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A CLOSER LOOK

Inside DPW Operations at the World's Busiest Airport

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Hello, Team DPW!

I can't believe Labor Day has come and gone. It seems as if only yesterday we had visions of Super Bowl 53 dancing in our heads! No matter the season, we are the team that never rests.

As you peruse the September edition of the DPW newsletter, you will find that we are spotlighting the accomplishments of several of our DPW Champions, including the unsung heroes of our Fleet Services team who provide specialized equipment support at the world's busiest airport, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International. We salute our off-road and fire maintenance crews, just a small part of the overall dynamic DPW Dream Team. Many of our crews provide 24/7 support and must endure the most brutal temperatures that Georgia offers. Please know that you are appreciated by the City of Atlanta. You matter. Your work matters. You make a difference.

DPW, keep up the great work and as always, I bid you a hearty "Happy Monday," regardless of the day you're reading this. Have a great week.

Did you Know?

DPW supports five fire stations and five medical units between the airport's domestic and international terminals.



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When it comes to working at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Reginald White realizes the important role the Department of Public Works plays in keeping the world's busiest airport operating 24-hours a day, seven days a week. As fleet manager for the Office of Fleet Services for more than 12 years, Reginald has witnessed first-hand the crucial role the department plays within the airport's daily operations. "We rarely have an average day at the airport. DPW employees are working behind the scenes to make sure our operations run smoothly. Between the department's off-road shop and the fire maintenance facility, we maintain approximately 2,000 pieces of equipment," Reginald said.

One of the more unique vehicles the department maintains is the Stripe Hog. This piece of equipment is used to clear debris from the airport's runways. Another piece of equipment maintained by DPW is the runway broom. Used primarily during the winter months, this vehicle removes snow and ice from the runway. Reginald emphasizes the importance of having the runways free of anything that could obstruct an aircraft's flight path.

During the 2014 Winter Storm, Reginald's management skills were put to the test as the city braced for an unprecedented winter event. "I remember working four consecutive days without going home. We all knew the important role the department played in keeping the airport opened and operational. From that experience, we learned to better prepare for similar situations," he explained.

Overall, both the domestic and international terminals rely on emergency response vehicles which are maintained by DPW. The department is also responsible for equipment used to upkeep the airport's green spaces and landscaped vegetation. Reginald describes the DPW airport facility and its 10 employees as a "small island," and he realizes the importance of having the department's presence at the facility for years to come.

CITY OF ATLANTA LIVE BURN DRILL & P.A.S.S. DEMONSTRATION

Employees with the Department of Public Works and Atlanta Fire Rescue Department conducted a live burn drill at DPW Fleet Services' Claire Drive facility on August 20. Participants learned how to properly extinguish a fire utilizing the P.A.S.S. method—Pull, Aim, Squeeze and Swipe. The drill also included an evacuation exercise.



(l) Valerie Rogers – Office Assistant, Office of Fleet Services



(l) Steven Doe – Vehicle Equipment Mechanic II, Office of Fleet Services



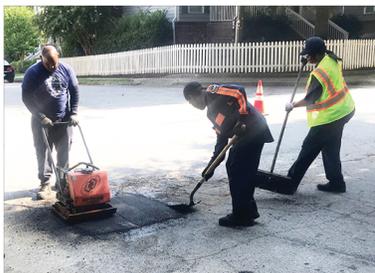
(r) Melanie McCain – Storekeeper, Sr., Office of Fleet Services

DPW Fire Evacuation Safety Tips

When the fire alarm sounds, act immediately to ensure your safety. The Fire Alarm System is designed to provide you with an early warning to allow you to safely exit the building during an emergency situation.

- Never ignore the alarm, assume the alarm is false, or assume it is only a fire alarm test.
- Everyone **MUST** evacuate the building by way of the safest and closest exit and/or stairway. **NEVER** use an elevator to exit during a fire alarm activation.
- The front of the building is where the fire fighters and fire trucks will be operating. Do not obstruct their access to the building.
- If there is an incident occurring on the upper floors and glass is being blown out of the windows, the area below is the hazard zone and very serious injuries can occur. **STAY AWAY FROM THE HAZARD ZONE.**
- Once outside the building, move away from the building and never re-enter the building until you are told to do so by the fire department.

DPW HIGHLIGHTS



OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION, POTHOLE CREW

Frank Martin, (l) Tajuan Parks, (c) and Sherry Hammond (r) complete pothole repairs in Northwest Atlanta

SNOW AND ICE DRY RUN

On August 24, DPW conducted the first of two winter weather dry runs at the North Avenue facility. We stay ready! #DPWREADY365

DPW HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED



Back to School Bash

Councilmembers Andrea Boone and Andre Dickens, in partnership with City of Atlanta Office of the Solicitor, presented the Back 2 School Bash on Saturday, August 10 at the C.T. Martin Natatorium and Recreation Center. There was an ample supply of free book bags, school supplies, giveaways and fun!



DPW Day in the Pittsburgh Community

DPW Community Affairs Coordinator Samantha Terry coordinated DPW Day for youth in the Pittsburgh community at the Pittman Park Recreation Center. Kids received an up-close look at the City of Atlanta vehicles DPW utilizes and services. Youth also learned about careers in the public works industry.

DPW SPOTLIGHT



Kimberly Mallard

DPW congratulates Kimberly Mallard as she takes on her new role as Emergency Preparedness Deputy Director for the City of Atlanta. Kimberly formerly served as DPW Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.



Gregory Holder

On August 12, Gregory H. Holder, Public Works Manager, became a naturalized citizen of the United States. "Becoming an American citizen means no longer talking about it, but being about it," said Holder.



Michael Ayo

DPW Bridge Engineer Michael Ayo was awarded the 2019 Transportation Project of the Year by the Georgia Chapter American Public Works Association (APWA) for his work on the Northside Drive Pedestrian Bridge. "It is really a humbling experience to have your project selected as the project of the year among several. This is like a dream come true for engineers," explained Ayo.



Adisa Aarons

Field Engineer Adisa Aarons shares a proud moment as he poses for a picture in front of the completed Uppergate Drive Resurfacing Project. Aarons explained, "Uppergate Drive was a very challenging street to resurface and required a lot of coordination between the City of Atlanta, contractors, and Emory University. Everyone came together and helped make this project a success!"

IN LOVING MEMORY



Special Message



CHRIS AND ERIN EDWARDS...

“Derek and I join the greater Atlanta community in mourning the loss of three members of the beloved Edwards family. Chris and Erin were beautiful, vibrant, and brilliant young adults, whom we had the pleasure of knowing their entire lives. They filled the lives of all who met them with joy, compassion, and kindness. May the peace of God, that surpasses all understanding, be with the Edwards family and all who had the honor to have known them.”

KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS
MAYOR OF ATLANTA

In Loving Memory...

OF OUR CHERISHED DPW EMPLOYEES AND THEIR LOVED ONES
APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2019



DPW EMPLOYEE
MICHAEL CHARTERN
CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE
OFFICE OF FLEET SERVICES

DPW EMPLOYEE
MARVIN HUMPHRIES
CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE
OFFICE OF FLEET SERVICES

DPW EMPLOYEE
RICHARD SOSEBEE
VEHICLE MECHANIC III
OFFICE OF FLEET SERVICES

HARRIET DAWSON
Mother of
BENITA HARDY
SAFETY & TRAINING DRIVECAM MANAGER
OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION

ROSE M. DAVIS
Mother of
DARSHELLE BARNER-DAVIS
CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES

ROSSIE LEE DOE
Father of
STEVEN L. DOE
VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT MECHANIC III
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HAZEL KELLY
Sister of
SANDRA KELLY-BECK
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, SR.
OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION

TAWANNA LANGFORD
Sister of
YUSEF LANGFORD
EQUIPMENT OPERATOR III
OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION

WELCOMB LIPSCOMB
Father of
CARLA LIPSCOMB
PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER

**DPW sympathy notifications are limited to DPW employees and their immediate family members who have passed away: Spouse, Child/Stepchild, Parent, Grandparent, Grandchild, and In-Law.*

DPW ANNOUNCEMENTS



OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

If you're a breast cancer survivor and want to share your story in the October newsletter, email dpwcommunications@atlantaga.gov by September 17. Or, call Public Information Officer Myra Weaver at **404-546-0124**.

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ENDLESS



SEPTEMBER 2019 EMPLOYEE TRAINING

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*Register through your Learning Administrator. *Register through your Learning Administrator.

COVEY'S PROJECT MANAGEMENT ESSENTIALS - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 • 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

This one-day, interactive class will provide you with the essential tools of Project Management.

COVEY'S 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PEOPLE - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 • 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

A timeless approach for building and maintaining.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 • 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

This interactive 9-week course provides hands-on case studies & real-life scenarios that are essential for building leadership skills & engaging teams.

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SAVE THE DATE

2019-2020 WINTER WEATHER

RESPONSE TRAINING

SNOW & ICE DRY RUN

Saturday, November 2, 2019

DPW - North Avenue Installation

AM Shift: 7:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

PM Shift: 11:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

AM/PM shift assignments are forthcoming.

#DPWREADY365



Community Meeting

Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive
Innovation Corridor Project

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

7:00 P.M.

C.T. Martin Recreation Center
3201 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
SW, Atlanta, GA 30311

NEWS BYTE



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- Select Tools > Content
- Select Add or Edit Text Box
- Your cursor will appear.
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