

**Second Quarter 2022** 

#### **Slow Flight Days**

Submitted by Capt. Ray Flaiz at MidAmerica Airport

"A" Shift took advantage of a slow flight day to get in some tenant aircraft walk-around training. Illinois State Police Pilot Bill provided a safety tour of their Cessna. Training focused on



shutdown, extrication, and electrical safety. Pictured are Pilot Trooper Bill and Firefighters Graboski and Boling.





### ARFF Training at MidAmerica

Submitted by Capt. Ray Flaiz at MidAmerica Airport



A cool visitor to MidAmerica Airport an F-18 with VFA-105 The Gunslingers. The pilot, despite a short turnaround gave airport firefighters a quick ARFF safety walk around. Focus was on extrication,

MidAmetro Airport

ejection safety and engine shutdown and deploying the built in ladder. Pictured are firefighters Graboski and Boling.

#### 5k at LYH

Submitted by Manassas Regional Airport Facebook Page

On April 10th, the Lynchburg Regional Airport held their 2nd annual 5k on the runway. This race is a fund-raising event held for the United Way of Central Virginia.



Over 200 participants lined up to run the course

which took participants up and down taxiways and a runway. Among those participants were ARFF Chief Heather Palm's family, her husband Dan, daughter Danica, and son Hudson.



Danica came in 2nd place for her age group 12 and under. ARFF crews stood by and assisted airport personnel with the event.

This race would have been the 3rd race but due to Covid, the first race was cancelled in 2020.







## **Training at GRB**

Submitted by Ashely Hull

C-Shift at Austin Straubel Airport in Green Bay, WI conducting hand-line training with our new recruit Carl Giese. The rain didn't stop them from training on advancement of hose line.



## **Congrats at Trenton-Mercer**

Submitted by Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire Dept. Facebook Page



Congratulations to Captain Christopher Johansson and Firefighter Jeffery Ritter for completing the Airport Master Firefighter (AMF) Certification. Great job guys!!!



## Taking care of our own

Submitted by Capt. Raymond Flaiz

April 21st, 2022—MidAmerica St. Louis Airport (BLV) Public Safety & Crash Rescue "A" Shift FF Bill Graboske was recognized by Pro-Tec for outstanding achievement. In early March, FF Graboske provided emergency medical care to another FF experiencing a medical emergency in the fire station. Despite being the only rescuer with his crew member in the station, Bill rapidly assessed the situation, contacted EMS, and provided airway management

and supportive care until other staff arrived. Great job Bill!

Pictured L to R: FF Boling, Cpt. Flaiz, FF Graboske, & Chief Cayson



#### **Assistance Requested**

Submitted by Capt. Jason Servatius

Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport
Fire Department in
Medford, OR assisted
Medford Fire on a 3rd
alarm Structure fire at
Pacific Pride Fuel center. The fire was reported as an illegal burn
behind the location. On
arrival crews found a
rapid developing fire



spreading to the building and three large diesel storage tanks. The tanks started to fail and run down the street.



Crews were faced with a running fuel fire that started spreading to nearby businesses. In all, 6 businesses were destroyed. Captain Servatius responded in

Truck 7981 to assist with laying a foam blanket over the pooling fuel. PKP was also deployed to help with the 3D fire we had coming out of the storage tanks.





## **Thank you Chief Theriault!**

Submitted by Chief David Mitchell

Both Regional Chief of Canadian Operations Theriault, and Fire Chief Mitchell have been extremely busy throughout the last few months. The members at Station-1 chipped in to get Chief Theriault a small gift to celebrate his promotion, and was finally able to be presented in Saskatoon by Chief Mitchell.

Thank you Chief Theriault for everything from your knowledge and mentorship, to your ARFF expertise and love for funny cat videos.



L to R: YYC Chief Mitchell, Regional Chief Theriault

### **Live Fire Training for TMAFD**

Submitted by Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire Dept. Facebook Page





May 3rd and 4th, Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire Department personnel traveled to Lehigh Valley International Airport for their annual Live Fire Training. LVIA contracted with Fire Force Inc. to provide training with their Live Burn Mobile Simulator. The training consisted of aircraft interior fires, engine/wheel fires, and spill fires utilizing a hand line and ARFF truck to extinguish. Thank you to LVIA and Fire Force Inc. for two great days of training.



#### Awards at TMAFD

Submitted by Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire Dept. Facebook Page

May 13, 2022 - Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire Department and Pro-Tec Fire Services held a small awards ceremony for two of our firefighters. FF Ritter and FF Chavous received Pro-Tec Fire Services Awards of Excellence for outstanding service, both on & off the airfield. FF Ritter was instrumental in making a quick stop on a fire at the Mercer County DOT facility this past winter. Earlier this year, FF Chavous was the Incident Commander at a small place crash in Bucks County. Ritter also received a certificate and a challenge coin celebrating his 15 years of service to TMAFD and Pro-Tec Fire Services. Congratulations FF Ritter and FF Chavous, well deserved and keep up the great work, both on and off duty!



L to R: Regional Chief Holmes, Chief Berger, FF Ritter, Airport Manager Melinda Montgomery



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#### **Back to Basic Drills**

Submitted by Capt. Raymond Flaiz



"A" shift at MidAmerica ARFF closed out April with some back to basics drills that included bunker and SCBA donning and a moderate workload eight station physical agility course. Pictured are Capt Flaiz, and FF's Boling and Graboski.







#### **Aircraft Familiarization at TTN**

Submitted by Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire Dept. Facebook Page

May 20th, 2022—This morning, C Platoon was able tog et some Aircraft Familiarization in on this A320neo while it was down for a maintenance issue. Thanks to the mechanic for your assistance with the aircraft.





#### Smoke in Terminal at LYH

Submitted by Captain Edwin Hall

April 15, 2022— At approximately 22:00 airline employees notified the ARFF Station of a smell of smoke near gate 2 in the terminal. On duty firefighter Joe Johnson went next door to the terminal and detected a strong smell of hydraulic fluid. He immediately notified Campbell County

Dispatch for a full assignment. Lyn-Dan Heights Volunteer Fire Department (co. 15), Brookville Timberlake Fire Department (Co. 12) and County Truck 15 responded. Firefighter Johnson established command and directed Truck 15 and Engine 15-1 to take the address. All other



unites were directed to gate 13. Captain Edwin Hall responded and escorted Engine 12-1 across movement area to terminal ramp. Firefighters entered the elevator room and cut power to the elevator. A thermal imaging camera was used to check for any fire. Positive pressure ventilation was set up to clear the boarding area. No fire was found and under further investigation it was determined a relay had stuck causing a tank of hydraulic fluid to overheat. Thermal camera readings on the tank were 600F. The tank holds around 200 gallons of fluid so there was a very high potential of a devastating fire.

Lynchburg Regional Airport is an index A airport which means there is only person on duty to handle emergencies until help arrives.

Maintenance was called and responded locking and tagging out the elevator. All responders were then cleared.

# Hot Gas on USCG H-65 Dolphin

Submitted by Steven Conner

Mobile Regional Airport









# Plane Crash at HEF

Submitted by Lieutenant Joe Higgins

On Wednesday, June 22, 2022, Foam 581-B stationed at Manassas Regional Airport was alerted to respond for the plane crash on runway 1-6L. Foam 581-B responded and found a Piper Cherokee 140 that had its nose gear



collapse after a rough landing. No injuries were reported and all hazards were mitigated.







#### Annual Live Fire at LYH

Submitted by Capt. Edwin Hall



The week of April 23-29 was a busy time for the members of the Lynchburg Regional Airport ARFF station. The Virginia Department of Fire Programs brought the mobile ARFF simulator for annual

live fire training.

Throughout the week, 56 members of mutual aid companies trained with ARFF personnel, covering ARFF truck operations, airport and aircraft familiarization, live fires including pit fires and aircraft interior fires. Several ARFF

firefighters from **Summit Aviation** located in Middletown, Delaware & Salisbury, Maryland did their 139 truck burns.

On Friday morning while crews from Lynchburg

Fire Department were training with Airport personnel, a video was being filmed to be used on Lynchburg City's website.

#### **Employee Spotlight**

Submitted by Melinda Montgomery, Trenton-Mercer Airport Director

Melinda writes. "I need to mention what a phenomenal job Chief Berger did at the AEP Review and Tabletop May 25th. He handled himself with the utmost of knowledge and confidence and I am so proud that he represents the Airport, and will take competent command in the event of a catastrophe. Would you



Pictured L to R: Airport Director Melinda Montgomery, Fire Chief Randy Berger, Regional Fire **Chief Dave Holmes** 

please pass along my appreciation to the Pro-Tec family and know that you have a leader reflecting the best of Pro-Tec here at the Trenton-Mercer Airport."

Randy started with Pro-Tec June 1st, 2018 and promoted to Fire Chief March 6, 2021. Randy has been a true asset to the Pro-Tec team at Trenton-Mercer Airport and we can't thank him enough for his continued professionalism and character in how he represents Pro-Tec. We are very fortunate to have him as our Chief at TTN.

## 94th Annual AAAE Conference

Submitted by Beth Chandonais

Pro-Tec Fire Services was in attendance at the 94th Annual AAAE (American Association of Airport Executives) in Seattle, WA June 5-8th.



94TH ANNUAL AAAE **CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION** JUNE 5-8, 2022 | SEATTLE, WA



Representing Pro-Tec at the Conference were Chief Aaron Culwell from Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City, OK and Chief John Karns from Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport in Medford, OR.

The show was a success and we gained some positive feedback on the ARFF services we provide, as well as being able to introduce who we are and what we do to potential customers.

Organizing conferences such as this takes a lot of manpower. I would like to thank everyone that helped make this possible—you all rock!



#### **Anniversaries** Cont.

**OCTOBER** 

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John Williams Summit

## A Special Send Off

Submitted by Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire Dept.

On Saturday, June 4, 2022, TMAFD provided a ceremonial water arch for the departing New Jersey Special Olympics flight to Orlando



## Chief at Trenton-**Mercer celebrates** 15 years Submitted by Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire

Dept. Facebook Page

Congratulations to Chief Berger on 15 years here at Station 34! He hasn't aged one bit!



#### 5 Years at BLV

Submitted by Capt. Raymond Flaiz

Chief Cayson presents Capt. Ray Flaiz a five year appreciation certificate and coin.

Thank you for all that you've done. We'll miss your BLV updates Capt. Flaiz.



#### Welcome!

**Submitted by Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire** Dept. Facebook Page



Please help us welcome our newest FF/EMT Justin Brewer. Justin recently completed his Initial **ARFF Training** and Live Burn. Justin is assigned to C

Platoon and is pictured with Capt. Bryan Eveland. Congratulations and welcome aboard Justin!

#### **Celebrating 25** Years!

Captain Ben Tess at Green Bay Austin Straubel Airport celebrates 25 years with Pro-Tec!



### **GRB Live Fire at ATW**









#### **BIRTHDAYS**

#### **AUGUST**

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#### **SEPTEMBER**

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Beth Chandonais Corporate Denny Clark OKC Melanie Colvin OKC Jennifer Cowles Saskatoon Matthew Cox Manchester Logan Crytzer San Antonio Truston Davis Summit Zachary Gerner Appleton Christopher Johansson Trenton Jaird Johnson Calgary Harold Jones Calgary Keith Kokoszka Carlsbad Darin LaRiviere Saskatoon John Lovelace Summit Eric Marcinkowski Carlsbad Robert Taylor Mobile Benjamin Tess Green Bay James VanZant King John Williams Summit

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