

DDJC's Martin, Campbell honored by Tracy American Legion

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Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif. (DDJC), Police Officer Chris Martin (above) and Firefighter Tom Campbell (below) were honored by the Tracy, Calif., American Legion at a recent dinner recognizing the area's top police and fire department personnel.

Martin joined the DDJC Police Department in 2002. Campbell was recently named DLA's Firefighter of the Year. He has staffed the fire prevention section since he arrived at DDJC in 2001.



DDJC named top DLA fire dept, Campbell best fire officer

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DDJC's Fire Department was recently named the Defense Logistics Agency's Fire Department of the Year.

The department was evaluated on five key areas: customer services, innovation, quality management principles and initiatives, quality of life initiatives, and recognition.

The Fire Department's achievements in 2005 included implementing a fire warden program to identify fire safety issues in work areas, conducting fire extinguisher training for more than 1,300 employees, training and certifying 62 DDJC Police Officers in hazardous material operations, and developing of a fire prevention program for military housing residents.

Fire inspector Thomas Campbell was named DLA's fire officer of the year. Campbell oversees the DDJC Fire Prevention Program that includes program development, training, and code review and enforcement. In addition, he has revised and improved the DDJC fire regulation. He also developed and implemented new documentation for DLA's use which includes welding permits, confined space entry permits, facility inspection reports, and facility work order requests.

A day in the life of an Emergency Essential employee

By Steve Kloh, DDJC Facilities Maintenance Worker

Steve Kloh, DDJC Facilities Maintenance Worker, is one of 20 DDJC Emergency Essential Personnel. He wrote the following based on experiences at three DDC distribution centers.

Monday morning: I scroll through my e-mail and read the usual list of things. This time however, there is something different. An e-mail from my Emergency Essential (EE) POC is included - the adrenalin starts pumping! I am to report to Defense Distribution Depot Corpus Christi, Texas (DDCT), by week's end to help with packing and storage for 179 days. A surge of receipts has hit the distribution center in South Texas like a hurricane and the workers need help fast!

I have been in the EE program for almost two years and worked at three distribution centers: Tobyhanna, Pa. (DDTP); Puget Sound, Wash. (DDPW); and Corpus Christi. The lifestyle is unique. I have agreed to a three-year commitment of travel and service to support the mission wherever I am needed. It is a big commitment, but it pales in comparison to the sacrifice made by the men and women who fight for our country. The EE program has about 85 dedicated men and women and is growing fast.

While there is a lot of training for EE personnel, whenever you get an assignment, there will also be on-the-job training. The nature of the work is always different because situations can change moment by moment.

For instance, I was sent to Tobyhanna to work in the Transportation Office, but upon arrival I was assigned to the vault to process and stow. The following week, I was in Receiving and finally ended up in a bulk warehouse unloading and receiving generators.

At DDPW, I helped out in inventory and played a critical part in meeting deadlines for the pending audit.

Today, I am working in the Preservation, Packaging, Packing and Marking section at DDCT. We made a big dent in the backlog of work today! And the learning curve is always straight up!

One of the fringe benefits of being in the EE program is the travel! While on the East Coast I visited New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, Atlantic City, Washington, D.C., and Baltimore. I traveled with friends I would have never met under other circumstances. Seeing new places and taking trips I would never be able to afford on my own is great.

I have made two trips to San Antonio since arriving in Corpus Christi and plan to go to Mexico this weekend! I am not the type

