

Terminal. A hardware and software package, called Mojix, is utilized to read pRFID labels everywhere in the warehouse. By using repeaters, Mojix plots the location of anything containing a pRFID label within five feet or less on an electronic diagram of the warehouse. This

provides for increased visibility of items, reduces resource time for finding lost packages, can reduce costs by having only one pRFID device, rather than multiple pRFID door portals, and will hopefully provide us with the capability to reduce open lines for shipments

shipped but not closed out in DSS.

All three projects are providing DDC the opportunity to test out state-of-the-art pRFID equipment that will enhance distribution operations and improve productivity.

## DDRT employees becoming “greener” thanks to expanded recycling programs

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**A**longside their efforts in supporting the Warfighter, the leadership and employees of Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas, or DDRT, have adopted an additional mission: create a greener Texarkana.

DDRT has been semi-green since a white paper and cardboard recycling program was introduced in its Distribution Receiving department in October 2008. These efforts are now being expanded upon with the participation of DDRT’s administrative and support directorate.

Under the program, spearheaded by Terry Carter, supervisory distribution facilities specialist, each employee has a separate wastebasket for recycling white paper. When the wastebaskets are full they are collected along with the cardboard, and are then emptied into larger containers which are then emptied into a main recycling container.

Currently, these participants are receiving inquiries from other divisions about how they can join in the recycling.

According to Carter, he sees the movement as integral not to just DDRT, but throughout the Defense Distribution Center. “DDC as a whole has several initiatives in place to go greener. Everything from recycling paper to using energy efficient light fixtures is being done now across all the depots.”

In addition to the white paper and cardboard recycling, DDRT has purchased flashlights which run on an electrical charge, thus reducing battery usage, resulting in a cost savings. Once recharged, the lights are good for 8 to ten hours based on use.

The lights, in combination with the warehouse’s energy-efficient motion sensing lighting, are setting in motion a plan to create not only a greener DDRT, but a greener Texarkana.

The expansion on the existing program at DDRT comes before Texarkana implements changes to increase participation in its recycling program. Due to launch in January 2010, the expanded program, which includes distribution of larger receptacles



**Terry Carter, supervisory distribution facilities specialist at the Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas, or DDRT, is shown delivering new recycling containers to various offices around DDRT.**

to handle recyclables, will serve to make it easier for residents to participate in recycling.

DDRT hopes that the knowledge city officials provide to the public regarding the impact recycling has on the environment will make its own recycling efforts easier.

DDRT doesn’t just focus on what employees can do at work to decrease their energy usage, but also what they can do at home. In DDRT’s July 2009 newsletter, ideas are offered on how employees can further their green efforts with small adjustments such as switching to electronic bills, statements and payments, turning the thermostat down one degree, and air-drying clothing on clothes lines or drying racks.