

# Boise Airport Connections

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## Newest K-9 Team Patrol

Two new Boise Police Officers joined the Airport Team this year. The first is Officer Dan Lewtschuk and the second is his canine partner, Dasty.

Dan has been in police service for 25 years - 13 of those most recently with the Boise Police Department. He was interested in the canine program at Boise Airport, applied, and was partnered with Dasty.

Dasty, a striking 3 year old sable coated German Shepherd, was originally being trained to identify incendiary explosive devices (IED's) in Afghanistan, but did not make the cut during training. He was then retained to work in explosives detection with the TSA. Dasty and his handler Dan trained together rigorously for 10 weeks at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas before patrolling Boise Airport as part of the TSA's National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program.

This Program has been in place at BOI for 7 years, pairing Boise Police Officers with specially trained canines. The Boise Airport has five canine partners in place, working 80% of their time at the Boise Airport and 20% of the time in the community (such as at the Boise State University stadium on game days).



Dogs and handlers recertify annually and train weekly to keep their skills sharp. To train, handlers will hide a variety of explosive scents and the dogs are timed to quickly detect them.

Canine officers like Dasty live with their handlers; and while friendly and playful, they also fulfill a critical role in meeting the safety and security of our airport system worldwide.

## TRACON Stays at BOI

The Federal Aviation Administration reversed its decision to move TRACON from Boise to Salt Lake City, after federal auditors determined that the purported cost savings were inaccurate. TRACON, or Terminal Radar Approach Control System, is currently housed on the 6th floor of the Air Traffic Control Tower, and will move into the new FAA tower housed midfield when that facility is dedicated sometime in spring 2012.

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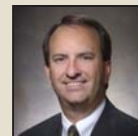
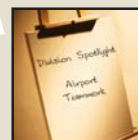
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## CARE Awards in 2010 - Gary Smith and Tom Coles

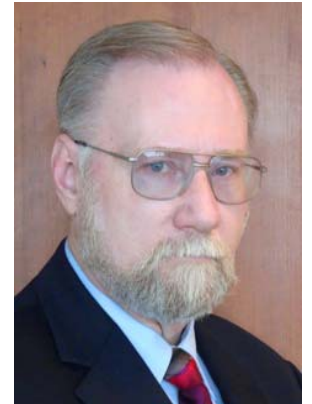


Gary Smith and Tom Coles were among this year's recipients of the I CARE designation awarded by Airport Director Richard McConnell for going "Above and Beyond."

With the retirement of Deputy Director Garry Fraise, Training Officer Gary Smith was pegged to fill the position in the interim. Nominated for the *Care* acknowledgement by Fraise, Gary is noted for his extensive subject knowledge, clarity in communication, and ability to enlist involved shareholders in the development and execution of airport training and security plans. In addition to scribing plans into policy

documents, Gary encourages involvement by tenants, airlines, and TSA staff to both aid understanding and implementation. Examples of Gary's many successes this year included the Triennial Mass Casualty Exercise, the FAA's annual certification inspection, the badging office reorganization, and taking lead in the bi-monthly Security Consortium meetings.

Tom Coles is a lead worker with our superb maintenance crew and was nominated for the I CARE award for taking the "lead" part of his title to a higher level. Tom's nomination noted that he consistently takes that extra step to keep abreast of the latest in equipment and training, then passing that information and training along. He mentors his fellow employees in a manner that allows each to perform at their best. Not content to do "just" his job, Tom takes the initiative to explore alternatives that have resulting in saving money, eliminating wasted work hours, and promoting personnel excellence. Examples include developing specific training material on systems such as the Passenger Boarding Bridges, Simplex Fire Alarm, Glidepath, and the domestic water system. Tom actively seeks feedback and input from his coworkers to evaluate and improve maintenance procedures. He is active in the community, serving as a Youth Hunting Mentor, a Big Brother, and is a staunch supporter of both the American Cancer Society and the Idaho Food Bank.



Well deserved recognition for both Gary and Tom!

Nominate a City of Boise - Airport employee who shows how much they care by going "above and beyond." Pick up a "BOI CARE" nomination form in Airport Administration.



## Boise Airport's Top 10 Destinations

2nd Quarter 2010 vs 2009

Rank	Code	Airport	Passengers		
			2Q 2010	2Q 2009	Change
1	SEA	Seattle/Tacoma, WA	64,570	70,080	-7.9%
2	PDX	Portland, OR	47,440	50,930	-6.9%
3	GEG	Spokane, WA	34,220	35,590	-3.8%
4	DEN	Denver, CO	31,300	25,220	24.1%
5	SLC	Salt Lake City, UT	26,200	28,100	-6.8%
6	LAS	Las Vegas, NV	25,990	25,240	3.0%
7	LAX	Los Angeles, CA	24,580	24,230	1.4%
8	PHX	Phoenix, AZ	24,040	26,150	-8.1%
9	OAK	Oakland, CA	15,230	14,050	8.4%
10	SAN	San Diego, CA	14,120	15,410	-8.4%

Boise Airport is closing out 2010 in recovery mode. After a dismal 2009, early 2010 saw passenger numbers move away from declining passenger boardings and level off.

January through April 2010 BOI statistics reflected the economy's effort at recovery, with 1.7% fewer passengers than the same time period 2009.

Fortunately, the most recent BOI statistics show August through November 2010 trending toward recovery, averaging between 3-4% increase in passengers.

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## From the Director's Desk



So 2010 has come and gone. Slow for some, fast for others. Whether we like it or not we now enter into a new year. 2010 had many challenges. It would appear 2011 will have just as many. The year-end holiday season always contains a variety of emotions for people. For some this year, in particular one family, the emotion was despair. I am always filled with emotion when a group of people who may not have a whole lot themselves, comes together and gives of themselves so others may have something during the holiday season. I watched as airport department employees filled boxes with food, gifts and money for a family they didn't even know. My family and I had the privilege of delivering this holiday package to the family. I cannot describe the emotions displayed when the boxes were brought into the home. "Gratitude". "Relief". In the mother's words, "A Prayer Answered".

I felt a sincere sense of pride as I drove away from the house knowing that I work with such a compassionate group of people. Thank you all!

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

- Richard McConnell, A.A.E.



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**Green Program Pamphlet is now on the BOI website!**

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## Economic Development in 2010 at Boise Airport

Although the number of passengers declined in 2009 from the 3.1 million in 2008, the 2010 passenger numbers seemed to level off. Other excellent news destined to bring economic recovery back to the airport and the community is:

**Vale Grant Award** - In April, the Airport was awarded a \$768,000 Vale Grant from the FAA. The award to Boise Airport is the first of the FAA's Voluntary Airport Low Emission (VALE) program awarded to any airport in the northwest region. The grant was used to fund the purchase and installation of Preconditioned Air Units for 9 passenger boarding bridges, reducing aircraft emissions and promoting Boise's environmental efforts.

**HJR5** - In November, Idaho voters passed a constitutional amendment that reversed a 2006 court restriction on how airports in Idaho could secure bonds. The amendment lifted the requirement for airports to post a ballot measure and win by two-third of the voters in order to incur debt. Idaho airports, including Boise Airport, may now fund improvements with special facility bonds, issued against airport revenues while assuring that no general taxpayer money is used. Removing this costly and time-intensive restriction will support quick infrastructure development, encouraging new economic growth opportunities.

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**HEADS UP:** **Boise Airport Connections** is published every quarter (March, June, September, and December).

The Newsletter is available online and by email subscription only. If you have any questions or would like to share information, stories, pictures, or announcements, you may submit them at [boi@cityofboise.org](mailto:boi@cityofboise.org) by the 15th of the month prior to each publication. - Editor



Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Make quarterly blood donations a regular activity on your calendar!

### American Red Cross Blood Drive 2011

Wednesday, January 12th  
Wednesday, May 18th  
Wednesday, July 13th  
Tuesday, October 25th

9AM to 1PM  
Boise River Room

Calendar the 2011 dates so you can schedule an appointment!  
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## Team BOI Grew in 2010!

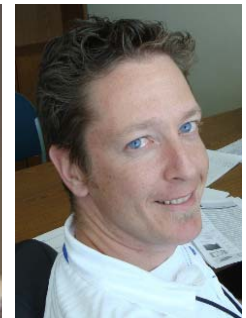
Welcome Scott Desrosier, Melissa Marshall, Julia Bengoechea and Philip Harris to BOI as Airport Operations Specialists. Melissa is keeping the Badging Office in good working order, while the rest of the new staff are monitoring the alarms, the curbs, aircraft emergencies, and tower communications. In addition, Aaron Roberts (not pictured) moved from Catering to the midnight shift at Ops.

A full crew, at long last, will be available to meet the wide variety of tasks that the hard-working folks at Airport Operations provides!



Projects also received some much valued help in May with the addition of Steve Scott (recently with the architect firm of CSHQA) who is filling the third Project Manager slot. In addition to specific airport projects, Steve has been designated information technology liaison coordinating with City Hall IT section.

And like a bright penny that was too good to hide away, Jerry Howard (not pictured), recently retired from BPD and stationed at the airport, rejoined us at BOI part-time - also in Operations - on the midnight shift.



## Boise Airport Connections

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Wednesday, January 12  
Airport Blood Drive  
9:00AM - 1:00PM  
Boise River Room

Monday, January 17  
MLK Day  
Admin/Badging Offices Closed

Thursday, January 27  
Boise Airport Commission  
8:30AM  
Salmon River Room

Monday, February 21  
Presidents' Day  
Admin/Badging Offices Closed

Thursday, February 24  
Boise Airport Commission  
8:30AM  
Salmon River Room

Thursday, March 24  
Boise Airport Commission  
8:30AM  
Salmon River Room



### Boise Airport joined the social media network!

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