



Serving our customers for over 14 years!

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Origins

Field Service, Inc was started in 1991 with the goal of helping volunteer firefighters and ems personnel stay volunteer by removing some of the burden required of them so they may focus on the demanding requirements to maintain their training credentials and run their organization. We have accomplished this goal by providing them with services such as on-site SCBA flow testing, gas detector maintenance and by helping them with the seemingly insurmountable task of inventory tracking.

SCBA Testing

We saw a niche that needed to be filled in the world of SCBA testing. Volunteers were losing time running packs back and forth to dealers.



By bringing the test equipment to the customer, we saved them valuable time and effort. Fire departments could have all their testing done in a day, as opposed to having someone ferrying packs back and forth or having packs cycled out two at a time. Third party testing also leaves the customer with an unbiased reporting of what was found during testing.

Gas Detection

Our relationship with Biosystems started in the early 1990's during a search for equipment to flow test SCBA. We saw a niche that could be filled by offering to test breathing apparatus on-site in a timely fashion. This would stop the need for fire departments to 'cycle out packs' one or two at a time and have them all tested in one day with minimal equipment out of service.



We found that Biosystems was the only company to build the flow test machine (PosiCheck) necessary to perform this task.

In meeting with Jack Burt (owner) and his brother Joe at their former factory in Rockfall, CT they persuaded us that in addition to buying a flow test machine, we may be interested in handling their gas detection product line. Suffice it to say, we have been proud to represent Biosystems in southern New England ever since.

Consulting

We've worked with fire departments primarily in the North East CT and Southern MA to develop long range plans for apparatus purchasing/disposal, volunteer recruitment/retention and station placement, build and design. Hartley's years of experience in firefighting coupled with Bob's experience as a volunteer and career firefighter give us the unique ability to understand the needs of this regions fire departments.

Asset inventory

This is the primary thrust of our business. We have been providing barcode based asset inventory since 1991. Initially, we provided simple asset tracking and maintenance information associated with those assets. Early on, we found most of our work with fire departments, as that is where our expertise lay. Our knowledge of the fire service and its equipment gave us the tools to provide a more accurate and 'better described' inventory than larger firms that didn't have our experience. Larger firms inventoried departments down to cost thresholds (usually the lowest value would be assets worth more than \$500) while our inventory works down to the smallest equipment on the trucks and is listed by location on the truck! This leaves the customer with an inventory that can be used for equipment checks, ISO reporting, even proof of equipment inspection for OSHA reporting.



Our relationship with fire departments lead to introductions to town officials and we started to acquire town inventory work. This would encompass everything from public works garages and schools to town halls and community centers. From large equipment like trucks and pay loaders down to computers and desks, we provide towns with their entire inventory.

In the late 1990's the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued their article number 34. From an inventory standpoint, this article states essentially, that all towns, municipalities and districts (anyone who levies a tax) are responsible for the maintenance of a capitalized fixed asset, depreciated inventory. To perform this function for the town, we aid them in determining what assets need to be tracked, where to find original cost information and then we report this information in a format that is accepted by their auditor. Though relatively new to the GASB fixed asset reporting process, our years of inventory experience and our investment in powerful inventory accounting software give us the tools necessary to perform at or above the requirements of most auditors needs. Compliance to GASB 34 was required for all towns by the end of last fiscal year.



Although our inventory work has focused primarily on municipal accounts, we have found our way into some commercial accounts, our largest, and probably most interesting, was working with the Mashentucket Pequots to gather information for the dismantling of their sand and gravel operations in the mid-1990s.

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