PDX Police Go Pink in October

During the month of October, our police officers will be adding a touch of pink to their navy uniforms in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Be on the lookout for pink undershirts, baseball caps and beanies, as well as a subtle update to the department logo that replaces the standard roses with breast cancer ribbons.

These temporary updates are in support of the Pink Patch Project, a public awareness campaign designed to bring attention to the benefits of early detection and intervention in the fight against breast cancer. Each week in Portland, 10 new cases of breast cancer are diagnosed and two people die from the disease. If you’re at average risk, fight back by having a clinical breast exam at least every three years starting at age 20, and every year starting at 40.

All of our officers are encouraged to help spread the word by handing out a small card with important prevention facts and a link to resources – they’ll even give out a few of the custom pink caps! If you spot the #PinkPatchProject in action, be sure to capture a photo and help spread the word by tagging @flypdx and #pdxpink.

Customer Compliments

“...This is by far the very best airport in the United States. Very clean facility, excellent food options, friendly staff, quick security and the prices inside the airport are the same as the outside. If only the rest of the U.S. airports would get on the PDX bandwagon and make the lives of travelers so much more enjoyable.”

Ryan Bradley N., Kekei, Hawaii
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Did you spot airport leaders delivering donuts, cookies and $5 gift certificates in early September? From rental car and concessions teams to maintenance and airline employees, we spent five days thanking all of you for making us America’s Best Airport five years in a row. Check out the video from Day 1 of our week of thanks at bit.ly/PDXThankYou2017.

On Sept. 12, we celebrated more than 150 PDX VIPs and entertainers at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. While this is the 24th year of the program, it’s only the eighth year of tracking this dedicated team’s many contributions. In that time, they’ve volunteered more than 170,000 hours — that adds up to 1,200 years of service!

Employees and travelers alike were quick to queue up for a taste of Salt & Straw’s limited edition ice cream, inspired by the feeling of flying into PDX. The custom Feast Portland collaboration – PDX Rainwater & Spruce Tips – is long gone, but you can purchase other Salt & Straw flavors year-round at Tender Loving Empire and The Country Cat on Concourse D.

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In Memorium: TSA Officer Marissa Frank

The PDX family suffered a heartbreaking loss recently with the sudden passing of 34-year-old Transportation Security Officer Marissa Frank due to complications from a surgical procedure. Marissa joined TSA in 2007 and was beloved by her colleagues. She had a great sense of humor, a quick smile and loved animals, which led to a two-year assignment working with TSA’s canine teams. Her life was celebrated during a lovely service attended by both staff and officer corps. Marissa will be forever a part of the TSA family and she will be missed here at PDX.

Did You Know?

As part of the PDX Workplace Initiative, the Port of Portland partners with TriMet to cover some of the expense of a transit pass for airport employees. The process is simple: Concessionaires and airplane service providers enroll in the pass program and sign a letter of agreement. The Port then purchases adult monthly passes from TriMet at $100 and sells them to employers at a subsidized price of just $75 each, a 25 percent discount. Currently, nine companies are enrolled in the program. If you’re interested in a discounted TriMet pass, please encourage your manager to sign up!

Flybys

American Airlines added Johnny Fitim for ramp, and Nancy Humphrey joined United as a senior coordinator on the administrative team. Welcome to PDX!