

DDJC supplies MREs to those in need in Southern California

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In the heat of the Southern California wildfires, Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif., was called to action to coordinate shipping meals-ready-to-eat, or MREs, to the displaced residents of San Diego taking shelter at Qualcomm Stadium and to the Marines at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

DDJC, along with the Federal Emergency Management Association, Office of Emergency Services, the California Highway Patrol, and the Defense Distribution Center, worked together to get the shipments of MREs delivered to those in need.

On Oct. 23, FEMA requested 3,552 cases of MREs totaling 42,624 meals. The California Highway Patrol escorted two trucks destined to Qualcomm Stadium.

Additionally, the Marines requested six truckloads of MREs, 10,000 cases or 120,000 meals be delivered to Camp Pendleton.

“I want to congratulate the Warehousing Team at DDJC for their mobility and flexibility to meet the challenge of resources,” said Bob Mahan, chief, Shipping Division. “I stand in awe of the folks in Shipment Planning, Truck Control, and Customer Service who never thought of getting up from their desks to leave at 3:30 p.m., but hunkered down and got the food rolling to those in need.”



An employee from Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif., moves meals-ready-to-eat, or MREs, to a truck destined for Southern California. The MREs were requested by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Marine Corps and other agencies to help feed people who were displaced by the recent wildfires in Southern California.