



# ARFF FLASH

Fourth Quarter 2018

## Plane Slides Off Runway at Saskatoon



Freezing rain caused a near dangerous incident at Saskatoon's John G. Diefenbaker airport. Delta Airlines plane bound for Minneapolis, Minn. slid off the runway prior to take-off, leaving its passengers stranded. By 8 a.m. Friday, they were waiting for a bus to take them back to the airport's terminal. The plane, which had flight number DL4811, was originally slated for a 6:15 a.m. take-off. No one was injured in the incident.

Submitted by Chief Bryan House

## Santa OK to Land at Skyxe Airport



Santa stopped by at Skyxe Airport in Saskatoon to see approximately 40 kids. The children were excited to hear air traffic control giving Santa and his reindeer clearance to land on runway 09. Special thanks to "Randy Santa" for his arrival at YXE airport fire station.

Submitted by Chief Bryan House



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### Rogue Valley Airport ARFF Crew Responds

On 12/6/2018 Rogue Valley Medford Airport ARFF crew responded to a cargo plane landing with the landing gear up. The crew on shift responded to find the plane resting on the cargo hold with 2 pilots inside. There was no smoke or fire and the two people inside were not injured. Jet Center crew responded with jacks and the Pro-Tec ARFF crew came back to the scene with air bags. Big thanks to Captain Tony Incerty and his crew for their immediate response. **Submitted by Chief John Karns**



### Kalamazoo ARFF Team Supports Local Fire Departments



Kalamazoo Airport Fire participated in the "Keep the Wreath Green" this year with all other Kalamazoo county fire departments. The program brings awareness to the community of the fire responses made by local fire departments. The bulbs are green and anytime there has been a structure fire a bulb is changed to red. Through the month of December 2018 there were a total of 17 structure fires in the county. Our wreath at the airport was slightly different than most. We used an old ARFF truck tire. Thank you Firefighter Nancy Robinson and Troy Gray for helping with the design and installation.

**Submitted by Chief Paul Vosburg**



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### Rockford ARFF Crew Responds to a Structure Fire



October 25th– Chicago-Rockford Airport Fire Department was requested to respond with an ARFF Truck to a structure fire. Boone County District #2 fire department started requesting mutual aid for the structure fire at FPM heat treating. Crews from all over Northern Illinois assisted fighting this fire which was very stubborn due to the fact there was a large amount of oil burning. Reports were indicating up to 10,000 gallons of oil were in this structure. Approval from Zack Oakley was given and ARFF engine 2903 responded with FF's Caruana and Hermann on board. Chief Millard and DC Kunce stayed back and manned the airport. After further inspection it was determined the best place to set up this operation was in the shipping and receiving loading dock. A semi was brought in to pull trailers out of the dock. An engine company was assigned to forcible entry and opened one of the garage doors where about 50ft into the building was a large amount of fire. ARFF 2903 was positioned and began applying agent to the fire. The fire was very stubborn and did take a long time to extinguish. With a coordinated effort with other crews on hand-lines, the fire was eventually fully extinguished. There were no injuries and it was a great coordinated effort between many departments. Submitted by Deputy Chief Brian Kunce

### Lynchburg Remembers Our Veterans



This Christmas, to show support of our troops who are fighting to protect our freedom, the ARFF crew at Lynchburg Regional Airport decided to take the money the Chief would spend on meals for the crew working on Thanksgiving & Christmas Day along with contributions from the staff and send a care package to a soldier serving our country overseas.

A local Lynchburg Firefighter who is in the National Guard was called up to active duty. The firefighter stationed in Afghanistan is a Black-

hawk pilot and flies medevacs for Task Force Panther.

A care package filled with an assortment of goodies and a card was sent. A message was sent back to the ARFF station to say how greatly appreciated the package was and that it would be shared with the crew. They thanked us for our support. Submitted by Chief Heather Palm



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## Austin Straubel 2018 in Review



## Lieutenant Phil Padgett Celebrates Fifteen Years of Service



Lt Phil Padgett celebrated fifteen years with Pro-Tec Fire Services. We had a lunch and cake for Phil. Administration and other employees of the airport came down to celebrate with us.

Submitted by Chief Paul Vosburg

### Pro-Tec attended the following conferences in 2019:

FAA Regional Conference  
AAAE Southeast Conference  
AAAE South Central Conference

Renton, WA  
Myrtle Beach, SC  
Tulsa, OK

March 19  
March 31  
April 28



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