



ARFF FLASH

First Quarter 2018

Austin Straubel Trains for Mass Casualty Incident



The Green Bay Airport's Department of Public Safety hosted an Emergency Trauma Management Class through the area technical college. Department personnel, as well as various representatives within a 60-mile radius of police, fire, and ambulance services attended. The training was geared towards mass casualty and active shooter responses, which included on-scene trauma management of wounds using tourniquets and blood clotting agents, as well as patient movement in warm zones for tactical EMS

responders. This type of training was the final step in the airport's public safety advancement in preparing for active shooter incidents at the airport. Over the last several years the department has been upgrading their safety equipment to include exterior steel plated ballistic vests and ballistic helmets. Safety of our officers is the top priority when dealing with active shooters. Thru the budget process, the airport has paid to upgrade our shotguns to AR-15 style weapons in addition to the vests, helmets, and training. We hope we will never need this equipment, but we are ahead of many police departments in the area with the upgrades and training.

Snowy Owls Removed at Austin Straubel



Austin Straubel International Airport had a volunteer with the area Autobahn Society use his expertise catching two snowy owls. Lt. Ben Holle and the Assistant Airport Director assisted him in setting up the trap and catching the first one in about an hour. The second one was caught within 30 minutes of the first one. The trapper brought pigeons and rats for bait. Fortunately the pigeon survived both trappings and now is in full retirement for the rest of his life.

Tribute to Iowa's Military at Des Moines International



Des Moines International Airport hosted a display honoring Iowa's military fallen from the War on Terror. "Remembering Our Fallen" is a photographic war memorial that honors our country's military fallen from the War on Terror. Because 9/11 was such a defining moment, this memorial includes our country's fallen since that tragic day in our nation's history. Unlike brick and mortar memorials, "Remembering Our Fallen" is designed to travel and includes both military and personal photos. Its legacy will be that these men and women will be remembered and their names will be spoken, while helping to lessen the grief of their families and loved ones.

Smell of Pizza is in the Air at Des Moines ARFF Station



Des Moines ARFF station had a pizza cook-off at the station, where everything was homemade (starting with the crust). This started a competition between all the shifts. There were five entries ranging from Pepperoni to Supreme with Italian Sausage, to BBQ Chicken. Significant others were invited and they, along with the operations supervisor, were the "unbiased" judges. One firefighter colorfully described a particular pizza as "a flavor explosion in my mouth!" Every pizza and the camaraderie was excellent.

Stateline Chaplains Visit Rockford ARFF



The Stateline Chaplains visited the ARFF Station. Thirteen active members attended the program started by Dave Lindberg. It began by giving them all a bus tour of the airport. This was very interesting with all the construction improvements that are under way here. Upon returning to the firehouse Chief Millard put on a program for the Chaplains explaining ARFF responsibilities, covering many different topics. Response to different types of airport emergencies seemed the most interesting to the group. The diversion process also created many questions. The group was at the airport for over 2 hours. Pictures have also been included for your viewing pleasure.

God Bless, Chief Millard

Great Job to our Firefighters at Rockford

Mr. Oakley,

I would like to let you know that your crew on duty yesterday, 2/18/18, for the afternoon Allegiant flight time 13:15 was extremely helpful. Unfortunately, with all the commotion I failed to get all of their names, but I do know that Chris with your department would know. Upon arrival I dropped off my father, Robert Albrecht, off at the door and he started to feel light-headed on his way to the restroom and fell. By the time I had parked and walked into the building I was met by a very nice crew member and brought over to where my father was being cared for. The entire crew from various departments went above and beyond in assisting us in caring for my father and helping us get him through the airport, to the gate and board the plane. I truly cannot thank them enough, they made a difficult situation manageable and mission successful. Please extend my appreciation to all.

He did have a great flight as well and made it safely to Las Vegas where my sister met him at the gate, without any further incidents!

Thank you,

Diane Buhrmann



Training in Ardmore, OK

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 specially built for 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 types of fire streams and practice putting out a car fire and a stack of wood pallets. The vehicle extrication class allowed firefighters the chance to practice the proper techniques and safe usage of the extraction tools. START triage class consisted of the appropriate triage and extraction of patients during a multiple causality incidents which involved a school bus on its driver side with eight different patients.

At the end of the day, the firefighters 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 year's winner was Healdton Fire Department taking home the trophy, they 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



Pro-Tec's New Customer for 2017 Belen Municipal Airport



We would like to introduce our crew in Belen, New Mexico. Belen Municipal Airport acquired a new contract with the US Air Force to do night flight training at the airport. The airport is located in a remote part of New Mexico so the Air Force found it to be a perfect location for flight training on the C-17. Part of the contract was to provide ARFF services which includes two 1500 gallon ARFF vehicles. Our crew started in October of 2017 and has been doing a great job since then.



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!



Rockford Firefighters Respond



Pro-Tec firefighters responded to an incident at Rockford International Airport. A small Cessna collapsed the nose gear upon landing. There were no injuries no fire, but a small amount of foam was used for vapor suppression for fuel leak.

Plane Slides Off Runway at Austin Straubel



United 737, diverted to Green Bay International Airport around 3 am, was not able to stop in time and slid about 150 feet off the runway. No injuries and only a very minor dent occurred to the engine cowling. Airfield maintenance. Just happened to be entering the runways to start winter operations on the AOA. There were 187 persons bussed to the terminal. The flight was from Houston to MSP but could not land at MSP due to ice. This was an unscheduled flight to Green Bay and the Airport was not notified of the diversion.



Rockford Crew Receives Employee of the 3rd Quarter



D/C Kunce, Chief Millard, D/C Briggs, FF Read, FF Caruana

Rockford ARFF received a call for an ALERT 1. D/C Briggs and FF Read responded to a King Air 90 twin prop short of the runway landing on its belly. Upon arrival, FF Read went to the aircraft and stated we have four passengers and the pilot was trapped. Within minutes D/C Kunce and Chief Millard arrived. Chief Millard took over incident command, D/C Kunce was Operations, and D/C Briggs went to work with helping to extricate the pilot who was severely injured. All passengers were transported to Rockford Memorial Hospital. Chief Millard, contacted the FAA and communicated with airport administration. D/C Kunce was assigned to the Admin. building to assist with the press release. The airport shut down temporarily. When the FAA arrived, Chief Millard worked with the investigator and Airport Operations personnel. ARFF stayed on scene until the aircraft was removed and the runway opened.

Ryan Steps Up Receives Employee of the 4th Quarter



Ryan Connolly is our Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 2017. Ryan stepped up to the position of Acting Interim Fire Chief during the Chief's extended absence. During this time Ryan ensured that the annual foam/dry chemical testing was completed. In addition he developed a table top exercise for Transport Canada and presented to all the local agencies. Ryan also completed all daily duties/paperwork required in the Chief's position. Chief Smith's spoke with the Airport Manager regarding the coverage after returning to work. The Airport Manager praised Ryan for his professionalism and for the great job that he did.

Pro-Tec will be attending the following conferences:

Wisconsin Airports Management Association
Florida Airports Conference
AAAE Great Lakes Conference

Wisconsin Dells, WI
Tampa Bay, FL
Alexandria, MN

May 6-8
July 15-18
July 26-28



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