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## ***HDER Bulletin***

### **Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse Program**

*A partnership of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Navy, the Health Physics Society and Helping Our Own serving the emergency responder community.*



### **Spring Newsletter**

*The HDER Program is a joint effort between the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Navy, the Health Physics Society (HPS), and Helping Our Own (HOO) that provides excess radiological detection instrumentation and other equipment, training, and long-term technical support to emergency responder agencies nationwide to enhance their domestic preparedness capabilities.*

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#### **Recent HDER Highlights:**

In FY06 Quarter 2, 13 States and Urban Areas including Buffalo, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oklahoma City, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington and West Virginia submitted requests for HDER equipment. The total number of equipment distributed for FY06 Quarter 2 is 2,073 individual items with an estimated value of over \$550,000.

## **New HDER Program Partnership with Helping Our Own (HOO)**

The HDER Program has continually expanded its scope to meet the growing needs of the first responder community and has recently identified a new partner organization that will significantly enhance HDER's current capabilities – Helping Our Own (HOO). HOO is a non-profit organization that has more than five years experience providing donated and refurbished firefighting equipment and apparatus at no cost to under-funded fire departments and other first responders throughout the United States. Since 2000, this program has redistributed approximately \$32 million worth of donated firefighting equipment and apparatus. This partnership between DHS and HOO will further the shared mission and help to better achieve a common goal. This partnership will also allow the HDER Program to provide a wider range of equipment, including items donated to the program through HOO, to State and local responders nationwide.

As of April 1<sup>st</sup> 2006, the HDER available inventory list will offer equipment provided by HOO.

For more information, please visit the HOO website at [www.helpingourown.org](http://www.helpingourown.org)

## **New HDER Ordering Process/Equipment Update**

The HDER Program has functioned on a first-come-first-served basis since expanding nationwide in 2003. With the new HDER Program partnerships and the resulting inventory expansion, to include high value and rare equipment items, the HDER program is implementing a competitive process for the distribution of these select items based on identified needs. Jurisdictions interested in competitive HDER items must submit justifications based on specific questions to their State and/or Urban Area HDER POC. Once evaluated, the HDER POCs will submit the justifications in the HDER Services Management Tool (SMT), where they will be

presented to an advisory board for review. All justifications must be entered within 45 days into the quarter in which the equipment is offered. States/Urban Areas will be notified of final decisions before the end of the fiscal quarter. Equipment requiring justification in FY06 Quarter 3 will include vehicles, generators, specialized explosive detectors, a thermal imaging camera and a drive-through radiation portal monitor. To see the complete list of available equipment and the justification questions, please visit the HDER SMT or visit the HDER page on the Responder Knowledge Base.

## **HDER Training Developments**

Currently, HDER is in the process of merging its training efforts with the Department of Energy's (DOE) Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program (TEPP), which will help provide consistency among Federal Rad/Nuc training programs. The HDER/TEPP training is being revised into a modular, train-the-trainer format to better meet the needs of the first responder community.

## **HDER Technical Support Developments**

The HDER technical support structure is being enhanced to provide additional resources for States and locals through the Health Physics Society (HPS). Currently, HPS coordinators are being established in each State in order to provide a simple and easy way to identify and access available resources and expertise. In addition to their traditional roles as technical support and follow-on trainers, Health Physicists will be used to augment TEPP/HDER trainers to better leverage resources by utilizing available volunteer expertise.

## **HDER to Participate in the Government Security Expo and Conference (GOVSEC)**

The HDER Program will be taking part in the Government Security Expo and Conference (GOVSEC) on April 26 & 27, 2006 at the Washington Convention Center, Washington DC. Federal and State representatives of HDER will be participating in a panel discussion on the new developments and expansion of the program. In addition to the panel, there will be a HDER booth with program information and examples of HDER equipment on the GOVSEC exhibit floor.

The Government Security Expo & Conference is a forum for those responsible for protecting government's physical, information and cyber security at the Federal, State and local levels. Since its launch in July 2002, GOVSEC has experienced exponential growth in exhibitors and attendance. In fact, in November 2003, Tradeshow Week recognized GOVSEC during a celebration honoring the fastest 50 growing tradeshow from all industries.

For more information, please visit the GOVSEC website at [www.govsecshow.com](http://www.govsecshow.com).

## **Schedule of Upcoming Events**

### April 2006

- **Fiscal Year 2006 Quarter 3 Equipment List will be released April 1, 2006**
- National Council on Radiation Protection Annual Meeting April 3 & 4, 2006
- GOVSEC Conference April 26 & 27, 2006

### May 2006

- National Conference on Radiation Control May 7 – 10, 2006

### June 2006

- HPS Annual Conference June 26 – 29, 2006

**For additional information, please contact the G&T Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk at (800)368-6498 or the HDER Web page in the Responder Knowledge Base at [www.rkb.mipt.org](http://www.rkb.mipt.org)**

