

DDDC Conducts High Rise Material Handling Equipment Escape Training

DDDC COMMANDER AND EMPLOYEES REPEL TO SAFETY

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DDDC's Commander, Captain Kathleen M. Dussault, SC, USN, "jumps" right in when it comes to Safety!

Employees of the Defense Distribution Depot San Diego (DDDC) recently performed "escape" training from high-rise Material Storage Retrieval Systems (MSRS). Leading by example, DDDC's own Commander, Captain Kathleen M. Dussault, Supply Corps, USN, jumped right in.

Annually, repelling training from the Handi Pik Material Storage Retrieval Systems is conducted for each licensed operator. In the event that the MSRS becomes inoperable and cannot be lowered manually, the operators, who work 40 feet above the ground picking items for packing and shipping, are required to harness themselves, exit the MSRS and repel to safety using the Rescumatic emergency-repelling devices. Employees cannot descend from the vehicle by crawling, climbing, or jumping.



DDDC employees look on during "Escape Training".

Harnessed, a DDDC employee descends from the Material Storage Retrieval Machine during annual training. ⇨



"Safety is our number one concern here at DDDC, this training is well worth the time and effort it takes to ensure that our employees have the tools, knowledge, and ability and are safe if an emergency should occur," states Randall Baars, DDDC Safety Office, "This is the second time Captain Dussault has participated in the 'jumps', she sets an excellent example for our employees."

DDDC prides itself on its entire Safety Program. Routinely, supervisors, or designated personnel conduct walk throughs to observe emergency stops, cart movement, forklift traffic and safe walk areas, ensuring that each DDDC employee has a safe working environment.

Defense Distribution Depot San Diego, California (DDDC) is located on Naval Station San Diego and is one of the most mechanized depots in the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). DDDC performs routine and high priority distribution operations to include receipt, store, and issue, with related functions to include transshipment, preservation, packaging, packing, stock readiness inspections, marking and reclassification.

Items processed at the depot include depot level reparable, electronics, industrial, medical, general, construction, clothing, packaged petroleum, chemicals, ship and aviation repair parts, and small boats/amphibious craft. Roughly 60 percent of assets on hand are Navy-managed material, divided evenly between Navy Inventory Control Point wholesale material and Fleet Industrial Supply Center retail material.

DDDC is composed of two separate storage compounds five miles apart consisting of 18 warehouses containing 16 million cubic feet of covered storage and 525,000 square feet of open storage. Among DDDC's primary customers are the 76 ships homeported in San Diego and 86 major shore commands representing all services, and other smaller activities in the Southwestern United States.

A large portion of DDDC's business is receiving, storing, and issuing depot level reparable for one of the Navy's largest repair facilities, Naval Aviation Depot North Island.