



ARFF FLASH

First Quarter 2021

Bell Helicopter at KBLV

Submitted by Capt. Ray Flaiz

Jan. 18—The crew at MidAmerica St. Louis Airport Fire Department had an opportunity to familiarize themselves with Bell Helicopter. Air Evac Lifeteam from Maryville, IL stopped in to do some familiarization training on patient loading and emergency shut down procedures. C Shift MidAmerica CPT Peters and FF Brown participated in the training.



Joint Live Fire Training

Submitted by Chief Culwell

Jan. 25—Will Rogers World Airport and Tulsa International Airport Fire Departments met up at DFW International Airport Fire Training Research Center (Dallas/Ft Worth) for joint Live Fire Training.



*OKC crew (L to R):
FF Redenius, FF
Smith; FF Hall, FF
Robinette &
FF Reava*



Truck Maintenance at KBLV

Submitted by Capt. Ray Flaiz



Jan. 20—MidAmerica airport ARFF and vehicle maintenance staff conducted foam, distance, and time to empty testing on both our Oshkosh T1500/3000. Despite their advanced years, both trucks performed great.



*Tulsa crew (L to R): Sean Douglas,
David Atkin, Kejuan Collins, Adam
Leak, Rich Edwards, Chief Mark
Stuckey, Carlos Perez*

Active Shooter Training

Submitted by K. Hofacker

Feb. 3— A shift, from the Green Bay Austin Straubel Int'l Airport Public Safety Department conducted active shooter training. The shift simulated multiple scenarios in case of ever having the threat of an active shooter. Also, simulated with utilizing EMS units treating and removing a victim from the scene while working with law enforcement.



*L to R: Captain Socha, Firefighter Rienow,
Lt Lueck, and not pictured PSO Hofacker.*

Mutual Aid Training at KBLV

Submitted by Capt. Ray Flaiz

Feb. 9—Mid America Airport Crash Rescue A shift hosted two of our mutual aid partners. Mascoutah FD and O'Fallon FD Chiefs and crews attended training that included airport overview, arrival/staging locations, communications, basic aircraft familiarization, and then crash truck walk around and night time airfield tour. We hope to make this a regular event and have two more dates on the books. A shift Captain Flaiz facilitated and was assisted by A shift FF Lindauer and C shift Captain Peters.





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All New Body. Same Soul.

The Oshkosh ARFF Striker just got better. Introducing the new Striker, which includes leading technology upgrades and features designed with our everyday heroes in mind. This new product includes unparalleled performance and safety for firefighter and provides C.A.R.E. (Carcinogen Awareness and Reduction to Exposure) clean options. At Oshkosh, they make machines that make an impact in people's lives, in communities and around the world.



Appleton International Airport ARFF was the first to show off the new vehicles in their video put together by Oshkosh Airport Products. View the video [here](#).

Message From the President



Bill Hershman, President
Pro-Tec Fire Services

In my previous message, we were welcoming 2021 with open arms. Now that we have made it through the first quarter, it appears this year is not quite meeting our expectations to be better than 2020! That said, there are some positives to talk about. The Coronavirus vaccine rollout in the U.S. has been very strong. As I write this, more than 25% of the entire population in the States has been vaccinated. We continue to strongly encourage all our employees to get the vaccine when eligible and available. Another positive note, the U.S. airline industry and air travel continues to trend in the right direction. For the first time in a year, we are now seeing seven-day traveler totals in excess of one million passengers per day, and these numbers continue to trend upward. Several of our airport customers have said they believe their summer travel season will equal, or even exceed, pre-COVID numbers. We also had our successful start-ups at Tulsa and Stennis in March. Great job by Chiefs Stuckey and Carlson, as well as our Regional Fire Chiefs Dan Diehl and Dave Holmes!

With the good news comes not-so-good news. Our neighbors to the North continue to struggle with pandemic ramifications. Air travel remains down in Canada, and they are challenged with vaccine distribution. We continue to do everything we can to support our teams in Saskatoon and Calgary, but they have a long road ahead of them. We have also had a recent series of vehicle accidents and incidents, which is why our Safety Contest theme for Spring 2021 is Driver/Operator Safety. Participation by all our airports is mandatory and we look forward to your creative submissions. We will also be looking internally at our Driver/Operator Standard Operating Procedures, Policies, Training, and Certification programs to see if we need to adjust. Remember, this aligns significantly with our primary core value of SAFETY.

Our transition in leadership continues at the Corporate Office. Carl is looking forward to his next chapter, and I will let him talk about what that looks like. While his last official day is June 30th, I am happy to report that he will continue to work with Pro-Tec on a limited basis so we can retain his years of historical knowledge and experience. Please join me in celebrating his service to the company and the outstanding work he has done to grow this business and keep us financially stable. I know I can say that his leadership and expertise has been invaluable for my personal growth with the company. Thank you, Carl!

As I close out the first few months of taking the helm here at Pro-Tec, I want to thank everyone for their support, messages, kind words, and professionalism. Each customer that I have had the opportunity to visit, or speak to, has spoken very highly of our staff at their locations. I will be getting out on the road a bit more this year and look forward to seeing many of you and continuing to hear great things. Please keep up the exceptional work and ensure we leave our customers asking the question "What would we do without our professional ARFF firefighters from Pro-Tec?"

Celebrate at GRB

Submitted by Chief Chet Bruette

Feb. 15—PSO Kyle Hofacker at Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport Fire Department celebrated five years with Pro-Tec Fire Services.

Thank you for all that you have done to help make Pro-Tec the successful company that it is today.





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North American Helicopter

Submitted by Capt. Ray Flaiz

Feb. 2—North American Helicopter has arrived at MidAmerica St. Louis Airport (BLV). The President and CEO of the company happily provided ARFF crews from MidAmerica Airport



on their Bell 206 and Bell 407 aircraft. Topics focused on fuel shutoff, battery disconnect, rotor breaks, engine access, and safety hazards around helicopters. North American will be operating six

aircrafts from MidAmerica Airport.

L to R: Capt. Flaiz, Capt. Fennel, FF Lindauer, North American President Chris Bailey, FF Hall and FF Koepke.



No Foam System

Submitted by Trenton-Mercer FD

Feb. 24—Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire Department C-Platoon is participating in a webinar training for our NoFoam System. Here is a picture from when our crew initially learned how to use to the NoFoam system with Kaare Holm, the co-founder of the company. The NoFoam system allows us to test our foam proportioning systems without releasing foam onto the ground!



Air Evac Air Ambulance

Submitted by Capt. Ray Flaiz



Mar. 2—A shift hosted AirEvac air ambulance service. The flight and medical crew provided ARFF with an aircraft safety walk around. Points of interest included patient loading, unloading, emergency systems

etc. The ARFF crew then treated to a home made lunch and ended with giving the crew a first hand look at ARFF Crash truck operations. Thanks for a great visit.



L to R: Pilot Forrest Crawford, Flight nurse McMillan, and paramedic Brown and ARFF FF's Lindauer and Brown.

Fire Department Baby Shower

Submitted by Capt. Ray Flaiz

Feb. 25—The first ever baby shower was thrown at MidAmerica Crash Rescue. The personnel at BLV surprised Firefighter Gina Wallace who is due to deliver baby Rose in March. Gina was very surprised and appreciative of all the hard work the “guys” put into making this a special event.



Dinner Time!

Submitted by Trenton-Mercer FD

Feb. 25—There’s a lot to be said about the kitchen table at a firehouse...the stories, the lessons, the wisdom all being shared over a meal! The kitchen table in a firehouse is one of the key ingredients in creating a firehouse family! We are grateful for the kitchen table....oh and delivery!



GRB Training

Submitted by PSO Hofacker

Mar. 7—A shift at GRB received training of their newly added apparatus with a CAFS system. The newly added apparatus will have multiple uses such as responding to fire calls, EMS response, and incident command to name a few. Thank you to Ashwaubenon Public Safety Department for providing the training for our department.



Disclaimer: The foam does not contain any PFAS and isn't harmful to the environment.



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The Importance of Continuous Training EMS Instructor Bridge Course

Submitted by Capt. Jordan McPherson

Mar. 2—Continuous training is so important in the fire service, not only to maintain and hone our skills, but to build crew morale and develop team synchronicity. Even in these tough times of a global pandemic, there are still ways in which fire crews can conduct effective training.



This morning at Station-1, C shift conducted a blacked-out simulation drill, where members wore full bunker gear including Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) to conduct a "downed firefighter" search and rescue in the fire station apparatus bay floor.



This type of training is very important, as it safely simulates an environment where the firefighter must use all senses outside of their sight to navigating an incident. Through a maze of "debris" and their limited ability to communicate, the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) traversed through the course to complete the rescue operation.

With this training being accomplished, C shift will be able to check off multiple skill topics as complete on their annual Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) training records, but more importantly, they will be ready in the event one of their own becomes incapacitated during an emergency response.



Submitted by Chief Aaron Culwell

Mar. 9—Will Rogers Fire Department is hosting Mike Duncan (EMS Coordinator for Oklahoma State Fire Service Training (OSUFST)) who is teaching our personnel an EMS instructor Bridge Course. This course provides the department personnel with training into the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OKDOH) systems and allows our department to be more self sufficient when it comes to our EMS Continuing Education Units (CEUs.)



This also allows several of our members to become State of Oklahoma Licenses EMS Instructors which will increase our ability to provide effective training and maintain our EMS related licenses and certifications.

Station 34

Submitted by Trenton-Mercer Airport FD

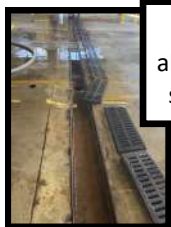
Mar. 9—Today, our airport manager, Melinda Montgomery, presented Station 34 with an award of recognition for our continued efforts throughout coronavirus pandemic.



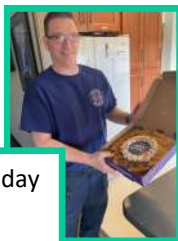
The fire department was one of many departments at the airport that received this great recognition. We are proud of the hard work our crew and our airport does day in and day out to keep TTN running smooth.

Photos from Trenton-Mercer

Submitted by Trenton-Mercer Airport FD



Taking pride in your job also means maintaining the station from head to toe!



March 9—Happy Birthday Chief Berger!



March 25—All four turrets flowing today!

Size up and Tactics

Submitted by Will Rogers World Airport FD

Mar. 11—Zach Bruhn from PFSC visited Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City to talk (train) size-up and tactics with the firefighters there.



ARFF Vehicle Positioning

Submitted by Capt. Jordan McPherson

Mar. 3—Have you ever wondered why ARFF (Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting) vehicles park a certain way at an incident? Or why on a video you saw of a plane on fire, the ARFF vehicles are approaching the incident from different angles while pumping their agent



and driving?



ARFF vehicles are capable of spraying a tremendous amount of agent from their 2 front mounted turrets at an aircraft incident scene. Their specific design allows for the truck to conduct an industry coined

“pump and roll” tactic that allows for them to drive and spray agent at the same time. Not only do they have 2 front mounted turrets to help extinguish fires, but depending on the department’s needs, could also have between 1 and 2 pre-connected handlines, and a booster reel to aid with interior fire attacks when warranted.

The priority of the first ARFF vehicle is to provide a snapshot to all incoming ARFF units via radio of what is occurring. Once this has been relayed, their task is then to provide a safe exit (rescue path) for all occupants exiting the aircraft. This can seem odd to the untrained as the first ARFF vehicle will most likely be position on the side where the fire is not burning – the reason is that airline employees are trained to evacuate planes from the side that has no fire. It then becomes the job of the other two ARFF vehicles to extinguish the fire around the aircraft while the first



vehicle protect the evacuating passengers. While approaching the incident scene, the first arriving vehicle will also position all remaining ARFF vehicles as to execute an effective incident action plan according to the “tactical priorities” which are rescue, fire suppression, property conservation, and reduction of environmental impact. Using the wind to our advantage, the ARFF vehicles protect the evacuating passengers, extinguish the fire and mitigate the incident all from the cab of the ARFF vehicle.

Today, A shift participated in a training exercise which consisted of positioning the ARFF vehicles and water application at a simulated aircraft incident. All 3 vehicles demonstrated proper vehicle positioning, and water application during the incident.

All our firefighters work hard in maintaining a high level of readiness via training exercises, all in preparation for an incident that could happen at any time.

Trenton Personnel Obtain AMF Designation

Submitted by Chief Randy Berger

Mar. 10— Congratulations to four of our members for recently completing the AAAE Airport Master Firefighter (AMF) designation. The Airport



Master Firefighter shows that they understand the ARFF body of knowledge to carry out the responsibilities to manage an



L to R: FF/EMT Greg Hill, FF/EMT Dan Burk, Capt. Cory Demyan & Chief Randy Berger

airport fire department, as well as basic knowledge and understanding of airport administration and management. Our crew strives to be top notch 24/7.

Thermal Imaging Cameras

Submitted by DC Brian Kunce

Mar. 11—The Chicago Rockford International Airport recently purchased two new Thermal Imaging Cameras (TIC). The FLIR K1 is a rugged, compact thermal camera that serves as an extra set of eyes on the fire scene. With a bright, integrated flashlight, the FLIR K1 illuminates the scene to help more effectively. It also displays 160x120 pixel thermal images if needed.





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U.S. Extends \$14 billion life-line to airlines in third government aid package

Article By David Shepardson and Tracy Rucinski, Reuters

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. lawmakers on Wednesday gave final approval to a new \$14 billion payroll assistance package to U.S. airlines as part of a COVID-19 relief bill, the third round of government support to the struggling sector since March 2019.

With the latest six-month extension that will keep thousands of workers on payrolls through Sept 30, Congress has awarded U.S. airlines \$54 billion for payroll costs since March 2020.

U.S. air passenger travel fell by 60% in 2020 to the lowest level since 1984, down more than 550 million passengers. U.S. passenger airlines are still collectively burning about \$150 million daily, and the cash bleed is expected to continue through most of this year as demand remains depressed.

Airlines for America, an industry trade group, praised the latest extension, saying it "is vital to have our employees on the job and ready to assist as our nation prepares to move forward from this crisis."

U.S. airline shares have gained around 16% over the past month as domestic travel trends improve amid vaccine rollouts.

The Transportation Security Administration screened over 1 million passengers on five of the first 10 days of March and analysts expect the numbers to increase heading into spring.

Some low-cost carriers focusing on domestic leisure travel are starting to hire again and say they could have managed without another bailout.

Overall U.S. airlines have benefited from taxpayer help more than rivals in neighboring regions like Canada, where the government has yet to extend an aid package for the industry, or in Latin America, where two large carriers filed for Chapter 11 protection due to COVID-19.

The U.S. government last year also extended \$25 billion in low-cost loans to airlines. Of the payroll grants, U.S. Treasury required larger airlines to repay 30% and award the government warrants.

(Reporting by David Shepardson; Editing by Cynthia Osterman)

Link to article [here](#)

Heroes of the Heartland

Article By Des Moines Register

In March of 2019, Gordon and Susie Wise were waiting at the Des Moines International Airport for their flight home back to Ohio, after visiting their granddaughter at Iowa State University, when Gordon went into cardiac arrest.

Airport police officers, Victor Gamboa and Eric Wilson, administered CPR and used an AED until the airport's firefighters, Thomas Fischer and Evan Hecht arrived to take over paramedic duties and transfer him to the hospital.

Gordon later made a full recovery at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.



They save a life that day! Both the police and fire units will be honored. [YouTube Link](#)

Airway Larry

Submitted by Capt. Incerty

March 25—Captain Incerty and Engineer Zigenis on C shift at Rogue Valley International Medford Airport performed skills assessments for the Supraglottic Airway Device as well as BVM Ventilation of an Apneic Adult.



We are fortunate to be using a new "Airway Larry" Advanced Airway Management Torso Trainer provided in partnership from Pro-Tec and our MFR management. Our sincerest thanks from the crew at Rogue Valley Int'l Medford Airport ARFF for the support in keeping us at the top of our game.





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Fueling at MFR

Submitted by Capt. Incerty

March 31—C shift ARFF at Rogue Valley International Medford Airport performed mutual aid training with Million Air and Jackson County Fire District #3 (one of the neighboring agencies).



Dan Zanhov of Million Air gave us all a tour of the new Fuel Farm and a Mobile Fueler functions and safety features. Afterwards, the crews spent time talking through multiple response scenarios and informing their new engineer what we expect when they come to assist.



Such a wonder time of the year to get out there and train hands-on.



Ride Into the Dusk

Submitted by Carl Thiem



In late February 2006, I was hired on with Pro-Tec Fire Services as its Operations Manager. The founder, owner, and President, Norm Watermolen, was very active in the business. Our 2005 revenues were \$7 million with a customer base of ten. As all my business experience at that point in my illustrious career was long haul trucking, some warehousing, and a sprinkling of logistics, I truly was a babe in the woods relative to the Fire Service and the ARFF Industry.

In April, Norm fell and broke his hip. Despite his valiant recovery attempt and unwavering support by his Lady, he never recovered and passed in August. Given this void, I was thrust into command.

To prove Murphy's law is alive and well, both Oklahoma City and Trenton issued Request for Proposals soon thereafter. As Will Rogers (OKC) was our largest customer by revenue and Trenton our largest by owned assets, I found myself challenged. Upon further investigation, I discovered we no longer had access to performance bonds as the relationship with this vendor had gone south and they now refused to do business with us. Both customers required bonds. No bond, no business! Then I discovered we did not have 2005 Financials nor line-item cost data by station nor was my Corporate Chief knowledgeable of his station costs. Finally, I was still an unknown to this management team and we were now in crisis mode. They did learn the meaning of concise.

Fast forward, we retained both customers and returned Trenton to profitability. However, let us say the proposal truth was truly exaggerated relative to our access to performance bonds. Thus, my entry to Pro-Tec was anything but calm and tranquil.

Fifteen years later, our 2020 revenues are \$20 million with a customer base of 25. Looking back, I take the greatest pride in the following

- Our emphasis on SAFETY and the fact that very, very few of my people were injured on the job.
- The number of passengers we brought back from the brink.
- Our culture as defined by our Mission, Values and Code
- The fun of working with and trusting the judgement of professionals.
- Our growth which validated our performance and expertise.
- Our reputation within the industry which drove our growth.
- Just the fact we are the best and largest ARFF Services provider in North America.

It has been quite the ride. Like many adventures in life, there is a time to call it a day. My sincere wish for all of you is to be safe, stay well and enjoy your work as Pro-Tec Fire Services ARFF firefighters!



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Employee of 1st Quarter

We had a number of nominations for Employee of the 1st Quarter that it was impossible to narrow it down to just one, so we decided to do something a little different and pick TWO employees of the 1st Quarter.

First up is FF Colin Dyck at Calgary International Airport. Colin was nominated by Deputy Fire Chief Brett Gerein and Captain Chad Harper for the exemplary leadership he has shown in their department.

Gerein's crew has taken on the task to oversee all Department Training, and this is the reason he is recommending Colin's name for the Employee of 1st Quarter. Training involves the creation and expansion of their training portfolio, reviewing and providing feedback from crew training assignments, audit department training, creating training templates on Emergency Reporting, assign crew training assignments every month, and most recently transitioning the department to paperless training. In the 1st Qtr this year, Colin has contributed immensely in all of these tasks and is a big reason why the Department Training runs more efficiently. He has been a driving force along with the crew for our overall success. Colin has taken the lead as he was given this immense task. His computer skills and knowledge with Excel has given him all the necessary tools to create forms and documents. He has helped create an entire new Training Portfolio for the department which is now well versed, organized and overall more efficient. He reviews crew training assignments with care, thoroughness, and provides constructive feedback to make these presentations better for everyone. Calgary recently transitioned their department to Paperless training, all department training reports are now saved digitally with digital signatures, Colin was a major contributor with this initiative. Gerein's crew would not be where we currently are with training if it wasn't for Colin's contributions over these past months.

Colin joined the Calgary team in March 2019 and has had perfect attendance in those two years. He has exemplified professionalism, hard work, initiative each and every shift and continues to be a leader in our department. In the two years Colin has assumed the position of a Fire Fighter, his



L to R: Deputy Fire Chief Brett Gerein; Firefighter Colin Dyck; Captain Chad Harper

affable nature, clear insight and guiding vision has garnered the respect and admiration from his peers and Officers.

In these difficult and forever changing times, the depth of challenges, Colin has always remained positive and leads by example. He does not shy away from the tough times and faces them head on. Gerein cannot express within the limits of this short description all of the attributes that Colin possesses to qualify for nomination for Employee of the Quarter. Rest assured that the list would be too exhaustive. If he had to distill the description to its core, it would include those tangibles: leadership, decisiveness, and responsibility. However of greater importance would be the list of intangibles that make up the fabric of a true leader: respect, humility, commitment, dedication, humor, honesty, integrity, transparency, hard work and resiliency.



Next up is Lieutenant Daniel Flores at Boeing in San Antonio. Daniel was nominated by Fire Chief Juan Cardona.

Lt. Flores has always been an exceptional employee. Recently, when Texas underwent a winter freeze, the Boeing site was not spared any good fortune as major failures occurred all across the site with the permanently installed fire suppression systems. With his fast thinking, knowledge of the equipment, and experience, Lt. Flores was able to avoid significant water damage to all areas that were effected. (Feeder lines from Risers/above sprinkler systems/valves, etc.) In addition to his fast thinking under pressure, he has taken on the role of one of our departments training instructors and has provided us with excellent training classes.

Winner! Winner!



Pro-Tec Fire Services has won the 2020 Award for Training Excellence for Digicast through American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE). This is the first time Pro-Tec has been awarded this award.

When we asked why we had never received this award before, or even nominated, we were told that prior to this year, Digicast only recognized individuals and airports, this is the first year they recognized private businesses.

Pro-Tec averages around 2000 views/tests per year, this does not include employees registered by their airports.



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BIRTHDAYS

MAY

Ryan Thomas Ardmore
 Patrick Berens Boeing St. Louis
 Jamie Southwell Calgary
 Theodore Foster Carlsbad
 William Hershman Corporate
 Susan Watermolen Corporate
 James Brooks Des Moines
 Phillip McKinley Des Moines
 David Rienow Green Bay
 Jeffrey Sands Manchester
 Gregory DeAngelis Mojave
 Aaron Hasten Moss Point
 Tommy Posey Moss Point
 Ryan Holtz OKC
 Philip Arbogast San Antonio
 Mark Stuckey Tulsa

JUNE

Shawn Bordeaux Appleton
 Alex Rickert Appleton
 Gary Wunsch Appleton
 Ronnie Hayes Ardmore
 Clayton Hill Ardmore
 William White Ardmore
 William Werny Calgary
 Jordan McPherson
 Donald Minks Des Moines
 Philip Padgett Kalamazoo
 Thomas Wiles King Aerospace
 Stephen Boensel Leidos
 Joseph Stoneberger Leidos
 Douglas Stiff Lynchburg
 Christopher Beaudoin Manchester
 Nicholas Santy Manchester
 Michael Trask Manchester
 Scott Grimes Medford
 Jefferson Talley MidAmerica
 Kevin Graham Mojave
 Brian Montague Moss Point
 David Alderman OKC
 Shelly Gonzalez OKC
 Kenneth Kirchoff OKC
 Brian Kunce Rockford
 Daniel Flores San Antonio
 Brian Smith Saskatoon
 Bryan House Saskatoon
 Colin Ross Saskatoon
 Justin Holmes Summit
 David Atkins Tulsa
 Kejuan Collins Tulsa

Travis Crutsinger Tulsa
 Adam Leak Tulsa

JULY

Lucas Young Ardmore
 Brent Hall Calgary
 Douglas Neufeld Calgary
 Paul Vosburg Kalamazoo
 William Clark King Aerospace
 Amber Rhoten King Aerospace
 David Howey Leidos
 Christopher Larson Leidos
 Heather Palm Lynchburg
 Brian Berghorn Manchester
 Kevin Murray Manchester
 Jason Servatius Medford
 Brent Collins Mobile
 Artis Reynolds Mobile
 David Grant OKC
 Rogelio Garcia San Antonio
 Edward Reid San Antonio
 Joshua Richter San Antonio
 Justin Kraft Saskatoon
 Brian Sellier Stennis
 Michael Sparacio Summit



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MAY

Ryan Grothe Carlsbad
 Ashely Hull Green Bay
 Justin Strassburger Green Bay
 Benjamin Tess Green Bay
 Joseph Stoneberger Leidos
 Jason Servatius Medford
 Raymond Flaiz MidAmerica
 Robert Lindauer MidAmerica
 Nathan Dukes OKC
 Matthew Moore OKC
 Rogelio Garcia San Antonio
 Frank Shand Saskatoon
 Robert Howell Summit

JUNE

Matthew Sampson Ardmore
 Karen Cashman Corporate
 Daniel Diehl Corporate
 William Hershman Corporate
 Anthony Barber Des Moines
 Eric Enderton Des Moines
 Jonathon VanderEcken Des Moines
 Troy Gray Kalamazoo
 Edwin Hall Lynchburg
 Heather Palm Lynchburg
 Douglas Stiff Lynchburg
 Shelby Baum MidAmerica
 Andrew Humphrey OKC
 Dallas Jackson OKC
 Payden Williams OKC
 Daniel Burk Trenton-Mercer
 Cory Demyan Trenton-Mercer
 Bryan Eveland Trenton-Mercer
 Robert Hewins Trenton-Mercer
 Christopher Johansson Trenton-Mercer
 Thomas Krakowski Trenton-Mercer
 Jeffery Ritter Trenton-Mercer
 Randall Berger Trenton-Mercer
 Craig Muench Saskatoon

JULY

Larry James Ardmore
 Alissa Firmston Calgary
 Garrett McKay Calgary
 Eric Peace Calgary
 Travis Wray Calgary
 Kyle Wright Calgary
 Benjamin Holle Green Bay
 Jared Hopfensperger Green Bay
 Denny Byers King Aerospace
 Melvin Fennell MidAmerica
 Jason Craig Mobile
 Joseph Johnson OKC
 Kenneth Kirchoff OKC
 Todd Vicsek OKC
 Leslie Woosley OKC
 Denny Clark OKC
 Mathew Hehn Rockford
 Bryan House Saskatoon
 Darwin LaRiviere Saskatoon
 Colin Ross Saskatoon
 Jody Ruest Saskatoon
 Brian Smith Saskatoon
 Christopher Powell Summit
 Gregory Hill Trenton-Mercer
 Justin Self Tulsa



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GOOD NEWS



Congratulations to Greg Morava for 15 years of dedicated service to Pro-Tec Fire Services at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City, OK.

*Pictured (L to R):
Chief Aaron Culwell and Captain Greg Morava*

“Virginia is for Lovers”

A picture for the men left at the Lynchburg Regional Airport Fire Station by Chief Palms two children; Danica (7) and Hudson (5).



Pro-Tec would like to welcome baby Rose Wallace to the ARFF Family. PSO Gina Wallace (MidAmerica) and husband are overcome with joy with their first born.

Future ARFF Club!

Kyle Hofacker's (GRB) little boy Kade shows off his new shirt. Kade will be turning one in May.



Unsung Heroes

It all started when Sydney Ruest submitted a picture of her father, Captain Jody Ruest, from hot drills at Skyxe Saskatoon Airport to Jones Soda Co. and it has been selected as a label in their Unsung Heroes series. This is Sydney's 8th picture that she has had placed on Jones Soda labels over the years.



Saskatoon, SK—Jody is a Captain for Pro-Tec Fire Services at the Skyxe Saskatoon International Airport. He has been a firefighter for over 40 years, recently receiving medals for Federal and Provincial protective services. Jody started his career as a volunteer firefighter in Nipawin, Saskatchewan, following in his dad's footsteps. Jody doesn't like the title hero as he says "It's just what I do," and that's true. Helping others and putting others first is what Jody always does. Which is why he is a hero to his family, each and every day. Visit other Jones Soda Unsung Heroes [here](#).

Above and Beyond

On Sunday, March 21 at approximately 07:00, Captain Helbing at ATW assisted the Outagamie County Sheriff



Department with arresting a disorderly and belligerent female at the Appleton International Airport. Capt. Helbing and Outagamie County Sheriff's Deputy Gitter (assigned to ATW) were called to the airport terminal for a female that was being disorderly after being kicked off her flight due to her being intoxicated. Capt. Helbing and Deputy Gitter responded and made multiple attempts to calm the female down. After a lengthy time of dealing with the female, the female turned violent and assaulted Deputy Gitter. Capt. Helbing then assisted Deputy Gitter in taking the female to the ground and restraining her. Capt. Helbing and Deputy Gitter restrained the female for approximately 10 minutes until additional units arrived from the Sheriff's Department to arrest the female. The female remained belligerent and disorderly during the entire event. The female was then transported by ambulance to the hospital for medical clearance before being taken to the county jail. Deputy Gitter contacted Chief Wunsch and reminded how important our department is in backing up the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Gitter also commended Capt. Helbing for his efforts in the event.



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