

Reeves Incident Command Post to Be Used as Mobile Dispensing Site

The Hamilton County Health Department in Indiana recently purchased the Reeves Incident Command Post (ICP). The system, along with a DRASH MX shelter, will be used as a mobile dispensing site.

Having previously purchased a DRASH shelter as an alternate care site for one of the county's hospitals, health department officials turned to the ICP as a solution to a potential public health crisis in which medication would need to be given out to many people in as short an amount of time as possible.

Though medicine is usually offered at a fixed location during a large-scale disaster, Hamilton officials wanted a system that would offer a mobile clinic to reach people in a small-scale incident.

"We needed a system that would take management of a public health crisis closer to the scene," explains Chad Jenkins of the Hamilton County Health Department. "That's where the ICP came in. It's the perfect size and has the capability for our vehicles to tow it."

The ICP, combined with a DRASH MX shelter also purchased by Hamilton County, will have multiple applications. Because of the shelter's adaptable design, the ICP will be able to accommodate patients on foot or serve as a drive-thru clinic. The system will offer staff a command post to organize efforts during a health crisis as well.

Working with Project K.I.D., an organization dedicated to helping children who recently survived a disaster or emergency event, Hamilton County will also use the ICP



The Hamilton County Health Department ICP gets ready for shipping.

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to offer children of volunteers working at a point of dispensing site with a safe, secure environment.

Impressed with the Reeves ICP's unique and versatile design, the Hamilton County Health Department believes they have chosen

the right system for their organization.

"There aren't too many competitive products out there," says Jenkins. "This is the best concept for a department of our size. A small health department or agency doesn't need a large trailer-shelter combination. This is the perfect system."

The Reeves ICP was also recently purchased by Fort Huachuca in Arizona to be used as a mobile classroom.

Bioterrorism Response Team Turns to Reeves Decon Systems During Training

On November 5th the Sierra Providence Health Network in El Paso, Texas held training for the Sierra Medical Center Bioterrorism Response Team. During the exercise, which involved a simulated decontamination scenario, emergency response personnel deployed a Reeves Three-Lane Decontamination system.

Though the health network has long owned the Reeves Decon system, DHS Systems representatives Mark Wlazlak

and Kenny Adams attended the demo to better prepare responders to properly unpack, deploy, and use the system in an emergency.

The exercise was part of the training conducted every Tuesday by the Sierra Providence Health Network to ensure that the medical center's emergency response personnel are ready to handle any critical situation. Kenneth Berumen of the Health Network explained to El Paso's KDBC TV-4: "We need to know

how to handle these patients. We can't be learning on the job. We need to practice it and we need to be ready."

With directors of emergency safety management, as well as local fire and law enforcement personnel in attendance, the demo also provided an opportunity for other organizations interested in Reeves brand products to see the system in use.

"We gained a lot of interest from groups throughout the El Paso area," explains Adams. "Attending

the demo was a huge benefit for us."



Business Development Manager Mark Wlazlak coordinates the setting up of the decon system.

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