

Reeves Donates Shelter to Local Ambulance Corps

ON MONDAY, MAY 19TH, THE New York South Orangetown Ambulance Corps (SOAC) banded together with more than 80 firefighters from eight departments in a large-scale exercise held at Orangeburg's St. Thomas Aquinas College.

It was the first time that the SOAC had the opportunity to use the recently donated 112 square-foot Deployable Rapid Assembly Shelter (DRASH) from DHS Technologies, headquartered just down the road from the college.

The shelter was used for fire rehab during the exercise.

According to Stephen Harris



from the SOAC, it will continue to be used as a rehab area when the department responds to emergencies for the multiple fire departments in the area.

"More firemen die of complications, heart attacks, things like that after fire incidents," says Harris.

Fire rehab makes sure that when firemen come away from a scene they get the right treatment. The Ambulance Corps responds to scenes at the same time as fire departments so they can set up the proper EMS equipment.

"We hydrate them, we make sure their vitals are okay, we help cool them down and we monitor those firemen who shouldn't go back to the scene."

Harris explains that firemen would previously do rehab on the bare ground, without privacy or a proper cooling or heating system. The DRASH system provides both.

Local firemen ready equipment before conducting rescue operations.



SOAC member Steve Harris checks vitals of a volunteer fireman in a 112 square foot DRASH Rehab Shelter.

The May 19 drill involved the Sparkill-Palisades Fire Department and seven other area departments: Tappan, Orangetown, Blauvelt, Piermont, Nyack, Pearl River and Rockleigh, NJ. The eight departments worked together to rescue several "victims" trapped in two story dormitory buildings.

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NY South Orangetown Ambulance Corps*

The SOAC is on call for the community 24/7 and responds to approximately 1,800 calls per year.

Rockland County, NY Purchases 442 Square Foot Emergency Shelter

THE ROCKLAND COUNTY, NEW YORK Health Department recently teamed up with the County's Office of Fire and Emergency Services to purchase a mobile, climate-controlled shelter to use during small and large-scale emergencies, and as a mobile rehabilitation or first aid station during county events.

The state-of-the-art, 442 square foot De-



ployable Rapid Assembly Shelter (DRASH) System can be set up or taken down by as few as four people within minutes, includes a double-layer, insulated fabric cover and an independently operational generator and HVAC system.

"We bought the system with the intent of using it during a biological or other casualty event here in Rockland County, but it also has many other uses," says Chris Jensen from the Office of Fire and Emergency Services. "It can be a command post for a large-scale incident or any mass fatality incident, but it can also be used as a place for men and women fighting a forest fire to recharge their batteries before getting back to work."

Liz Benjamin from the Rockland County Health Department says that there will be ample opportunities to use the shelter even

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Office of Fire & Emergency Services*

during non-emergency events. According to Benjamin, the shelter will also be used during county holiday celebrations as a first aid or rehabilitation center.

"We want to look at as many opportunities as possible to use the shelter, so that we are better in tune with how to set it up or take it down. That way, we will have gotten lots of practice in the event that we are faced with a large-scale disaster event where quick response is crucial," says Benjamin.

DHS Technologies Awarded \$240 Million Contract

REEVES PARENT COMPANY DHS TECHNOLOGIES HAS recently been awarded a contract valued up to \$240 million with military contractor Northrop Grumman Corporation to provide medium and large, high-mobility tactical operations centers that can be rapidly deployed for command, control and communications on the battlefield.

Under the Army's Standardized Integrated Command Post System (SICPS) Family of Trailer Mounted Support System (TMSS) contract, Northrop Grumman and DHS Technologies will produce, integrate and deliver suites of shelters and trailers, complete with climate control, and power for lighting, computers and large screen displays, as mobile command posts.

The SICPS TMSS Medium and Large command posts will use the same Deployable Rapid Assembly Shelter (DRASH) system designs that are currently being used by Reeves customers as casualty collection points, emergency operations centers, incident command posts and medical surge facilities.

The Medium command posts will provide 442 square feet of interior space, while the Large command posts will provide more than 1,100 square feet of usable space. The systems are supported by high mobility trailers that feature electrical power and environmental control capable of operating in temperatures from -50 to +131 degrees Fahrenheit. Northrop Grumman produces the command post platform portion of the SICPS TMSS suite.



A command post set up using the SICPS TMSS systems at TOCFEST - a month-long gathering of Army and industry representatives in March 2008 at Indiantown Gap, PA, to analyze and standardize the Army's command post and tactical operations center.

Award Received for Anti-Terrorism Efforts

ON MAY 1, REEVES PARENT company DHS Technologies received a service award for the company's "unwavering commitment and support to the law enforcement community through invention and innovation" at a recent event held in New York City.

The award was presented by the Federal Enforcement Homeland Security Foundation (FEHSF), an organization that supports those who provide front line defense against terrorism and who dedicate themselves to the protection and preservation of the American way of life by upholding the laws of the United States.

"For years DHS Technologies' products have been involved in anti-terrorist efforts with local police, border patrol, military and other government agencies," says A. Jon Prusmack, DHS Technologies CEO. "We appreciate that this fact has been recognized."

DHS Technologies provides rapidly-deployable command and medical shelters and trailers; decontamination systems; and emergency medical equipment to both the defense and homeland security markets via its two subsidiary companies, DHS Systems (DRASH) and Reeves EMS.

The companies' products are currently being used by the FBI Hostage Rescue Team, Crisis Response Unit and Evidence Recovery Teams, the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the National Disaster Medical system, and many Federal and State government offices in the United States. It is also in use by all branches of the U.S. Military and by the armed forces of Australia, Austria, Germany, Israel, Japan, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

WEB WATCH

By Naeran Rubio

"How To" Videos Now Online

If you're one of those people (and you know who you are) who need to actually see someone hammering a nail in a board instead of reading about it, Reeves has just added a section on its website for you.

The section is called "DRASH Shelter Tips and Tricks" and covers everything from strut replacement to stake removal.

And if you're not interested in either of the above, there is a "How To" video on shelter connections, moving your shelter, securing doors and wind lines, folding tarps and cinching your shelter. There are even deployment videos, to show you how to set up small and large shelters.

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- Full amenities, such as a 35 kW gas powered generator, battery-powered refrigerator, sink, and portable communications package (complete with fly case style radio bridge configuration), allow the First Responder to respond to any incident while operating independently from any external power source.
- Lightweight trailer offers nearly a foot and a half of ground clearance to ensure that it can travel anywhere commercial vehicles can go, even offroad.
- Double-wall, insulated one-piece shelter does not contain extra parts or pieces to misplace and can be deployed with minimal personnel within minutes.

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- Optional interoperable communications equipment includes satellite communications, Internet access and an integrated command and control system — all within a manageable footprint. The ICP also facilitates communication between land mobile radios, multi-channel radios, cellular and land line phones.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit the Reeves EMS booth at these upcoming events or contact a Reeves representative at 800.328.5563.

Firehouse Expo 2008

July 24 - 26, 2008
Baltimore, Maryland

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August 14 - 16, 2008
Houston, Texas

EMS Expo

October 13 - 17, 2008
Las Vegas, Nevada



ABOUT REEVES EMS

For more than 100 years the Reeves name has been synonymous with quality emergency medical products and accessories. The company's current product line includes fully-operational emergency treatment facilities; command and control shelters and trailers; decontamination systems and accessories; stretchers; disaster consulting services; and gear bags. Reeves EMS mass casualty systems have been deployed as part of the U.S. Homeland Defense initiative to terrorist incident locations and in disaster recovery situations. Additionally, a large number of mobile medical decontamination systems have also been sent to emergency response organizations in the United States and around the world, including departments of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Army Reserve; state, county and local government entities; U.S. corporate entities; and international companies. Although the company's headquarter facility is located in Frederick, Maryland, Reeves representatives are available throughout the United States and in various parts of the globe. To find out more about the company and its products, visit www.reevesems.com, send us an email at info@reevesems.com or contact a customer representative at 800.328.5563.

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