
WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT TRAINING

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DLA provides Warehouse Management Training to the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Relief Agency (CDERA) in the Caribbean region as well as to disaster relief management agencies in Central and South America. The training is coordinated by US Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) and Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA). The goal is to standardize warehouse practices and improve storage and distribution efficiency in time of disasters. The training Instructor, Mr. John Price, is from the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA in New Cumberland, PA.

Fifteen government officials from nine different nations representing CDERA were trained in Barbados, West Indies, during the period August 18-21, 2000. Seven Central American countries, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Belize, and El Salvador will receive training during February–May 2001 timeframe. It is anticipated that training will expand into South America around May/June 2001.

The Warehouse Management Training covers principles of warehousing, inventory, donations, material handling equipment, security, safety, storage layouts, preservation and packaging, storage aids, and special commodities unique to a specific country. Students receive intensive instruction designed to give them the necessary tools to be self-supportive in designing and maintaining warehouse layouts.



John Price, with hat, instructs local Guatemalan representatives on the set up of the Quonset Hut type shelters donated to Guatemala by the U.S. DoD donated all the shelters.

Group photo of a portion of the 32 Guatemalan representatives trained to construct the M1948 Quonset Hut type shelter donated to Central American countries by the U.S. The instructor, John Price from DDSP, and Maria Rosalas, the Interpreter, from Guatemala City are in the bottom row, fourth and third from the right respectively.

