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Fourth Quarter 2021

Airport Triennial Exercise

Submitted by Assistant Fire Chief John Davis

On Thursday October 14th, Will Rogers World Airport Fire Department in conjunction with Oklahoma City Fire Department, EMSA, Metro Technology Centers, AAR, and Oklahoma Air National Guard conducted a full scale exercise to help prepare for disaster and to test mutual aid response capabilities. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the event!



Aha!!!

Submitted by Captain Tony Incerty

C shift welcomed new airline AHA to Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport with the traditional water arch. Sadly, we encountered a last second mechanical problem with our beloved "Beast" rendering our arch a tad uneven...



Click photo for video.

Landing Gear Collapse @ LYH

Submitted by Captain Edwin Hall



On Sunday October 17th at approximately 12 noon, a Moonie aircraft on landing had it's landing gear collapse. The plane skidded over 800 feet before coming to a stop on the edge of runway 04. On duty ARFF firefighter Johnson responded along with airport police to the scene. After sizing up the incident Firefighter Johnson

deemed it unnecessary for mutual aid to respond except for ARFF Captain Edwin Hall who he requested to respond to the airport to assist with the incident. After the initial investigation by the Virginia State Police and permission from FAA and NTSB to remove the plane from the runway, Beeline



Towing Co. was called and responded with a large rotator wrecker for the removal of the aircraft. Instead of cribbing and air bagging the aircraft, Beeline placed 2 straps on the plane and lifted it up. Once the plane was up the landing gear was lowered and locked in place, a tractor towed it to the ramp.



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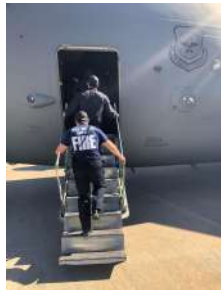
C-17 Visits Will Rogers

Nathan Mund at Will Rogers World Airport Facebook page

Firefighters from Blue shift at Will Rogers World Airport Fire Station were out doing some training today



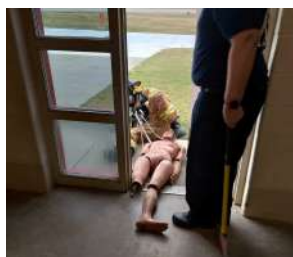
when they came across this behemoth C-17 Globemaster at the airport. They were able to climb aboard and learn about an aircraft we don't often see here. Every opportunity is a chance to learn. Our thanks to the United States Air Force for showing us around.



New Firefighter Training at Will Rogers

Nathan Mund at Will Rogers World Airport Facebook page

New firefighter, Gabriel Elizardo, on blue shift, going through search and rescue training at Will Rogers World Airport. Firefighters at WRW Airport Fire Department are always training to ensure the thousands that fly in and out of Oklahoma City from all over the world are protected and safe. What you are not able to tell in the photos is that FF Elizardo's CBA is blacked out. This is a simulation of a downed firefighter in a burning structure or airplane. His job is to reach that FF in an efficient and timely manner. He has a limited amount of air and goes through it faster the more physical the challenge. He did a good job and will continue to train.



GRB Trick-or-Treating

Submitted by Chief Chet Bruette

When the airport double books community trick-or-treating, Pro-Tec Fire Services Airport Public Safety steps up to help out. The trick-or-treating even was held at the Capital Park, home of the Green Bay Booyah Baseball team, where many local organizations set up socially distanced tables to safely hand out candy to all the cute little ghosts and goblins.



Downtown Mobile Airport conducts full-scale emergency drill

Submitted by Chief Bill Nowlin; courtesy Fox 10 News

MOBILE, Ala. (WALA) -- The Mobile Airport Authority demonstrated a full scale emergency plan Wednesday. It's something they're required to do by the Federal Aviation Administration every three years. This year's exercise incorporated a water rescue.

"It is exciting because it's the first time we do a water rescue type of scenario. Every scenario is different -- but this is a very unique opportunity for us since there is a lot of water out there to exercise the water rescue scenario," said Ismael Bonilla, Mobile Airport Authority VP of Operations.

The water rescue being staged on the Mobile River off Cooper Riverside Park had lots of first responders assisting,

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including the U.S. Coast Guard, Mobile Fire-Rescue, and the Mobile Police Water Patrol Division.

The multi-agency exercise tests not only training, response, but communication in the event of a forced landing.

"It's basically to see how everything merges together. It's important to have these exercises because it identifies potential weaknesses," said Bonilla.

With the airport set to move downtown and commercial flights not far behind -- Bonilla said the timing of Wednesday's exercise was right as they move forward with making that a reality.

"It's going to be a win-win for all of us. So it is very important for us to do it now. As you know -- we are going to be in the middle of construction and developing the airport very soon. So it is important for us to get this thing out of the way and to be ready," explained Bonilla.

Following the exercise—the agencies had what they call a "hot wash" to discuss what went right and what went wrong.

Taking Pride

Submitted by Captain Raymond Flaiz

Despite the uncertainties at KBLV, pride in your equipment is still what being a Firefighter is all about. Crash 2 spend a lot of time at maintenance recently and was sorely in need of a top to bottom cleaning.



Severe Weather Event at WRW

Submitted by Assistant Fire Chief John Davis



The morning of October 15th at 12:01 am, atmospheric rotation and extremely high winds were encountered at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City, OK.

WRWAFD was dispatched to one of the hangars on site where it was discovered that portions of the hangar were destroyed by high winds. No injuries were noted. The scene was secured and turned over to the maintenance staff.



Firefighter Hobbies

Photos Submitted by Firefighter Ryan Grothe

For many of the Firefighters at Pro-Tec, they hold multiple jobs or fill their time off with hobbies. And that is true for Ryan Grothe at McClellan-Palomar Airport in Carlsbad, CA. In Ryan's free time, he enjoys photography and has captured some amazing photos at the airport. Be sure to keep an eye out in our newsletter and on Pro-Tec's Facebook and Instagram accounts for more photos.





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FAA Annual Training at Chicago Rockford Int'l Airport

Submitted by Chief Chris Millard

Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD) Firefighters had the opportunity to visit Blue Grass Airport (LEX) in Lexington, Ky for our annual FAA training. RFD firefighter normally have their training at Chicago's O'hare Airport (ORD). Due to a technical issue on their simulator, the firefighters were unable to have their training at ORD. Fortunately, LEX has a regional ARFF training facility and they were able to accommodate us on a short notice. RFD ARFF flew from ORD to LEX directly and back that evening.



From left to right: Firefighter Rick Plants, Firefighter Brad Read, & Chief Chris Millard

RFD ARFF would like to thank the Blue Grass Airport's Regional ARFF Training Center for sharing their experiences and southern hospitality. Once the training was complete, the chief of the training facility gave us a tour of beautiful Lexington, Kentucky and took us to Ramsey's Diner, one of Lexington's well known restaurants.

New Fire Extinguisher training

Submitted by Captain Edwin Hall



An LP gas fire extinguisher prop was purchased by the airport for ARFF personnel to provide training to airport employees and FBO lineman. This prop provides

a safer and more efficient way of training.

The prop uses a 20lb. Or slightly larger cylinder as a fuel source. The gas line has a dead man switch used to control the fuel going to the burn pan. The burn pan is filled with water for two reasons, the first is the protect the prop from heat damage, and the second is the propane gas rises through the water and when lit looks and behaves like burning as B fuels without the risk of burning fuel being splashed out of the pan. The



handles used to move the prop around can be screwed together and a road flare attached to the clamp on the end to light the pan. A safer, more efficient way to light the fuel is a hand held propane torch with a 36" extension pipe.



L3 Harris Training at TUL

Submitted by Chief Mark Stuckey

During the month of November, the Tulsa Airport Fire Department, along with the Tulsa Air National Guard Fire Department conducted a joint training session to familiarize firefighters with the Tulsa based, L3 Harris, C-20 Gulfstream aircraft. During the training, emphasis was placed upon the aircrafts exterior emergency features, interior floor plan, engine shutdown, and egress procedures.



Utilizing the C-20 aircraft, L3 Harris Tulsa conducts airborne reconnaissance and Electronic Warfare System missions for the Department of Defense. These specialized aircrafts require firefighters to be knowledgeable and skilled in the specific procedures associated with such technical airframes.

Welcome to KBLV

Submitted By Capt. Raymond Flaiz

MidAmerica Airport welcomes our newest ARFF Firefighter, John Boling. John has been with Pro-Tec some time as an Operations Officer, but has recently moved up to Firefighter on A shift. John also serves as a local municipal volunteer firefighter. Welcome aboard and good luck, John!





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Celebrating Christmas at LYH

Submitted by Captain. Edwin Hall

Lynchburg Regional Airport had their first entry in the Annual Lynchburg Christmas Parade. ARFF 2, Airport Police vehicle, and Airport Managers vehicle were all in attendance.



Pictured above: Capt. Hall, Chief Heather Palm, Santa and Mrs. Claus, Airport Police Officer Wise, Airport Director LaGala, Deputy Director Simmon

First Lady visits Tulsa

Submitted by Chief Mark Stuckey

During the first week of December, the Tulsa International Airport Fire Department provided support for an official visit by the First Lady of the United States, Dr. Jill Biden, and U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland. The official party landed in Tulsa and traveled to Tahlequah to visit the Cherokee Immersion School in the Cherokee Nation.



The Cherokee Immersion School is a language preservation and revitalization program for the Cherokee Language. The mission of the school is to develop leaders who will successfully meet the challenges of their futures academically, socially, and culturally.

WRW Anniversary

Submitted By Asst. Fire Chief John Davis



Lieutenant Doug MacWilliams at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City, OK celebrates 20 years with Pro-Tec. Pro-Tec started at WRW in 2001.

Medford Alert 3

Submitted by Chief John Karns and Captain Tony Incerty



Click on the photo above for video

On December 5th, 2021 at 1650, the Rogue Valley Int'l Medford Airport ARFF (Engineer Zigenis and Captain Incerty) responded to an Alert 3 for a Piper Navajo PA31 that crashed into a nearby Chevrolet dealership just

after taking off from Medford. Two explosions were heard and felt from the station about 1/2 mile away. Truck 80 responded and arrived first on scene. A quick turret attack was started for about one dozen vehicles on fire as well as aircraft wreckage. After 3000 gallons of water/foam were dispensed, Truck 80 was anchored into a hydrant and continued assistance with the hose reel. Unfortunately, two people lost their lives as this was a high impact, straight down crash.



Pictures show Truck 80 after emptying the first tank and Captain Incerty on a handline. To see security camera footage of the crash, click [here](#), viewer discretion advised.

Kalamazoo Anniversary

Submitted By Chief Paul Vosburg

Congratulations to Firefighter Kyle Baker on five years of service with Pro-Tec Fire Services at Kalamazoo-Battle Creek International Airport Fire Department.



On a side note, Kyle also just retired from Ostego Fire Department as their Assistant Fire Chief after almost 29 years of service with them. Congratulations on his retirement and thanks for all he does for us at the Airport!



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Saskatoon Airpore Fire Chief set to Retire

Submitted by Capt. Jody Ruest

Chief Bryan House started working for Transport Canada in 1980 in Airfield Maintenance at the Saskatoon Airport. In 1981 Bryan transferred to the Airport Fire Department as a firefighter working his way up to the Captain / Fire Officer position. In August of 1996 the Saskatoon Airport contracted out the airport fire service to the Saskatoon City Fire Department and Captain House became the Crash Rescue Coordinator (AKA Fire Chief) working with the City Fire Department until July 2004. At this time Pro-Tec Fire Services of Canada took over the Airport Fire Department with Chief House running the fire department till his retirement in December of 2021.



During Chief House's reign as fire chief he was on scene for many aircraft incidents, both of the major structural fires at the Saskatoon Airport terminal as well as a major fire at one of the hangars.



During his career Chief House has been awarded a number of honors. He was awarded the Government of Canada Exemplary Fire Service Medal in March of 2001 as well he received the Saskatchewan Protective Services medal in October 2009.

During his forty years of service Chief House trained and mentored many of the firefighters at the Saskatoon Airport in the profession of aircraft firefighting including live fire and mock-up exercises and trained firefighters at several Transport Canada Regional fire schools in Saskatoon . Chief House used his knowledge and experience to set up and train several airport fire services examples being at Grande Prairie AB, Wabash Labrador and most recently the Calgary International Airport. Chief House has made a huge impact not only on the lives of the staff he trained but his role in creating a safe working environment for all.



A big thank-you goes out to Chief Bryan House for his long standing career and dedication to the Airport Fire Service in Canada. You will be missed!! **HAPPY RETIREMENT**





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BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

Mark Romaniuk Calgary
 Adam Harris Calgary
 Justin Strassburger Green Bay
 Bonnie Vanderlinden Green Bay
 David Walters Green Bay
 Troy Gray Kalamazoo
 Donald Carlson Mobile
 Jason Craig Mobile
 Amanda Coyle Moss Point
 Alton Lee Moss Point
 Joseph Bennett OKC
 Seth Dean OKC
 Gabriel Elizardo OKC
 Joseph Johnson OKC
 Matthew Moore OKC
 Samuel Redenius OKC
 Daniel Irby San Antonio
 Robert Hewins Trenton
 Thomas Krakowski Trenton
 Payden Williams Tulsa

MARCH

Landon Gammons Appleton
 Terry Gerner Appleton
 Adam Mohr Appleton
 Justin Steer Ardmore
 Darrell Robinson Calgary
 Ethan Fiss Calgary
 Daniel Diehl Corporate
 Nathaniel Robinson Des Moines
 Ashley Hull Green Bay
 Kyle Baker Kalamazoo
 Patti Priddy King
 Michael Salazar Leidos
 Justin Sheppard Lynchburg
 Scott Tice Manchester
 John Karns Medford
 Joshua Eckert MidAmerica
 Kevin Peters MidAmerica
 Michael Stone Moss Point
 Lawson Broadbent OKC
 Aaron Culwell OKC
 Nathan Dukes OKC
 Joshua Robinett OKC
 Bradley Read Rockford
 Garrett Gregoire Saskatoon
 Matthew Sammon Summit
 Randall Berger Trenton
 Tyler Jones Tulsa

APRIL

Nathan Helbing Appleton
 Darin Cathey Ardmore
 Alissa Firmston Calgary
 Chad Thon-Wierenga Calgary
 Noel Darcy Calgary
 Shaun Waidson Calgary
 Kyle Wright Calgary
 Heidi McGill-Cahak Corporate
 Adam Bergstrom Des Moines
 Michael Davis Des Moines
 Jonathon VanderEcken Des Moines
 Eric Beaumia Green Bay
 Matthew Marcks Green Bay
 Michael Socha Green Bay
 John Yuhas Kalamazoo
 Joseph Higgins Leidos
 Joseph Johnson Lynchburg
 Demitri Venetos Manchester
 Anthony Incerty Medford
 Brian Morris Medford
 Thomas Beaston MidAmerica
 Michael Schmitt MidAmerica
 Julio Vazquez Mojave
 David Eaker Moss Point
 Damian Farrar Mojave
 Austin Gorbet OKC
 Timothy Mullennax OKC
 James Rennie OKC
 Leslie Woosley OKC
 Ray Rodriguez San Antonio
 Jody Ruest Saskatoon
 Michael Grozio Trenton
 Gregory Hill Trenton

ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY

Landon Gammons Appleton
 John Yuhas Kalamazoo
 Riley Weaver MidAmerica
 Justin McMilliam Moss Point
 Michael Stone Moss Point
 Garrett Gregoire Saskatoon
 David Atkins Tulsa
 Kejuan Collins Tulsa
 Sean Douglas Tulsa
 Richard Edwards Tulsa
 Adam Lead Tulsa

MARCH

Brandon Allcox Appleton
 Clayton Wilkerson Ardmore

Jesse De Decosta Calgary
 Colin Dyck Calgary
 Brent Hall Calgary
 Harold Jones Calgary
 Greg Macht Calgary
 Kevin Murray Calgary
 Jim Paul Calgary
 Darrell Robinson Calgary
 Jamie Southwell Calgary
 Chad Thon-Wierenga Calgary
 Shaun Waidson Calgary
 William Werny Calgary
 Jordan Hamm Calgary
 William Harper Calgary
 Jordan McPherson Calgary
 Mark Romaniuk Calgary
 Brett Gerein Calgary
 David Mitchell Calgary
 Douglas Neufeld Calgary
 Craig Passmore Calgary
 Sylvain Theriault Calgary
 Eric Marcinkowski Carlsbad
 Eric Beaumia Green Bay
 Chest Bruette Green Bay
 David Walters Green Bay
 Amber Rhoten King
 Tobias Midkiff MidAmerica
 Varian Doolittle Mobile
 Brett Long Mobile
 Robert Stewart Mobile
 Amanda Coyle Moss Point
 Joseph Bennett OKC
 Ryan Holtz OKC
 Joshua Bell Stennis
 Brian Sellier Stennis
 Michael Grozio Trenton

APRIL

Terry Gerner Appleton
 Zachary Gerner Appleton
 Nathan Helbing Appleton
 Adam Mohr Appleton
 Alex Rickert Appleton
 James Brooks Des Moines
 Evan Hecht Des Moines
 Phillip McKinley Des Moines
 Matthew Bunker Green Bay
 David Rienow Green Bay
 Paul Vosburg Kalamazoo
 John Boling MidAmerica
 Quin Cayson MidAmerica
 Brain O'Hear Mobile
 Robert Taylor Mobile



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- Melanie Colvin OKC
- John Davis OKC
- Jacob Kunce Rockford
- Ricky Plantz Rockford
- William DiVirgilio Summit
- Brian Dwyre San Antonio

5 year Anniversary

Submitted By Chief John Karns

Engineer Justin Zigenis at Rogue Valley International Airport Fire Department celebrates 5 years with Pro-Tec.



Pictured: Justin and Chief Karns



"I wanted to reach out to you and let you know I recently received a report from Alex on some fence damage that happened on Saturday night and I have to say it may be one of the best reports I have seen from APS in my time here. Very detailed, unbiased and factual; even included it with all of the insurance claim paperwork!

Alex saved me a bunch of time on writing a narrative as it was all in the report and I appreciate that.

If you have time please recognize his efforts; I will do the same. He's doing a great job for us at ATW!!"

-Operations & Maintenance Manager, ATW

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