



# FIRE FLY



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## WHO IS AOS?

AOS a multinational, small woman owned, HUB Zone corporation with the US Headquarters in our new office in Rockport. Texas. AOS has been providing SCBA and ancillary equipment sales, service, inspections, maintenance and training for the USAF, US Marines, US Army, Military Sealift Command, the US Navy as well as many commercial companies and organizations.

All work is performed on-site by highly trained, professional technicians. AOS has the only DOT approved truly portable hydrostatic testing system, which allows cylinders to be tested on site. Upon completion of the service, a comprehensive hard copy and digital report is provided to the department, detailing all work performed. Throughout the year, departments can contact the AOS techs at various DSN numbers for free follow-up support.

AOS offers Interspiro Level B training and compressor operations course on-site. When training is performed in conjunction with service, scheduling can be flexible and in-depth to ensure retention. Training will continue until every attendee has proven proficiency.

Statements of work can be provided to fit each client's specific needs in order to facilitate one year or multiple year contracts to ensure that departments can take advantage of numerous services with one contract at a lower cost. Sole Source Justification is available.

Services provided and companies represented are listed on page two.

## Don't Forget to Replace Smoke and CO Alarm Batteries

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA) are joining forces to urge consumers to replace the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms when changing their clocks this Sunday, October 30th.

"Working smoke and CO alarms can help protect your family from a fire or carbon monoxide (CO) hazard in your home," said CPSC Chairman Hal Stratton. "Take the time to put fresh batteries in your alarms. That simple step could save your life."

"CO is a colorless, odorless, toxic gas that consumers cannot see or smell," said GAMA President Jack Klimp. "We are concerned that consumers may not be sufficiently aware of all the potential sources for CO in the home. These sources include an automobile engine running in an attached garage; a fuel-burning appliance that is installed improperly or connected to a blocked or leaking vent system; or a portable gasoline-powered generator, charcoal grill or camp stove improperly used indoors."

In addition to replacing batteries in smoke and CO alarms at least once every year, CPSC recommends testing them monthly. Smoke alarms should be placed on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom. CO alarms should be installed outside each sleeping area. Battery backup is an important consideration for those alarms that are powered by your home's electrical system.

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### IN COMING ISSUES:

- AOS NEW TEXAS FACILITY
- PELICAN CASES
- AIR TESTING
- COMPRESSORS
- NEW AOS PRODUCT LINES
- PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS
- PATENTED AOS PRODUCTS "GEAR THAT WORKS"

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## DoD Conference

2006

SEPTEMBER 14 –19

Dallas Texas

More details soon!



## Fire Prevention History

The history of National Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the [Great Chicago Fire](#), which occurred on October 8, 1871. This tragic conflagration killed some 300 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,000 structures. The origin of the fire has generated speculation since its occurrence, with the fact and fiction becoming blurred over the years. One popular legend has it that Mrs O'Leary was milking her cow when the animal kicked over a lamp, setting the O'Leary barn on fire and starting the spectacular blaze. However the massive fire began, it swiftly took its toll, burning more than 2000 acres in 27 hours. The city of Chicago quickly rebuilt, however, and within a couple of years residents began celebrating their successful restoration to memorialize the anniversary of the fire with festivities.

Intending to observe the fire's anniversary with a more serious commemoration, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (FMANA), the oldest membership section of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), decided that the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

When President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week, October 4 - 10 1925, he noted that in the previous year some 15,000 lives were lost to fire in the United States. Calling the loss "startling", President Coolidge's proclamation stated, "This waste results from the conditions which justify a sense of shame and horror; for the greater part of it could and ought to be prevented... It is highly desirable that every effort be made to reform the conditions which have made possible so vast a destruction of the national wealth".

NFPA continues today to make National Fire Prevention Week a priority and counts on the participation and efforts of tens of thousands of fire and safety professionals, emergency volunteers, and other individuals working to reduce the risk of fire and the toll it takes on our society.

***AOS SUPPORTS ALL OF OUR FIRE PROFESSIONALS AND THEIR ROLES IN FIRE PREVENTION WEEK. GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU SAFE. Kim Jolley AOS President***



WHAT DOES AOS OFFER?



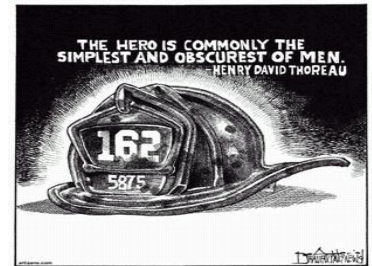
**SERVICES OFFERED ON-SITE  
ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD**

- Annual Service of Complete SCBA's**
- Annual Service of J-Fire Masks**
- Visual Inspection of Cylinders**
- Hydrostatic Testing Of Cylinders**
- Compressor Service & Training**
- Fit Testing of Masks**
- Level A & B Suit Testing**
- Air Source Carts**
- Spiroline Hoses**
- Confined Space Equipment**
- Equipment & Gauge Calibrations**
- Interspiro Level B Training (Spiromatic, S & Divator)**
- Hose Testing**
- Ground Ladder Testing**
- Fire Apparatus Pump Testing**
- Compressor Installation, Repairs and Servicing**
- Air Testing Service**

**FUN FACT  
ABOUT READING**

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AOS CHALLENGE COINS ARE AVAILABLE

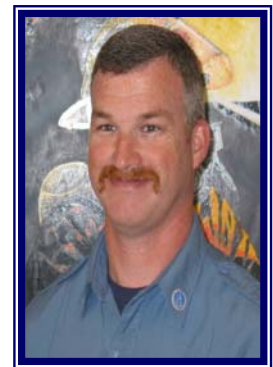


In staying with the USAF tradition, AOS has designed their own challenge coin in commemoration of our years of service to the USAF, US Navy, USMC, US Army and MSC. One side has the AOS logo with a star incorporating the US flag symbolizing our commitment to serve the United States. Circling the flag are our four offices as well as our 2004 theme, "PROTECTING YOUR ASSETS!!! FOR WHEN YOU NEED THEM MOST". Side two is dedication to all of the armed forces with the US Flag and Yellow Ribbon and our statement that We Support our Troops along with our mission of "Worldwide servicing of Fire Equipment \* NOWHERE IS TOO REMOTE. The coin is silver with enamel finish and has been used for our 2004 awards. There are a limited number of coins in protective pouch still available and these are available for FREE to our Firefly subscribers. Should you wish to have your own AOS 2005 collector's coin, please send an e-mail to [susan@deeperthanthat.com](mailto:susan@deeperthanthat.com) and provide either your APO or stateside address and one will be sent to you FREE of charge. Please also feel free to request our 2006 Collector's coin which will be available in March of 2006. Just one of the many ways that AOS tries to give back to all of those who serve along side our techs while they serve the USA.

AOS SCBA PROGRAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

AOS is proud to announce this years Annual SCBA Award recipient, Captain Ronald V. Glickman.

Ron graduated from San Leandro High School, California in 1982. Shortly after graduation he enrolled into the Fire Science program at the Chabot Community College, earning an AA degree in Fire service Technology. In July of 1989 Ron was hired as a professional firefighter at the Naval Air Station Alameda, Calif. Fire Department. Ron was promoted to Lieutenant in May of 1991. Ron responded to many big emergencies while in Alameda to include the Loma Prieta Earthquake as well as the Oakland hills Firestorm. Ron performed acting Captain duties and was a major organizer of The Fire Departments Rookie training academy. Ron then transferred to the McChord Air Force Fire and Emergency Services in July of 1996. Ron was promoted to Captain in October of 2001. Besides the normal duties of a line officer, he volunteered to head up the departments SCBA and respiratory program. Ron has coordinated every aspect of the program to include maintenance, fit testing for over 71 firefighters, to include wartime masks for the military firefighters, increasing the operational readiness of the global fight on terrorism. Ron also manages the Bates technical college Fire Academy SCBA program and is responsible for all ladder testing, pump testing, fill in instructor and is a state level firefighter evaluator. His steadfast dedication to the fire service, his fellow firefighters and to the community he serves is truly inspirational. Well Done to Captain Ronald Glickman and McChord 62 CES/CEF on your award!



*Captain Ronald Glickman  
McChord 62 CES/CEF*



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### Daylight Saving Time Saves Energy

One of the biggest reasons we change our clocks to Daylight Saving Time (DST) is that it saves energy. Energy use and the demand for electricity for lighting our homes is directly connected to when we go to bed and when we get up. Bedtime for most of us is late evening through the year. When we go to bed, we turn off the lights and TV.



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In the average home, 25 percent of all the electricity we use is for lighting and small appliances, such as TVs, VCRs and stereos. A good percentage of energy consumed by lighting and appliances occurs in the evening when families are home. By moving the clock ahead one hour, we can cut the amount of electricity we consume each day.

Studies done in the 1970s by the U.S. Department of Transportation show that we trim the entire country's electricity usage by about one percent EACH DAY with Daylight Saving Time.

Daylight Saving Time "makes" the sun "set" one hour later and therefore reduces the period between sunset and bedtime by one hour. This means that less electricity would be used for lighting and appliances late in the day.

We also use less electricity because we are home fewer hours during the "longer" days of spring and summer. Most people plan outdoor activities in the extra daylight hours. When we are not at home, we don't turn on the appliances and lights. A poll done by the U.S. Department of Transportation indicated that Americans liked Daylight Saving Time because "there is more light in the evenings / can do more in the evenings."

While the amounts of energy saved **per household** are small...added up they can be very large.

In the winter, the afternoon Daylight Saving Time advantage is offset by the morning's need for more lighting. In spring and fall, the advantage is less than one hour. So, Daylight Saving Time saves energy for lighting in all seasons of the year except for the four darkest months of the year (November, December, January and February) when the afternoon advantage is offset by the need for lighting because of late sunrise.



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