



# ARFF FLASH

Third Quarter 2018

## New Addition for the Kalamazoo Team



We would like to welcome Firefighter Troy Gray to the Pro-Tec team at Kalamazoo Battle Creek Airport. Troy comes to us as a new firefighter in the aviation industry but has 10 years of structural firefighting experience working with the Comstock and Galesburg fire departments.

## Austin Straubel Airport FAA Cert Inspection

Austin Straubel ARFF Department went through a very in-depth FAA inspection and, as it was at several other locations, the FAA Inspector pulled our newest firefighter out to the trucks and started to ask him where certain pieces of rescue equipment were located on the vehicles. Our new firefighter did a good job. We got a 100% on the ARFF training requirements and other ARFF required documents. It also included our current fire gear inventory expiration dates and current copies of the SCBA fit and bench tests, which we were all current.

## **Kalamazoo Third Annual Air Fair Event**

July brought Kalamazoo's airport its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual air fair event. A free event open to the public for games, activities, tours of airport equipment and various aircraft. Among the aircraft brought in were 2 commercial airliners, several small aircraft, aircraft simulators and a Blackhawk helicopter.



## **Kalamazoo Firefighters Becoming CPR Instructors**



Lt Phil Padgett and FF Kyle Baker are student teaching to become AHA CPR Instructors. Bringing more instructors to our community will help prepare the public and train our airport for much needed life-saving skills. By the beginning of next year we will be offering CPR classes throughout the area.

## **Inspection at Wabush Airport Canada**

We completed a two day airport inspection. The inspectors read every training record that we had since 2014. They actually said that we are the best that they have seen with only a couple minor suggestions on how to improve our training records. We won't receive the official report for at least a month but everyone with Transport Canada is very happy with the audit results.



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### Bonanzas Land at Rockford International

**Bonanzas!** That was the sight on the UPS ramp at the Chicago Rockford International Airport Saturday afternoon July 21st. 149 Bonanzas from all over the country stopped in Rockford to stage for their annual flight to the EAA gathering in Oshkosh, WI. The aircraft took off in a 3 plane formation on runway 1 for the last leg of their journey. ARFF 2903 and 2902 staged at the intersection of taxiway Bravo & Delta to provide crash rescue if needed.



### Chief Palm Responds at Lynchburg Airport



Chief Heather Palm responded to an incident at Lynchburg Airport Thursday October 18th. It was an LU plane with a student and instructor. The plane was taking off of RWY 4 and the engine went out. The pilot tried to land on the other runway. The plane hit hard and bounced ending up rolling into the grass, across the access road and over the embankment. It came to rest on the nose of the plane. The GOOD NEWS, no one was hurt!



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## Rockford Airport Expresses Gratitude

Mr. Holmes,

We have an incredible group of dedicated fireman working for our airport. They go above and beyond each and everyday, I can not thank them enough for all their hard work! It is a huge relief knowing they are ready for any situation. Whether it's community events, tours, medical assistance, aircraft incidents or training the guys are ready day or night!

Please share my gratitude with your colleagues at Pro-Tec.

Thank you,

Seth Nygren

Greater Rockford Airport Authority

## Barbeque in Saskatoon

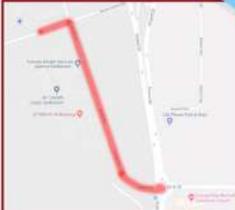
Our firefighters at Saskatoon put on a yearly barbeque for the volunteers with Saskatoon Search and Rescue. Every year there is a big turnout and everyone has a good time. A big thank you to our team in Saskatoon.



**SASKATOON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**



**BBQ**  
*Airport Firehall*  
Wednesday Sept 5th, 2018  
11:00 to 2:00



**SASKATOON SEARCH AND RESCUE**  
*Burger, pop, chips and salads \$5*  
ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL VOLUNTEERS WITH SASKATOON SEARCH AND RESCUE






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### Chief Gary Wunsch is Asked to Sit on the Fire Protection Advisory Committee

Chief Gary Wunsch was invited to sit on the Fire Protection Advisory Committee for Fox Valley Technical College. Fox Valley Technical College has gotten the go ahead from the FAA to build an ARFF training facility which will include a burn pit. The committee expects the training center to be open in Fall of 2019. Congrats to Chief Wunsch!

### ATW Announces Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Training Center



### Employee of the Quarter

We would like to congratulate Scotty Grimes on being our Employee of the Quarter. With the approval of the Rogue Valley Airport Scotty was able to help put out the wildfires that were burning close to the airport. Scotty is credited with helping save a residential neighborhood from burning to the ground. He explained that as fast as the fire pumper could bring water he was spraying it out. Great job Scotty!





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### Chief Cordona is Recognized by Boeing in San Antonio

Boeing in San Antonio recognized Pro-Tec Fires Chief Juan Cardona for his outstanding performance since taking over the job for the ARFF department. The ARFF department in San Antonio has several different jobs. They perform for the Boeing Campus building inspections, fire extinguisher inspections, cpr training and emergency medical response. The Boeing Company expects perfection and that is exactly what our crew has provided. Congratulations Chief Cardona!



### Chief Paul Vosburg Just Married in Kalamazoo



August 18<sup>th</sup> was an exciting day for Chief Paul Vosburg and his fiancée Joanne Chase, as that was the day that they were married. They wish to thank everyone for the warm wishes.



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### Pro-Tec Welcomes Heidi McGill-Cahak to the Team at Corporate



Pro-Tec Fire Services welcomes Heidi McGill-Cahak to our corporate office team. Heidi has been hired as our new Accounts Payable/Receivable specialist. She replaced Liz Wilson who retired in August. Heidi has a degree in accounting and has worked at various public accounting firms throughout Wisconsin.

Welcome Heidi!

### From the Desk of Human Resources “Open Enrollment”

Open enrollment for medical and dental insurance benefits begins on 12-1-18 and ends on 12-31-18 for the 2019 plan year.

Any fulltime employee may enroll for open enrollment without a qualifying event. Please access the UHC enrollment form off of the company website or see your Fire Chief for the UHC form.

Please email all completed enrollments to my attention.

Karen Cashman  
HR Director

#### Pro-Tec attended the following conferences:

DFW Foam Summit

Dallas, TX

Oct 15-19



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