

# BLAZE

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## INTERNAL COMBUSTION... WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we start 2010, I want to wish everyone good health and good fortune. I always look towards the New Year with optimism, and this year is no different. Although there are still challenges ahead, Fire & Safety has seen some encouraging signs: a strong last three months of 2009 and an increase in bid notices.

We've added several new products over the last year. We believe that this will allow us to better support our existing customers and introduce Fire & Safety to new customers. These products include: Firematic's BRAT, Frontline's command/communication vehicles, Metalcraft's fire/patrol boats, and Sealegs' amphibious craft. We are excited to be Sealegs first dedicated rescue product vendor in the US and look forward to promoting this innovative product.

While we're not forecasting any growth this year, the fact we're not forecasting losses is encouraging. We're learning to be more efficient and making an effort to improve our workplace, the environment, and ourselves. Don't miss the summer edition of our newsletter to see how the Fire & Safety version of 'Biggest Loser' turns out! This is an employee initiated event, and yes, I am a participant as well. We can all use a little support when it comes to improving our health and fitness, and a little competition never hurts either! Here's to 2010...

*Dave*

## FLASHPOINT: INDUSTRY NEWS

### OSHKOSH RECEIVES RESEARCH FUNDS

The National Institute of Standards and Technology has awarded research funding to a joint development team of which Oshkosh Corporation is a member.

The Technology Innovation Program is projected to be \$5 million over five years. The goal of the project is the creation of lighter weight metal castings of aluminum and magnesium that have the strength of cast steel. This research could generate benefits in defense, commercial truck manufacturing and transform multiple industries helping the U.S. maintain leadership in manufacturing.

Other members of the research team include: Eck Industries, Inc., Nanostructured & Amorphous Materials, Inc., and the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation.

Source: Oshkosh News Release January 20, 2010

### SEALEGS SETS NEW RECORD

In December, a Sealegs® amphibious boat completed a 1006 mile circumnavigation of the Malaysian Peninsula in a record time of 31 hours 57 minutes.

The circumnavigation was completed in a specially built military class 7.1 meter Sealegs amphibious RIB equipped to suit the specifications of the Malaysian Defense Force.

David McKee Wright, Sealegs Chief Executive, was part of the team that set the record. McKee Wright said, "I am very proud of the boat's performance, particularly in light of the fact that the vessel encountered large seas and was carrying up to ten soldiers at a time."

In November, Fire & Safety Services became Sealegs first rescue product dealer in the United States.

Source: Sealegs News Release December 9, 2009



## STATION HOUSE: NEWS FROM OSHKOSH FIRE & EMERGENCY GROUP



Many criminal organizations are armed with military-style weapons, which means that protecting law enforcement officers has become more complex. The Tactical Protector Vehicle™ (TPV) from Oshkosh Defense offers mobility, maneuverability and protection. In fact, Oshkosh Defense has given the TPV the same Integrated Survivability System (ISS) used in military zones such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

Built on a modified Ford F550 chassis, its short 116 inch wheelbase enables operation even in the tightest spaces. The 325 horsepower V8 diesel engine paired with a 5-speed automatic transmission has a maximum governed speed of 74.6 mph allowing your team to respond quickly to any emergency. A shift-on-the-fly 4-

wheel drive, limited slip rear differential and 13 inches of ground clearance gets them back out of even the most difficult terrain.

Configured to protect officers and communities, the TPV is available in two body styles: Utility and Transport. The TPV can accommodate two to eight officers depending on the seating and storage configuration. Numerous custom options are available whether you need to mount communications equipment or weapons.

The TPV is now available for purchase. For more information visit: [www.oshkosh-tacticalprotector.com](http://www.oshkosh-tacticalprotector.com)

## THE GOLDEN AXE AWARD

**2009 Golden Axe Winner:  
Jim Wallace**

The nominees for the 2009 Golden Axe award were: Andrew Drozdowski, Jim Wallace, John O'Keefe and Mike Lorenson.



Fire & Safety employees cast their ballots in December to choose the inaugural Golden Axe Award winner.

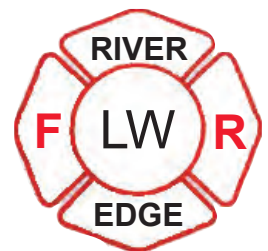
Jim Wallace was chosen by his peers as the 2009 recipient of the award for his great attitude and his willingness to do whatever is needed whenever he is asked with a smile on his face.

**And the Winter 2010 Winner is:  
Gregg Cariddi**



Lightweight building materials present a hazard to firefighters when battling interior fires due to increased risk of structural collapse versus traditional construction.

The Borough of River Edge is the first municipality in Bergen County to require the placarding of all single family dwellings that are constructed using these materials. Captain Gregg Cariddi was instrumental in getting the ordinance passed. It requires a placard similar to the one above. LW signifies lightweight, F signifies lightweight floors and R signifies a lightweight roof.



# BACKDRAFT: 100' REAR MOUNT ALUMINUM PLATFORM



## OVERVIEW

The Pierce® 100' RMAP boasts a newly designed aerial device, turntable, waterway and basket which utilize the same material found on Pierce's 75' and 100' heavy duty aluminum ladders. The **turntable** uses a high pivot design which creates more room for operators to move the ladder at high angles. It also allows for below grade operation. The **ladder** is wider and taller than the 100' Pierce Aerial Platform—for example—the fly section on the RMAP is 2.5" wider and 4" taller. The ladder has extruded rungs so there are no rung covers. The **waterway** is side mounted. Typical waterways hang more than a foot below the fly section making them vulnerable to damage from roof lines and parapets. The aluminum **basket** features angled corner doors and an 8" stepping surface around the front and sides. The basket can also be accessed from the ground *without* extending the ladder.

## SPECIFICATIONS

**CHASSIS:** Arrow XT, Velocity and Quantum

**PUMPS:** PUC, Hale, Waterous and Darley

**REACH:** 100' at 76 degrees

**SWEEP:** 235 degrees with ladder as low as -11.5 degrees

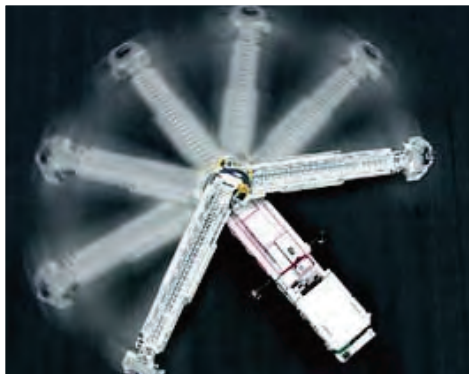
**TIP LOAD RATING:** 1000 lbs dry/500 lbs wet with 35 mph wind

**OUTRIGGERS:** H-style with 16'6" spread; can be short jacked to 12'2"

**GROUND PENETRATION:** Up to 18"

**OVERALL HEIGHT:** See Chart

Chassis	Cab	Overall Height
67" Arrow XT	10" Raised Roof w/ 4" Deep Notch	11'9"
67" Arrow XT	10" Raised Roof w/ Standard Notch	12'1"
67" Arrow XT	Flat Roof	12'1"
60" & 70" Velocity	10" Raised Roof w/3" Deep Notch	11'10"
60" & 70" Velocity	10" Raised Roof w/Standard Notch	12'1"
60" & 70" Velocity	Flat Roof	12'1"
67.25" Quantum	Flat Roof (Raised Roof Not Available on RMAP)	12'6"



## AFTER-BURN

### Recognition for Years of Service

#### January

Gregg Cariddi-9 years  
David Baldwin-2 years  
Barry Applegate-8 years  
Rosemary McLaughlin-4 yrs

#### February

John Mocharski-5 years  
Don McNeany-3 years

#### March

William Russell-28 years  
Bob Zeller-12 years  
Ed Regan-4 years  
Craig Lietz-9 years



## Fire & Safety's 'Biggest Loser' Contest

On January 4, 2010 16 Fire & Safety employees weighed-in and our 'Biggest Loser' competition began. So far the group is off to a great start, losing a collective 106.6 pounds in the first three weeks.

The contest, which will run through June 11, 2010, has two goals: weight loss and achieving a healthy weight. Each contestant was given a weight goal at their first weigh-in. There will be a winner for **MOST WEIGHT LOSS** and **CLOSEST TO GOAL**. On June 12, 2010, the two winners will be announced at the company picnic. Each winner will receive a \$500 VISA debit card.

A weekly progress chart will be posted on the door of the lunch room. Good luck to everyone!

### Recent and Upcoming Deliveries

Customer/Department	Chassis	Configuration	Job #
Township of Burlington	Velocity	54' TeleSquirt Remount	22391
Berkeley Heights	Velocity	Rescue	22453
Berkeley Heights	Velocity	Pumper	22454
Mays Landing	Velocity	105' PAL	18269
Toms River Fire Dist #1	Arrow	Rear Mount Pumper	22590
Toms River Fire Dist #1	Quantum	Pumper	22591
Montville Fire Dist #1	Saber	4x4 Pumper	22593
Franklin Township Fire Dist 2	Arrow XT	Pumper	22597
Stone Harbor	Velocity	75' HAL	22600
Lakewood Fire District	Arrow XT	PUC	22641
South Brunswick/Monmouth Junction	Velocity	Pumper	22651
Tewksbury	Arrow XT	Pumper	20988
Wall Township Fire Dist #3	Velocity	Pumper	22698
Jackson FD #3	Arrow XT	Pumper	22705

### Recent Orders

Customer/ Department	# of Units	Order Date	Chassis/Configuration	Job #
Wantage Township	1	10-08-09	Velocity Pumper	22845
Town of Belvidere	1	10-21-09	Velocity 95' MMPAP	22875
Peapack Gladstone	1	11-19-09	Arrow XT Pumper	23017
River Vale	1	11-18-09	Velocity Heavy Duty Rescue	23011
Montgomery Fire Dist 1	1	11-16-09	Velocity Heavy Duty Rescue	23009
Bloomington	1	11-18-09	Custom Contender	23013
Raritan Township/FA & R	1	12-07-09	Velocity Heavy Duty Rescue	23100
Raritan Township Fire Department	1	12-07-09	Arrow XT Dry Side Tanker	23099
Hazelet/North Centerville	1	11-23-09	Velocity 105' Heavy Duty Ladder	23029
Blairstown	1	12-17-09	Mack Granite Dry Side Tanker	23116
Hardyston Township	1	11-30-09	IH 7600 Elliptical Tanker	23087
Beverly Fire Co. No. 1	1	12-23-09	Impel 75' Heavy Duty Ladder	23151
Holland Fire Co. 1	1	12-28-09	Impel Pumper	23159
Trenton Fire & Emergency Services	1	1-12-10	KW T370 Hybrid Command Rescue	23220

## Upcoming Events

### FDIC

April 19-24  
Indianapolis, IN

### Pierce Sales Meeting

May 15-17  
Appleton, WI

### Fire Rescue International

August 27-28  
Chicago, IL

### NJ Firefighters Convention

September 17-18  
Wildwood, NJ

