



ARFF FLASH

Third Quarter 2022

Trenton-Mercer 100% FAA Inspection

Submitted by Regional Fire Chief Dave Holmes

Great job and congratulations to all involved in the perfect FAA Inspection at Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire Department.

On July 12-13, the FAA Inspection was conducted at the Trenton-Mercer Airport. There were no discrepancies found by the inspector for all the areas Pro-Tec is responsible for.

In addition to ARFF and EMS, TTN is very involved with the operations department doing all field inspections and managing airfield work orders and NOTAMS.



aircraft flying and in the air. It made for a busy day on B crew, and the guys kept good spirits, and handled all the challenges above and beyond.

We have a primary ARFF mission here, but we are a necessary piece to the puzzle of Emergency Management and Incident Mitigation here at Will Rogers World Airport. The team was bottom line exceptional yesterday ensuring no stoppage of air carrier operations, protected several structures, and ensured that there was no detriment to the high-tempo traffic corridors that are surrounding their airport.



Wild Fires in OKC

Submitted by Fire Chief Aaron Culwell

July 14—Firefighters at Will Rogers World Airport Fire Department in Oklahoma City, OK were busy all day fighting grass fires on the airport and adjacent properties in 100+ degree weather. The state of Oklahoma is currently experiencing the longest, driest drought since the Dust bowl in the 1930's.



While conducting these operations, the team also ran several medical calls within the terminal, while ensuring that we are meeting our Index C requirements by keeping the

Antonov Lands at Tulsa

Submitted by TUL Facebook Page

August 17—The cargo beast is back! It's always fun having this impressive Antonov An-124 here at Tulsa International Airport.



Yes, that's a tour bus being loaded in.





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IFSTA and Tulsa Airport

Submitted by Fire Chief Aaron Culwell

July 14—OKC Fire Chief Aaron Culwell had the pleasure of attending the IFSTA Validation Conference and International Fire Service Journal of Leadership and Management Research Symposium in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

This conference is used to write, amend, validate, and create the curriculum to be used throughout the fire service internationally. All the “Red” fire books go through this process and each book takes over four years to be written and validated prior to them getting to the fire station training rooms.

This year several ARFF professionals were in attendance at the conference from all over the world. Fire Chief Mark Stuckey and the Tulsa International Airport Fire Department Team were kind enough to host a fire station tour for some of these international firefighters.



FF Brenden Blunt and other members tour Tulsa International Airport Fire Station



FF Steven Edwards with Capt. Leah from Winnipeg



Pictured L to R: Alejandro Montegrando, Station Captain at Buenos Aires Ministro Pistarini ARFF Department, Argentina; Brad Hollenback, TUL; Steven Edwards, TUL; Brenden Blunt, TUL; Ronald Tucci, Station Captain at Dallas Love Field Airport ARFF Department, Dallas Texas; Greg Palmer, Fire Marshal at the North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshal, North Carolina; and Leah, Station Captain at Winnipeg James Armstrong International Airport, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Aircraft Familiarization of Virgin Orbit B747-400

Submitted by Fire Chief Damian Farrar

Virgin Orbit’s Director of Flight & Technical Operations, Billy Rumzi, gave



MASP personnel an informative aircraft checkout of “Cosmic Girl” B747-400 prior to their scheduled flight. The flight would be the first night mission from Mojave Air and Space Port. MASP FD was happy to receive familiarization of this unique aircraft. The LauncherOne rocket would be successfully launched on 24 June 2022. This mission launched seven satellites to a low earth orbit and a total to date of thirty-three satellites Virgin Orbit has delivered into orbit. Great job!

Virgin Orbit successfully launched the “Straight Up” Mission. The name of the emission was inspired by pop singer Paula Abdul’s Straight Up song from June 1988’s hit album, Forever Your Girl.

Mojave Air and Space Port Fire Department was happy to take part in another successful launch.



L to R: Mojave Air and Space Port Fire Department; Todd Lindner, MASP General Manager; Tim Reid, Operations Director; Ashlee Diaz, Security; Chris Spandorf, Security Manager

AZO Non-Stop Flight

Submitted by Fire Chief Paul Vosburg

Avelo Air will offer new non-stop service from Kalamazoo/ Battle Creek International Airport to Orlando, starting October 26th.





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Public Education at MASP

Submitted by Chief Damian Farrar

July—Fire Safety and Awareness training took place at Mojave Air and Space Port (MASP).



Mojave Air and Space Port FD conducting fire safety and awareness training for ABL Space Sys-

tems personnel at Test Site #17. Chief Farrar teaching fire extinguisher class covering the classes of fires, identifying types of portable fire extinguishers, and how to perform monthly checks of fire extinguishers. Training was observed by MASP Director of Operations Tim Reid. Firefighter Daniel Cueto (not pictured) ran the “Class A fire simulator”. The purpose of the class is to instill confidence in a person to use a portable fire extinguisher.

Personnel were instructed on how to combat small fires in their incipient stage with portable fire extinguishers. Each student took a turn at practical application of extinguishing a fire using the “Class A fire simulator” under the guidance of MASP fire personnel.



Fire safety awareness is everyone’s responsibility.

News from AZO

Submitted by Chief Paul Vosburg



Remodel is going on at Kalamazoo-Battle Creek International Airport ARFF station. When they put the

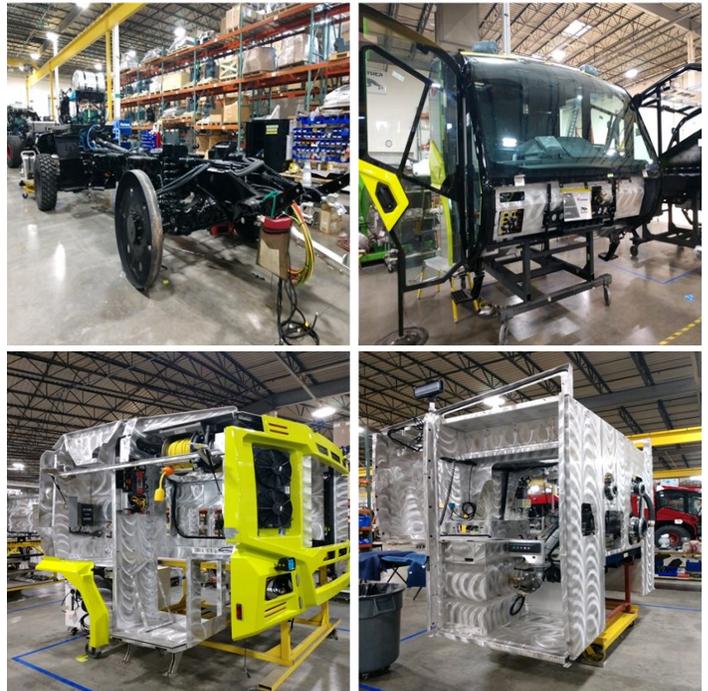
fence up at the ARFF station, we thought it was for the public not to see the firefighters :) - but in fact it is for the station remodel project.

Two bay doors instead of three to help accommodate the new ARFF truck that is currently being built along with

lighting, heating, and floor. The interior work is expected to start in August 2022.



The new ARFF truck that is currently being built, Rosenbauer Panther. Expected delivery at this time is November 2022.



AZO had an unexpected visitor from the United States marine Corp. on July 15th. AZO had an ALERT I for a gear box failure and oil pressure failure on an OSPREY V-22.



The aircraft landed safely without incident. The aircraft was at AZO for several days being worked on until repairs were completed. The crew was amazing from the time they landed until their repairs were complete. Everyone at AZO got some aircraft

familiarization from the crew. This was a great opportunity that we do not see very often here at AZO.



Rogue Valley Int'l Medford



MFR Airport Director, Jerry Brienza

The Rogue Valley International Medford Airport (MFR) was recently showcased in Business Focus magazine. Airport Director Jerry Brienza was interviewed in September, 2022. The article covered topics such as pre and post COVID passenger numbers, economic recover, recent projects and future plans for the Airport.

MFR serves the Southern Oregon and Northern California regions, and the residents of Jackson County, MFR carried out over 43,000 aircraft operations in 2018, serving over a million passengers. Currently, those numbers are growing and MFR is experiencing tremendous growth in Southern Oregon.

MFR is not only about serving passengers, Oregon, Washington and California experience a tremendous number of forest fires, meaning the airport play a vital role in the support of firefighting efforts. The airport provides as a staging post for the forestry service and firefighters. They are expanding the operating ramp by 300% to support those firefighting activities. "We can only park one VLAT (Very Large Air Tanker) at a time to fill up with fire retardant, and we are going to accommodate four firefighting apparatus at any one time. Our objective is to get them in, fill them up and get them out as fast as possible to fight and suppress those fires" says Brienza.

MRF has also had a 50% drop in passenger count after COVID after seeing a 8-12% increase in years prior. Brienza said one of their major tasks is to bring those numbers back up to speed. He mentions airline staff, including pilots and airline representatives play a vital role in the numbers.

MFR is evaluating the opportunity to build an aviation center (aviation school of excellence) that will bring people back into the workforce as pilots, aircraft mechanics, aviation engineers and airport management. MFR is partnering with a charter school to offer pilot programs for people as young as 16.

Read the full article from Business Focus Magazine online [here](#).

Lynchburg Truck Display

Submitted by Fire Chief Heather Palm

Lynchburg ARFF had an opportunity to go downtown to be a part of a children's museum (Amazement Square) truck display for a day. It was scheduled to be in June, but they were calling for rain that day, so it was rescheduled to July 23rd, 2022. We all know how hot it can be in July in Virginia (95 degrees that day), but Firefighter Stiff was up for the assignment and came back in that day to sit and showcase



our oldest ARFF truck. They had a pretty good turnout despite the heat and rescheduling. He used the fan that was on the truck to stay cool.

Life Saving Efforts Awards at Des Moines

Submitted by Regional Fire Chief Dave Holmes

On August 5, 2022 at 0330, Des Moines Airport Fire Department was dispatched to Delta Airlines baggage office for a 51 year old male who was having chest pains. After rapidly assessing the patient, it was determined he was having an acute myocardial infarction (heart attack). Des Moines Fire Department (DMFD) was immediately dispatched. Airport fire units provided advanced level care and stabilized the patient and prepped for transport. DMFD promptly arrived and transported the patient to a local hospital. We received a follow-up a couple days later from DMFD, the patient was found to have 100% coronary artery blockage. Patient received a stent and is expected to make a full recovery, all in part to the quick response of three men at the Des Moines Airport Fire Department.



Firefighter Caleb Davis, Firefighter Max Miller and Deputy Chief Shane Ruppert were all honored with letter of appreciation for their life saving efforts during the medical emergency.

Diverts from DFW to OKC

Submitted by Fire Chief Aaron Culwell

August 10—Due to inclement weather at DFW, 20 inbound aircraft were diverted to Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City, OK. DFW is setup to accommodate that heavy of air traffic where WRWA is not, so it was all hands on deck. There were people taxing aircraft around and working with Air Traffic Control tower since they were so busy. It was about an hour and a half of non-stop aircrafts coming, going, and moving around. Not to mention, they had some medical calls and a person needing to be transported to the hospital. Firefighters also had to work with Customs because some of the incoming flights were international flights.

Blue arrows indicate aircraft that weren't DFW divert-related. Red arrow is the international divert with an injured FA on board.

OKC							
0 enroute							
20 on ground							
Flight ID	Tail	Origin	SKD	Type	Seats	On Time	Ground Time
OUA3	N3990U	KOUN	KFYV	P28A		15:02	279
FFT504	N307FR	KDEN	KDFW	A20N	186	16:49	172
SWA2720	N961WN	KCMH	KDAL	B737	143	16:51	170
UAL337	N410UA	KDEN	KDFW	A320	150	16:52	169
AAL1206	N945NN	KBZN	KDFW	B738	172	16:54	167
AAL390	N863NN	MMMX	KDFW	B738	172	16:56	165
AAL1770	N958NN	KFAT	KDFW	B738	172	17:01	160
SKW3008	N778SK	KSGU	KDFW	CRJ7	69	17:04	157
SWA1478	N239WN	KLGB	KDAL	B737	143	17:05	156
SWA989	N419WN	KMCO	KDAL	B737	143	17:06	155
AAL1810	N306NY	KSNA	KDFW	B738	172	17:17	145
AAL2927	N192UW	KTUS	KDFW	A321	190	17:25	136
AAL417	N306SW	KPHX	KDFW	B38M	172	17:26	135
AAL2976	N139AN	KLAX	KDFW	A321	181	17:28	133
DAL1666	N307DU	KSLC	BCS3	130	17:57	104	
DAL432	N105DU	KLGA	KDFW	BCS1	109	18:10	91
AAL2201	N977JY	KDEN	KDFW	A321	190	18:26	76
ASA9462	N317AS	KOKC	KSEA	B739	178	18:43	58
ASA158	N434AS	KSEA	KDAL	B739	178	18:57	44
FFT1371	N313FR	KMDW	KDFW	A20N	186	19:37	4
2 recovering							
Flight ID	Tail	Origin	SKD	Type	Seats	Off Time	EON
JZA979	N846UA	CYYZ	KDFW	E75S		19:15	
AAL1193	N846UA	KIAD	KIAH	A319	126	17:38	

After all the dust had settled from the massive influx of divers, WRWAFD received a big kudos from the airport for stepping up and doing a great job. Great example of "Oklahoma Standard" of pulling together and getting the job done.

AZO Adds Another Non-Stop Flight

Submitted by Fire Chief Paul Vosburg

Already set to become Kalamazoo's newest air carrier, Avelo Airlines announced shortly after it begins flying to Orlando, it will also start offering flights to Fort Myers, Florida.



Welcome Chief Clark

Submitted by Beth Chandonais

Pro-Tec Fire Services would like to welcome Dan Clark to the team!

Dan joined us August 31st as Fire Chief at Boeing in San Antonio, TX. He will report directly to Regional Fire Chief Dan Diehl.

Dan has taken over for Eric Janssen who has accepted a new position outside of the company. He will be responsible for the overall management of emergency response activities, training, and day-to-day operations.

Dan has over 25 years of demonstrated leadership and knowledge in spearheading organizations while promoting accountability and delivering results in fire departments and organization, both executive and operational.

Welcome to Pro-Tec Chief Clark!



OKC-Public Education

Submitted by Fire Chief Aaron Culwell



September—A-shift was able to get out with some of the tenants at Will Rogers World Airport.



They spent the day working with the staff at Field Aerospace teaching life-saving CPR classes and proper use of fire extinguishers. These workplace skills save millions of dollars of infrastructure and thousands of lives every year. Our



team at the OKC Airport strive to work with all members of our community to ensure a safe airport and a safe environment for all who work or travel through Oklahoma City.



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OKC-AH-64 Apache

Submitted by Fire Chief Aaron Culwell

September—A-shift at Will Rogers World Airport had a squadron of brand new AH-64 Apache Helicopters come through as our team got to meet the crew and learn about emergency procedures of Attack Helicopters.



The crew got to work with the pilots on proper approach procedures, emergency access compartments, canopy operations, and specific hazards associated with this rotary-winged air-frame.



It was excellent training, in excellent weather, with extremely professional Air Cavalry Pilots who fly for the worlds greatest Armed Forces.

Contract Ended at Leidos

Submitted by Fire Chief Chris Larson



September 30th was the end of our contracted ARFF services with Leidos at Manassas Regional Airport, but it was an eventful last week. F581B Assisted an airport tenant after a new chef opened the ovens to check on his meal and the sprinkler overhead activated. Manassas City fire crew got the sprinkler system

shut down and F581B crew assisted with salvage and water removal.

They also had a few special visitors their last week. A B-25, P-51, and B-17 were all in town for a fly-over at Andrews

Air Force Base for the birthday celebration of the United States Air Force.



Pro-Tec Starts at Idaho Falls

Submitted by Beth Chandonais



On October 1st, 2022, Pro-Tec began offering fire-fighting services at the Idaho Falls Regional Airport in Idaho Falls, ID. The new team comprised mainly of local fire-fighters will hold drills, man-

age emergency response and meet airport industry standards. We're thrilled to be at IDA!

VPOTUS at TTN

Submitted by Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire Department Facebook Page



Today we supported the Vice President of the United States detail here at Trenton Mercer Airport. Thank you to all the TMAFD personnel for your assistance and professionalism.





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Congratulations to Green Bay Austin Straubel Captain Ben Holle and wife on the birth of their son.

LYH Service Award

Submitted by Capt. Edwin Hall

Chief Heather Palm celebrated her 15 year service award with members of airport management, ARFF crew and employees. She was presented her certificate and coin by Airport Director, Andrew LaGala and Regional Fire Chief, Dave Holmes.



AZO Welcomes Bob

Submitted by Fire Chief Paul Vosburg

Welcome to the crew, Bob Scott. Bob has completed his initial training and is now on shift doing a fine job. Bob has been on call in the past with Portage Fire Department and is also currently on Pavilion Twp Fire and Rescue. Bob is very excited to be part of our Pro-Tec team here at AZO.



5 Years at Summit

Submitted by Fire Chief Pete DiVirgilio

Congratulations to Jovon Farrell-Newman for 5 years of dedicated service with Pro-Tec Fire Services at Summit Aviation.



Welcome Stephanie

Submitted by Heidi McGill-Cahak

I am pleased to announce that Stephanie Koga has accepted the position of Payroll Specialist in our corporate office effective September 19, 2022.

Stephanie will be responsible for assistance with ADP, processing bi-weekly payroll, limited accounts receivable and limited accounts payable. As Stephanie goes through her training, I will keep you up to date on the job responsibilities and tasks that Stephanie will be taking over.



Prior to starting with Pro-Tec, she worked as both a billing specialist and payroll Specialist. Stephanie brings experience and a proven track record of success in the payroll area, which will be invaluable in meeting the departmental goals and objectives.

Stephanie will be an excellent match for this position and a strong asset to the accounting and payroll department. She will be located at our corporate office

Welcome Chief Edwards

Submitted by Beth Chandonais

Pro-Tec Fire Services would like to welcome Mr. Sean Edwards to the team!

Sean joined Pro-Tec on September 17th as Fire Chief at Idaho Falls Regional Airport in Idaho Falls, ID. Sean will report directly to Regional Fire Chief, Dan Diehl.



Idaho Falls is a new ARFF contract for Pro-Tec that will began October 1st. Sean will be responsible for the overall management of emergency response activities, training, and day-to-day operations.

Sean has spent his entire professional career working for the government, most recently he was the Fire Chief at the Department of Army at Fort Detrick/Forest Glen Fire and Emergency Services Division. He has also spent some time with the Department of the Navy in Corpus Christi, Naples, and Sigonella.

We're excited to have Sean on board.

5 Years at TTN

Submitted by Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire Department Facebook Page

We would like to congratulate FF/EMT Dan Burk on his 5 years of dedicated service to the Trenton Mercer Airport Fire Department and Pro-Tec Fire Services!!! Thank you for your service!





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Certification at TTN

Submitted by Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire Department Facebook Page

Congratulations FF/EMT Zachary Litwin on recently completing your ARFF Certification and Live Burn.



Zach, pictured with Captain Chris Johansson, joined B Platoon a couple of weeks ago. Welcome Zach!

RFD Live Fire Training at O'Hare

Submitted by Fire Chief Michael Riley

Crews from Chicago-Rockford International Airport went to O'Hare to do their annual live fire training.



Apache Helicopters at TTN

Submitted by Trenton-Mercer Airport Fire Department Facebook Page

A Platoon was lucky enough to catch this U.S. Army Apache Helicopter while they stopped for a fill up at Signature Aviation. Thanks to the crew for some great information and aircraft familiarization!



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The Assistant Fire Chief is responsible for the overall planning, organizing, and directing of day-to-day operations; the evaluation of all emergency operations including fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical services, and hazardous materials mitigation. See job description for full list of duties & responsibilities.



Benefits

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Minimum Qualifications

- 18 Years or Older
- High School Diploma/GED
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- Firefighter I & II
- HazMat Awareness and Operations
- Airport Firefighter (within 1 yr of hire)
- ARFF Driver/Operator (within 1 yr of hire)
- Fire Officer 2 (within 1 yr of hire)
- Fire Instructor 2 (within 1 yr of hire)
- Fire Inspector 1



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E-mail completed application and resume to WRFD@protecfire.com



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

Cory Brooks Des Moines
 Daniel Burk Trenton-Mercer
 Daniel Clark San Antonio
 Daniel Cueto Mojave
 Sean Douglas Tulsa
 Brett Gerein Calgary
 Carl Giese Green Bay
 Robert Gilliland Mobile
 Ryan Grothe Carlsbad
 Jeffrey Harris San Antonio
 Mathew Hehn Rockford
 David Holmes Corporate
 Dallas Jackson OKC
 Paul Martell Mobile
 David Miranda San Antonio
 Ivan Montes Mojave
 Gabrielyn Ott Appleton
 Michael Riley Rockford
 David Robidoux Manchester
 Shane Ruppert Des Moines
 Timothy Savage Moss Point
 Gregory Smith OKC
 Paul Stevens Manchester
 Robert Steward Mobile
 Patricia Thompson OKC

DECEMBER

Christopher Abrams Summit
 Brett Adams Calgary
 Wade Beesely Stennis
 Terence Bridges Mobile
 Chase Edwards Stennis
 Steven Edwards Tulsa
 Andrew Engwer Manchester
 Jason Fritz Manchester
 Henry Goff Moss Point
 George Hollenbaugh Summit
 Kevin Holmes OKC
 Jerry Knopf San Antonio
 Jeremy Koenig Idaho Falls
 Andrew Lee San Antonio



Terry Merrell Mobile
 Brian O'Hear Mobile
 Jim Paul Calgary
 Michael Prather Mojave
 Jeffery Ritter Trenton-Mercer
 Jana Robinette OKC
 Charles Skidmore Manchester
 Todd Vicsek OKC
 Felix Villarreal San Antonio
 Carter Weiske Carlsbad
 Justin Zigenis Medford

JANUARY

Justin Brewer Trenton-Mercer
 Eric Carranza Ardmore
 Marc Chappell Manchester
 James Chavous Trenton-Mercer
 Richard Daughen Manchester
 Caleb Davis Des Moines
 Cory Demyan Trenton-Mercer
 William DiVirgilio Summit
 Richard Edwards Tulsa
 Edwin Hall Lynchburg
 Evan Hecht Des Moines
 Keith Hooker Kalamazoo
 Nicholas Jones San Antonio
 Justin McMillian Moss Point
 Ryan Meyers Saskatoon
 Craig Muench Saskatoon
 Christopher Powell Summit
 Shawn Ralphs Idaho Falls
 Thomas Reynolds San Antonio
 Jesus Sanchez Appleton
 Alex Turpin OKC

ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

Donald Carlson Mobile
 James Chavous Trenton-Mercer
 Damian Farrar Mojave
 Theodore Foster Carlsbad
 Ronnie Hayes Ardmore
 David Holmes Corporate
 Nicholas Jones San Antonio
 John Karns Medford
 Ryan Laird OKC
 Gregory MacWilliams OKC
 Paul Martell Mobile
 Julio Vazquez Mojave

HAPPY WORK ANNIVERSARY



William White Ardmore
 Justin Zigenis Medford

DECEMBER

William Clark King
 Aaron Culwell OKC
 Ethan Fiss Calgary
 Kevin Graham Mojave
 David Grant OKC
 Scott Grimes Medford
 Shelly Hayes OKC
 Alex Hokit OKC
 Willie Jamerson San Antonio
 John Lovelace Summit
 Michael Prather Mojave
 Patti Priddy King
 Jane Robinette OKC
 Shane Ruppert Des Moines
 Michael Socha Green Bay
 Caleb Wiegert OKC

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 Justin Holmes Summit
 Eli Kimmons Mobile
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