



**MEET CHIEF MAVROGEORGE**



Mike Mavrogeorge recently joined our airport staff as our acting fire chief and is busy establishing an Airport Fire Department.

Chief Mavrogeorge came to us from MidAmerica Airport where he was providing aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) and medical first responder services as Deputy Chief of Public Safety.

Mike holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration with specialization in Emergency Response Policy and Coordination and has more than 15 years experience in fire service, corporate security, and law enforcement. Additionally, he is an Illinois-accredited Professional Emergency Manager and an instructor for the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute. He is qualified as an Emergency Medical Technician and a Basic Life Support Instructor.

His incident command vehicle is equipped with three different fire extinguishers to attack various types of small fires, basic life support equipment, and an automatic external defibrillator as well as communications systems capable of coordinating with supporting fire departments and other emergency response forces.

Chief Mike's primary duties right now are obtaining the necessary equipment, hiring the right people, and coordinating support agreements and procedures necessary to establish an effective and capable airport fire department.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**June 3: EAA Mtg, Hangar 2 rear, 7pm**

**June 5: Gateway Area Ultralight Assoc. meeting** in EAA room, Hangar 2 rear at 7:30 pm

**June 7: Greater St. Louis Business Aviation Association Golf Tournament at Forest Park**

**July 1: EAA Mtg, Hangar 2 rear, 7pm**

Our primary crash response vehicle will initially be a 1,500-gallon Oshkosh truck specifically designed for airport use. This leased vehicle will arrive in late June and will provide temporary capability while our new 3,000-gallon, six-wheel drive, triple-agent truck is being constructed at the factory.

Thanks to a generous FAA safety grant, our new truck should arrive by spring 2009 at the latest (hopefully earlier).

Our airport firefighters will be on duty Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and will be capable of spraying foam anywhere on the airport in less than 3 minutes from notification. Cahokia and Sauget Fire Departments will continue to be our first responders at all other times and will fall in behind our firefighters in a support role when our firefighters are on duty. Our firefighters will also be available at other times with 24 hours' prior coordination for special events or large charter flights.

Over the next couple of years, we plan to hire additional firefighters and expand our fire departments' operating hours to match the ATC tower operating hours 7 days a week.

**NEW TOWER OPENS WITH NEW FREQUENCIES ON JUNE 26th**

Our new air traffic control tower will open Thursday morning, June 26<sup>th</sup>, and it will open with new ATC frequencies. The current ATIS frequency will continue to broadcast for several days advising pilots to tune to the new ATIS frequency to hear all the changes.

Here are the new frequencies:

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>NEW FREQ</u>	<u>Old Freq.</u>
<b>ATIS</b>	<b>121.450</b>	127.85
<b>CLNC DEL</b>	<b>118.275</b>	(new service)
<b>GROUND</b>	<b>121.8</b>	(unchanged)
<b>TOWER</b>	<b>119.925</b>	120.9

The new "Clearance Delivery" frequency will be used for requesting and receiving all IFR clearances thus reducing congestion on the "Ground Control" frequency.

The "Ground Control" frequency will continue to be the remote frequency used for contacting "St. Louis Approach" after-hours for IFR clearances at night when the tower is closed.

For your convenience, we have enclosed a new airport business card with an airport diagram and key frequencies and phone numbers on the backside.

Although the new tower will begin operations on June 26<sup>th</sup>, the formal tower dedication ceremony will not be held until Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

See next month's newsletter for information about the tower's ribbon-cutting event.

**GREATER ST. LOUIS BUSINESS AVIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Saturday, June 7, 2008 at Forest Park**

Registration at 6:30 a.m. • Breakfast at 6:45 a.m. • Tee-Off at 7:30 a.m.

This event attracts many local and national aviation professionals from all facets of the aviation industry and benefits the Wings of Hope and GSLBAA's own business aviation scholarship fund. Contact Jet Aviation's Dorothy White at 314-604-8247 or register on-line at [www.gslbaa.org/golf\\_registration.htm](http://www.gslbaa.org/golf_registration.htm).