out of their days to work on these skills and, speaking for all of us, this has been one of the best training opportunities thus far. We used our K-12 rotary saws to cut ventilation holes, our snozzle to pierce the aircraft and hand tools to "pop" windows. Chicago Rockford ARFF personnel hosted our neighboring departments for training purposes. We reviewed the geography of the airport grounds, our staging areas and apparatus. The training provided hands on lessons for ventilation and forcible entry on the CRJ-145. We are very fortunate to have great neighbors that are eager to learn and get their hands dirty with us.

Submitted by Fire Fighter Spencer Caruana
Chicago-Rockford International Airport



Dangerous Weather Encountered in Rockford

Two shifts this month encountered severe weather. Both times the storms hit as we had flights getting ready to take off at the airport. Both storms went from a severe thunderstorm warning to a tornado warning with multiple sightings in the county. When the emergency sirens were activated our ARFF team evacuated the terminal area to the basement. Approximately 170 people were escorted and assisted. During the second storm we had an Airbus 320 90% full, we unloaded the passengers and again evacuated the upper level of the terminal (which has a lot of glass) to the basement. The difference between the storms was that we lost power during the second storm and the emergency generator did not activate right away. Evacuation became more difficult, everyone was asking to share our flashlights. We reminded people that most cell phones have a light! During each of these 3-hour events it is great to report no one was injured or suffered any medical issues. During these events only one OPS tech was working, with two ARFF personnel and the World-Wide staff. The Airport Operations Manager recognized the effort that was performed by all to make this a safe situation. The picture is a shot taken from the terminal ramp of the approaching storm.

Submitted by Chief Chris Millard

Chicago-Rockford ARFF Hosts Winnebago Fire Chief's Meeting

Wednesday July 26th the terminal parking was scattered with Fire Department Command vehicles. There was no emergency. This was the evening for our monthly Winnebago Fire Chief's dinner meeting. The Sky View Lounge and Restaurant provided the meal and the lower level of the terminal was the location for the meeting. Everything began with a tour of the terminal addition, and social hour. Next was the July cookout with burgers, brats, beans and potato salad provided for the membership. Jeff Polsean, the Economic Development Director for the Airport, gave a presentation on the new and exciting changes happening here. This included expanding freight and cargo services, UPS increasing flights, the new MRO opening, taxiway, runway, and ramp improvements. After Jeff's presentation, the Association conducted its monthly business meeting. In attendance, there were 17 departments with 31 Officers.

Submitted by Chief Chris Millard

Training in Ardmore, OK

On September 30th, 2017 the Ardmore Airpark Fire Department hosted the first annual Carter County Firefighter Rodeo. The Firefighter Rodeo was put on by the Carter County Emergency Management Office to provide the volunteer fire departments in Carter County and other areas hands on training. The Firefighter Rodeo was put together with the help of Ardmore Airpark Fire Department, Ardmore Fire Department, Lone Grove Fire Department, Southern Oklahoma Ambulance Services, and Carter County Emergency Management Office.

The firefighters encountered multiple different scenarios during the training. During the fire behavior class firefighters entered a building built for the training and were able to see the development stages of the fire and the smoke layering. Firefighters used foam to put out a fire using a gasoline diesel mixture. During the fire streams class the firefighters were able to use different type of fire streams and practice putting out a car fire and a stack of wood pallets. The vehicle extrication class allowed fire fighters the chance to practice the proper techniques and safe usage of the extraction tools. START triage class consisted of the proper triage and extraction of patients during a multiple causality incident which involved a school bus on its driver side with eight different patients.

At the end of the day the fire fighters got to have some fun by participating in the Firefighter tug of war. Firefighters used hose lines to spray a barrel trying to get it past the other department. This years winner was Healdton Fire Department who took home the trophy and will be bringing it back next year; hoping to defend it and take it home again.

Submitted By Chief Denny Byers



Live Fire Training Boeing San Antonio

pictures submitted by: Chief Roy Wiggins



Will Rogers Airport Firefighters in Action

Great Job to our ARFF crew in Oklahoma City! Their swift response in the morning hours minimized damage during a car fire in the hourly parking lot. The cause of the fire is under investigation. No other vehicles were damaged during the fire. Just another day at Will Rogers World Airport!



Des Moines Rookie Fire Fighter

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 10th, at which 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. Therefore, Stephen was awarded with the "Rookie of the Year" award.



Big Thank You from Delta at Austin Straubel Airport

I just wanted to say thank you and tell you how grateful I am to Public Safety officers Jeff and Mike 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 planeside within minutes. The passenger could not assist at all and you could see she 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, assisted 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 that they just flew in from D.C. and she was 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 to the family and they were very grateful! Please make sure to thank them for the great job they did and the difference they made today! We are very grateful at Delta for their assistance.

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Delta Airlines

Saskatoon ARFF Salutes Captain Ron's Last Flight

Fire Fighter Muench and Captain Brian Smith did a water canon salute to a retiring Concorde Group pilot by the name of Captain Ron (we never did get his last name). It was a beautiful night on May 20th, around 1900 when we did this. A thunder storm had just gone through and the sky was just right for this to take place and photograph.

Submitted by: Captain Brian Smith



What is Happening in Lynchburg?

Submitted by Chief Heather Palm

Annual Live Fire Training was conducted with morning and night operations. Members of mutual aid organization came in and trained with the ARFF crews.

Training consisted of live fires utilizing the Va. Department of Fire Programs ARFF simulator, a review of ARFF 1's operations including re-supplying foam and water and Aircraft familiarization. Two ARFF Firefighters from Lehigh Valley, Pa. and four ARFF Firefighters from Morristown N.J. did their 139 burns. The training was conducted by Capt. Edwin W. Hall who is also a part time Instructor for the Department of Fire Programs ARFF Cadre. He was assisted by four instructors of the ARFF Cadre who work at airports across the Commonwealth. Firefighters Doug Stiff, Lee Day and Steve Wade were a valuable asset. After completing their live burns, they assisted in training the mutual aid fire companies. Heavy rains and unseasonably cool weather added to the challenges for the week.



While training was being conducted Chief Heather Palm was busy attending meetings and planning sessions for Saturday May 13th when President Donald Trump flew in to Lynchburg Regional Airport to give the commencement speech at Liberty University's Graduation. On Friday a thank you for all Airport, ARFF, Police, Fire Department, and other agency personal and their families who were part of President Trump's visit got to tour the presidential limousine, support vehicles and Marine 1.

Saturday morning started out cool with a light drizzle but approximately 1 hour before President Trump's arrival the clouds parted and the sun shone through. Chief Palm was in the Unified Command post with the other Chiefs and Officers. Captain Hall and Firefighter Stiff manned ARFF 1 & ARFF 2 during the Presidents arrival and departure. Even though Lynchburg Regional Airport has had a Vice President and several Presidential candidates fly in to LYH, this was the first sitting President to do so. After the president departed the Secret Service stopped by to thank Chief Palm and her crew for their professionalism and support during President Trump's visit and all the work leading up to it.





Remember Veterans Day!

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize the men and women that work with

Pro-Tec Fire Services who served in the military.

Boeing San Antonio

Jerry Knof Air Force
Ronald Price Air Force
Daniel Juarez Air Force
Jose Arreola Marines

Des Moines International Airport

Stephan Fox Air National Guard
Dayton Harryman Navy
Marty Smith Air Force (Ret)

Mid America

Quin Cayson Air Force/National Guard (Ret)
Melvin Fennell Jr. Air Force (Ret)
John Fijal Air Force (Ret)
Raymond Flaiz Air Force (Ret)
Mary Warford Air National Guard

Kalamazoo

John Yuhas Air National Guard/Air Force (Ret)

Will Rogers

Denny Clark Air Force
Tim Mullennax Air National Guard
Aaron Culwell Air Force Reserve
Joseph Johnson Air National Guard
Earl Dahl Air Force
Leslie Woosley Army
Carl Schmidt Army

Saskatoon

Dar LaRiviere Royal Canadian Air Force (Ret)

Wabush

Dan Eisenhouer Royal Canadian Air Force

Fort Smith

Gerald Henson Air Force (Ret)
Rocky Lambert Air Force
William Logsdon Air Force
Michael Moffett Air Force (Ret)
Danny Gasparotto Air Force (Ret)

Summit Aviation

Clifford Snyder Air National Guard (Ret)
Trusten Davis Air National Guard (Ret)
Pete Divirgilio Air National Guard (Ret)
John Williams Air National Guard (Ret)
Robert Howell Air National Guard (Ret)
Christopher Powell Air National Guard (Ret)
Jovon Newman Air National Guard
Matt Sammon Air National Guard
David Orsini Air National Guard
Andy Grffith Air National Guard
Aaron Weisenberger Air Force

Lynchburg

Stephan Wade Air Force

Carlsbad

Keith Kokoszka Marine Corps/Army National Guard

Trent-Lott

Aaron Hasten Air National Guard
Timothy Savage Air Force
Tommy Posey Army
Steven Coyle Coast Guard

Roanoke

Tim Jordan Army
Mike Banks Air Force

Belen

Bret Ruff Air Force
Sean Walters Marines Corps

Corporate

Carl Team Marine Corp
Mark Christensen Air Force



Great Customer Service Includes Gardening at Wabush Airport, Canada



Major renovations are ongoing at Wabush Airport. The Airport just recently constructed a brand new parking lot and new sod was planted. At the request of Transport Canada, we used Red 2 to water the grass. As it turns out, gardening allows for great turret operator and fire hydrant practice with our truck.

Chief John Smith
Wabush Airport

Open Enrollment for Medical and or Dental

Effective **Nov. 1st- 30th**, is open enrollment period for employees to enroll in the United Health Care medical and/or dental insurance. *Open enrollment is for employees who are not currently on the plan and are interested in enrolling.* Existing employees on the medical and or dental plan do not have to submit applications. Please submit your UHC application to my attention: kcashman@protecfire.com

The UHC enrollment form can be found on the company website. Please use the UHC application for medical and dental enrollment. For more information, please do not hesitate to call me at 920-593-1721.

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Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport Announces New Air Service

http://www.aviationpros.com/press_release/12294017/rogue-valley-international-medford-airport-announces-new-air-service

County's McClellan-Palomar Airport Gets Commercial Air Service

<https://www.countynewscenter.com/countys-mcclellan-palomar-airport-gets-commercial-air-service/>



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