



# ARFF FLASH

Second Quarter 2018

## Pro-Tec Fire Welcomes Trenton–Mercer Airport



Pro-Tec Fire Service's welcomes our new ARFF crew from Trenton-Mercer Airport. The Airport is a county owned, joint civil military, public airport located four miles northwest of Trenton, New Jersey. Formerly known as Mercer County Airport, the airport serves one scheduled airline plus general and corporate aviation.

Trenton-Mercer Airport was a former customer of Pro-Tec's between 1994-2015. The company is happy to have the Airport back as a customer.

FF/EMT Dan Burk, Chief Stuart Steele, Cpt Chris Johansen, FF/EMT Bryan Eveland, FF/EMT Mike Hammond  
FF/EMT Cory Demyan, Cpt Randy Berger, FF/EMT Thomas Krankowski, Cpt Bob Hewins

## Commanders Public Service Award



Baron Ross, from Boeing San Antonio was presented with the Air Force's "Commander's Public Service Award". He was extremely honored to receive the award. Mr. Ross expressed the fact that it absolutely would not have been possible without the Pro-Tec Fire Service team. He was very grateful to the team for their professionalism and flexibility, "As our customers become ever more demanding, I'm glad to have the Pro-Tec Team by our side and we strive to meet the challenges of today and the future."



## Appleton International and Austin Straubel Airports Joint Live Fire Training



Chief Gary Wunsch Appleton International, Chief Trace Paulson Austin Straubel Green Bay

## Appleton International is Named the Fourth Fastest Growing Airport in the Nation



Appleton International Airport is the fourth fastest growing airport in the nation according to a study released by Bloomberg. Officials say the growth is a combination of new routes, larger aircraft and additional frequency. The other additions that contributed to the increase in growth are:

- Average 500 extra aircraft landing during EAA week.
- Final assembly and custom design facility for Gulfstream Aerospace
- Aircraft Maintenance Base Facility for Air DBA United Air Wisconsin

## LT. Ben Holle is Recognized



Lt. Ben Holle, Chief Trace Paulson

Lt. Ben Holle of the Airport's Department of Public Safety recently received an Aircraft Safety Award from the Airport. Lt. Holle was given the award for going above and beyond helping with the Wildlife Management for the Airport.

## Lynchburg Regional Airport and Surrounding Agencies



Lynchburg Regional Airport ARFF Station Company 19 conducted their annual live fire training during the week of May 7-12 followed by the airports Triennial drill. The Virginia Department of Fire Programs supplied the mobile ARFF simulator and Instructors from the ARFF Cadre to help conduct training. ARFF Capt. Edwin W. Hall also a member of the states ARFF Cadre was lead Instructor.

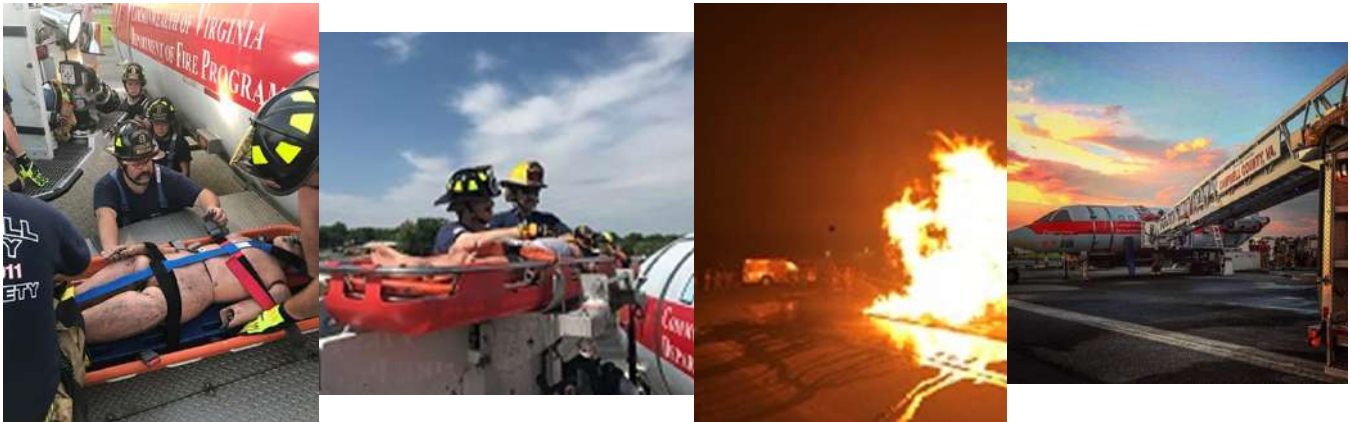
Several weeks prior to training ARFF Chief Heather Palm sent an invitation and schedule to surrounding agencies. The ARFF crew did their live burns with the airport's ARFF truck using the ARFF simulators 1400

square foot burn pad which simulates a pool of burning fuel, applied a water curtain to protect the fuselage during an engine fire and putting out wheel fires.

Normal training for responding agencies consist of familiarization of aircraft, learning and or reviewing how to resupply agent to the ARFF truck. Units would do hand line pit, interior, wheel and engine fires. After looking at the schedule and the equipment that was being sent to the airport for training it was time to think outside the box.



## Lynchburg Trains at Their Triennial Exercise



On Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> Lynchburg Regional Airport conducted their triennial disaster drill. The scenario was a CRJ 700 regional jet landing with no flaps. After the jet touched down a landing gear collapsed and the plane skidded clipping a Cessna 150 holding short on a taxiway. ARFF 1 controlled the fire. ICS was implemented and a unified command post established. Incoming tanker 16 resupplied ARFF 1. Engine 12-1 established a RIT line to protect firefighters conducting interior operations. Engine 15-3 supplied water to engine 12-1. Medic units established a Triage and transport area as victims were removed from fuselage and were triaged. After the drill was over a critique and debriefing was held for all responders by observers and participants. Many issues that were brought up during the debriefing can be addressed to make for safer, smoother, operations in the event of a real crash. Thank you to all the agencies who participated in training and the triennial drill.

Lynchburg Regional Airport ARFF crew, Lynchburg Fire Dept., Campbell County Public Safety Career staff, Lyn-Dan Heights VFD, Brookville -Timberlake VFD, Evington VFD, Concord VFD, Rustburg VFD, Va. State Police, Airport Police, Centra Health, Horizon Health, and other organizations not listed.

## Rough Weather at Rockford International

Chicago-Rockford International Airport experienced a busy , weather filled night on Wednesday, May 2nd 2018. The airport was hit with a significant thunderstorm Wednesday evening that produced 1"-1.5" hail resulting in multiple diversions from O'hare International in Chicago. We had 3 United flights, a 747 Cargolux and a Air Mexico flight land at our airport. The United flights received the clearance to leave and only to have one return and off load all 150 passengers. The KRFD ARFF crew assisted the Airport Operations with all the passengers until 0130.

Rob Hermann  
FF- RFD ARFF





## Live Fire Training Des Moines International Airport

pictures submitted by: Chief Don Minks



## Wabush Airport (Canada) Triennial Exercise



Wabush Airport had their triennial with support from the Wabush Fire Department and Labrador City Fire Department. They also had help from the students at the local high school. The scenario was that an aggravated passenger locked himself in the bathroom. Smoke started coming out of the bathroom, possible hijacking, and the plane was forced to make an emergency landing. All agencies responded as needed. It was a great learning experience for all.



## Captain John Fijal Retires at MidAmerica



Captain John Fijal—Chief Quin Cayson



John started with Pro-Tec Fire Services on Sept. 25, 2007, just after retiring from active duty with the US Air Force. He was in charge of the agent count and testing at the ARFF station. He also was in charge of the Media/Badging Process for the last 5 years before he left. John eventually plans to move back to Buffalo, New York with his wife Jan. Thank you for your service John.

## Firefighters from MidAmerica Receive ANTN Awards



For more than three years, the Digicast video training system has been providing our firefighters with on-demand video training on every aspect needed to run an airport: operations, maintenance, security, customer service, human resources, Part 139 required training and more. Digicast programming is accessible online via any Web-enabled device. Part of the completion of the training is the presentation of a certificate and plaque.

Congratulations to PSO Randy Fectler and PSO Raymond Flaiz who completed the the required video training.



## Pro-Tec Teams with Des Moines Area Community College



We have teamed with the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) fire science program. The students came to the station and we discussed ARFF, explained the differences in ARFF apparatus and structural engines. We then took them to the Endeavor Air hangar and explained the high expansion foam system. The instructor and I are trying to make this a regular occurrence.



## Chief Trace Paulson Austin Straubel International Airport



I have been with the company since 1980 and took over as Chief in 1997. Austin Straubel International Airport located in Green Bay is an Index C airport with (2) Striker 3000's, a F550 Quick Response, and a GMC Heavy Rescue. We also have 2 Patrol Response vehicles for our armed responses. With Green Bay having an NFL team, we have hosted several hundred Corporate Aircraft for home games, especially if it's a playoff game. In the past, we have had to close taxiways to park these aircraft. Away from the airport I also am a police officer for the City of Seymour, and help on the Seymour Rescue Squad. For fun, I collect rescue dogs and cats. I have two cats, 2 Doberman's, a Greyhound, and a recently acquired German Shepherd. If there is any spare time available I love to take my jet ski out and see how fast I can go!

Pro-Tec Fire Service's success is based on how well our chiefs work with our firefighters and our customers. We will continue to introduce each one of our chiefs throughout the year.

### Pro-Tec will be attending the following conferences:

AAAE Great Lakes Conference  
AAAE AAAE/FAA Safety Conference

Alexandria, MN  
Philadelphia, PA

July 26-28  
Aug 28-29



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