

DLA's Guam distribution center participates in Typhoon Exercise "PAKYO" 2010, revalidates emergency response plans

DLA's Guam, Marianas distribution facility recently wrapped up participation in Typhoon Exercise "PAKYO" 2010, an exercise to validate emergency response plans for U.S. military organizations stationed on the island of Guam.

Working with the Joint Region Marianas and the Naval Base Guam emergency management team, DLA Distribution Guam, Marianas conducted table top exercises on their Typhoon Condition of Readiness checklist, and exercised inter-agency disaster coordination and communication capabilities.

In addition, a full field exercise was conducted at the organization, allowing emergency responders to respond to a mock fire in the hazardous materiel building. "This allowed DLA Distribution Guam and tenant partners to execute fire response, evacuation, refuge and accountability plans," said United States Marine Corps Lt. Col. Ly Fecteau, DLA Distribution Guam commander.

"Guam, located in the tropical belt of the Pacific Northwest, is one of the most prone areas for a tropical cyclone activity in the world. Because of this known fact, natural disaster planning is a high priority for the island," said Fecteau. "Our participation in these annual exercises ensures necessary procedures and



In 2002, Typhoon Pongsona hit the island of Guam.

plans are in place to protect and safeguard personnel and property in the event of an actual emergency."

DLA Distribution Guam is a tenant command located on US Naval Base Guam, providing forward stock positioning and enhanced physical distribution services to the military community on Guam and customers in Western Pacific Theater of Operations. Its storage and distribution facilities are strategically positioned to reduce transportation and customer wait time.

The organization performs standard distribution functions to include receipt, store, stock readiness and issue with related functions to include sea van surface and air inbound/outbound

shipments, World Wide Express service, emergency walk thru requisitions, Packing, Packaging, Preservation and Marking, or PPP&M, and transshipment services. As part of its mission, it provides tailored distribution services through the Material Processing Center which serves as a centralized receipt activity for afloat customers in the Guam area of responsibility.

Commodities stored at the center include repair parts, Navy Ship Store products, ODS Compressed Gases, Consumable items, Hazardous Material, Navy Level One / Subsbase material and Depot Level Repairable. DDGM also prepositions Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Relief items in an event of a disaster or request for assistance in the Asia/Pacific region.