



## DDMA unveils new logo

New logo illustrates DDMA's worldwide customersupport

By Jessica Walter, DDC Command Affairs

Defense Distribution Mapping Activity (DDMA) unveiled a new logo that illustrates the organization's commitment to providing world-class mapping support to customers around the globe.

The new design was revealed at a ceremony honoring DDMA employees for their superior safety record. DDMA has met safety goals for the last three years and had no incidents resulting in lost time during fiscal year 2005.

"That commitment to operating safely is something to celebrate and recognize," said CDR John Pearson, SC, USN, DDMA Commander.

To acknowledge the DDMA employees' outstanding accomplishment, DDMA awarded each employee a long sleeved denim shirt embroidered with the new logo and "Safety Award" written beneath.



Commanding Officer of DDMA, CDR John Pearson, SC, USN, with Supply Technician Rosa Crenshaw and Material Handler Gregory Macklin wearing the new denim shirts awarded to employees for their outstanding safety record.

## Specialized packaging ensures safe delivery of HAZMAT, pharmaceuticals

By Jessica Walter, DDC Command Affairs

During a recent Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Lunch & Learn session, DDC's Material Processing Support Team gave an update on the specialized requirements for shipping hazardous materials like acids and flammable liquids as well as chilled pharmaceuticals like the flu vaccine, blood test kits and rabies immune globulin.

### Cold Chain Management

The Cold Chain Management Program, funded by Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP), is designed to keep chilled pharmaceuticals at the appropriate temperature during transportation to the customer.



Packaging Specialists Linda McCarthy and Mike Minto, Material Processing Support Team Lead Jan James.

Items included in the program include vaccines for the flu, typhoid and yellow fever as well as blood test kits, rabies immune globulin and insulin for diabetics.

Each of these items must be stored and shipped under very carefully controlled temperatures. If the temperature gets too high or too low, the vaccine will be compromised.

"The program is called 'cold chain management,' but freezing is our worst

enemy," explained DDC Packaging Specialist Mike Minto.

He added, "If we don't ensure they are packaged properly, the troops are at risk of getting a compromised vaccine."

To be sure the temperature is maintained during transportation, packaging personnel at DDC sites use insulated containers and



DDC Packaging Specialist Mike Minto explains how insulated boxes and gel packs are used to regulate the temperature of vaccines during transportation.

chemical gel packs along with a TempTale 4 temperature monitor.

"Every package that enters the DOD pipeline has a TempTale 4," said Minto.

The monitor records the temperature from the time the package is closed to the time it is received by the customer.

Because the outside temperature has a great effect on the contents inside the package, the TempTale 4 keeps a record that indicates if the temperature of the contents of the package was ever outside the acceptable range to ensure the viability of the items inside.

A neon orange label is affixed to each package containing the chilled items. The label indicates where and when the items were packaged and to what packaging protocol, as well as when the items need to be placed in refrigeration next.

Due to the stringent packaging and storage requirements in the cold chain management program, none of the more than 1.5 million doses of the flu vaccine were lost during the 2004-2005 flu season, a remarkable accomplishment considering