

situation while working through command and control issues. It served its intended purpose extremely well. We were tested as a team and as individuals, up and down the chain of command, to work together to the best of our abilities during an emergency,”



Victims exposed to sarin gas wait for help during the drill.



Suspect holds a hostage with response team in watch.



DDPW celebrates first year in post A-76 role

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Defense Distribution Depot Puget Sound, Wash. (DDPW), celebrated the first year of performance after the completion of the A-76 process.

During a small ceremony held Dec. 1, DDPW Deputy Commander Susan Earle recognized the DDPW staff for their contributions to DDPW's success in the post A-76 environment. "We have a lot to celebrate. We have operated within our budget and have met the majority of our performance requirements during the past year."

Just over a year ago, at the conclusion of an A-76 competition, DLA announced that operation and management of the mission at DDPW would remain in-house, performed by federal employees, rather than being contracted out to a private company. The decision came after DDPW proposed a streamlined operating plan designed to reduce costs. In the A-76 process, this organization is called the

Most Efficient Organization (MEO).

Still celebrating the success of the past year with the employees, Earle added, "We still have room to learn and grow and we have challenges that lie ahead."

Serving as a stock point for DLA and service-owned material, DDPW supports both local and worldwide customers. DDPW is able to provide immediate support to both industrial and Warfighting customers. Direct support is provided for the ships home ported in the Pacific Northwest including aircraft carriers, submarines and supply ships.

DDPW employees receive, store and ship a wide range of material including 200,000 pound ship propulsion shafts to very small electronic components. The work is often fast paced, as DDPW serves as the support center for ships preparing for to deploy to the Pacific and Middle East.



The DDPW Team. Standing, left to right: DDPW Commander CDR Bill Bailey, Transportation Assistant Mark Kurtovich, Distribution Process Worker Jim Burns, Administrative assistant Violet Fischer, Site Manager Don Gonia, Computer Assistant Ginny Goldberg, Distribution Process Worker Phil Maestas, Alternate Site Manager Mary Siniscalchi, Transportation Assistant Susie Christian, Distribution Process Worker Edita Pepa, and Distribution Process Worker Roger Mattson. Seated, left to right: Distribution Process Worker Jerry Hall, DDPW Deputy Commander Susan Earle, Accountable Officer Melanie Sorgenfrei, and Transportation Assistant Peter Llanes.