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**DIAL "911" FOR THE  
AIRPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Our Airport Fire Department is now operational and available for immediate response to airport emergencies. Our fire department is equipped with an Oshkosh T-1500 truck specially designed for airport use and a command vehicle fully equipped to handle first-response duties for both fires and medical emergencies.

The command vehicle is equipped with triple-agent fire extinguishers and emergency medical technician equipment complete with an automatic external defibrillator. The fire truck has the ability to be dispensing foam, water, and dry-chemical agent from bumper and roof mounted turrets anywhere on the airport within three minutes of notification.

Our emergency staff includes Fire Chief Mike Mavrogeorge, Lieutenant Terry Bowman, and Fireman Jim Hinchey. All are highly skilled and certified aircraft rescue firefighters with years of airport rescue experience.

The airport fire department is currently staffed and ready to respond from 8 am to 9 pm on weekdays, and is available at other times and on weekends by advance coordination with airport management. Operating hours will expand as our staff grows and eventually will match the operating hours of our air traffic control tower.

So who do you call in an emergency? We've kept it simple—dial "911" anytime night or day. When our fire department is staffed, the 911 dispatcher will

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Aug. 5: EAA Mtg**, Hangar 2 rear, 6pm food & 7pm meeting

**Aug. 7: Gateway Area Ultralight Assoc. meeting** in EAA room, Hangar 2 rear at 7:30 pm

**Sept. 1: Labor Day—Office Closed**

**Sept. 2: EAA Mtg,**

immediately dispatch the airport fire department and send back-up units from the neighboring fire departments.

If our fire department is not operational, the call will be dispatched directly to the Cahokia and Sauget Fire Departments and they will respond as they have in the past.

Our fireman can communicate on our ground control frequency (121.8) using the call sign of "RESCUE ONE" for our fire truck or "AIRPORT FIRE CHIEF" for the command vehicle.

Next month, we'll publish the number of the cellphone that will be carried by the firefighter operating our rescue truck. (We're using a temporary phone now waiting for the permanent one to arrive.)

**NEW ATC FREQUENCIES**

(as of June 26, 2008)

**ATIS: 121.45** (replaced 127.85)

**CLNC DEL: 118.275** (new service)

**GROUND: 121.8** (no change)

**TOWER: 119.925** (replaced 120.9)

(Updated sectional charts will not be published until December 2008.)

**FOR SALE OR LEASE**

Insulated box hangar. 6 yrs. old. 48' wide x 35' deep x 16' high. 220V. No water or heat. \$47,500 or \$300/mo. Dan Yates, 314-638-8888



**MEET OUR FIREMEN**

Chief Mike Mavrogeorge (center) came to us from MidAmerica Airport where he was the Deputy Chief of Public Safety. The Chief comes to us with more than 15 years experience in fire service, corporate security, and law enforcement. He is an Illinois-accredited Professional Emergency Manager, an instructor for the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute, and he is qualified as an Emergency Medical Technician and a Basic Life Support Instructor. (Additional information on the Chief was included in our June 2008 newsletter.)

Lieutenant James Hinchey comes to the airport with 15 years of airport firefighting and EMS experience having previously served as a shift commander at MidAmerica Airport and as a firefighter in the United States Air Force. A resident of High Ridge, Missouri, James is married and has two children. In his spare time, James likes to play softball, spend time with his family, and is an avid Cardinals fan.

Firefighter Terry Bowman comes to the airport with 7 years of firefighting and EMS experience having previously served as a firefighter at MidAmerica Airport and the O'Fallon Fire Department, where he still volunteers. Terry and his wife, Shannon, are residents of O'Fallon, Illinois. In his spare time, Terry enjoys riding his motorcycle, working on his house, and spending time with his new wife.

Please welcome them to our family.