



## **HOMELAND DEFENSE EQUIPMENT REUSE (HDER) PROGRAM BULLETIN No. 18 July 2004**

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**Welcome to the HDER Program Bulletin - an eNewsletter from the HDER Program. Every month we will deliver the latest news and updates on HDER related issues. Please email your feedback and suggestions for future content to [ASKCSD@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:ASKCSD@ojp.usdoj.gov).**

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### **HDER PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION**

For all questions regarding participation in the HDER Program, training requests, and long-term technical support, please contact the Office for Domestic Preparedness help line at (800) 368-6498 or [ASKCSD@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:ASKCSD@ojp.usdoj.gov).

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### **NEWS**

#### **HDER Program Developments**

- FY 2004 third quarter delivery has been made to California.
- Advanced Radiological Survey Techniques Training sessions have been delivered to Tulsa, OK and Hamilton, OH.
- Upcoming courses are scheduled for Meridian, MS. HDER Training sessions have also been confirmed for Selma, AL; Peoria, IL; Fishers, IN; Detroit, MI; Cincinnati, OH; and Brookline, MA.

#### **HDER Dinner and Training**

##### **Monday Evening July 12, 2004 at 6:00 PM**

HPS Chapter volunteers are encouraged to attend a training information session by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) on the Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER) Program. The program is a joint effort among the ODP, the Department of Energy (DOE), and HPS that provides excess radiological detection instrumentation, training and long-term technical support to emergency responder agencies nationwide. HDER is a national program that enhances emergency responders' domestic preparedness capabilities. HPS volunteers are currently providing technical support nationwide to emergency responder agencies, and ODP is seeking more volunteers interested in assisting first responders in the use and maintenance of radiological detection equipment. A complimentary dinner will be provided by HPS, however the dinner will be limited to the first 75 individuals who respond to Mike Johnson in the HPS Secretariat's Office ([mjohnson@burkinc.com](mailto:mjohnson@burkinc.com), Phone: 703-790-1745 ext. 30).

### **ODP Website Reorganization**

Please be advised that the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) is reorganizing its website to improve its usability and update its content. As part of the improvements made to the ODP website (<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp>), the information for the Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER) Program will be moving. The HDER Program fact sheet and general program information, which was under the "What's New" link; will now be under a newly developed "Equipment" section ([http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/equipment\\_hder.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/equipment_hder.htm)). Archived HDER e-newsletters and the State Administrative Agency (SAA) HDER Point of Contact (POC) list will remain in the "Library" section (<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/hderbulletins.htm>).

### **In Case of a Radiological Incident - Who Do You Call and When?**

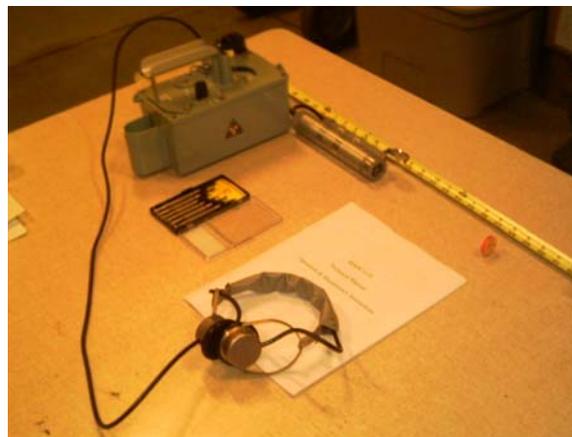
Your fire, law enforcement, and EMS units are at a scene and suspect a terrorist act involving radioactive material. Who do you call and when? The annual Directory of Personnel Responsible for Radiological Health Programs published by the **Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD)** is an excellent resource for locating state and federal radiation protection experts. CRCPD, through the HDER program, provided a complementary copy of the 2003 edition. The January 2004 edition is available from CRCPD and may be purchased at <http://www.crcpd.org/publications.asp>. For more information on state radiation control programs and useful information on radiation protection, see the CRCPD web site at <http://www.crcpd.org>.

### **Surplus Navy Beta Gamma Instruments Ready for Deployment in New Mexico**

*Submitted by Scott Field, New Mexico Office of Emergency Management, and George Anastas, Red River Chapter of the Health Physics Society.*

Through the HDER Program, New Mexico recently received fifty (50) excess Navy AN/PDR 27 (HDER G-01) beta/gamma detectors. A local HPS representative worked with the state to check out the instruments, change batteries, field check for appropriate beta/gamma response, and get the instruments ready for distribution. The instruments will be distributed to emergency responders from New Mexico's twenty-two Native American tribal organizations, to include the New Mexico portion of the Navajo Nation. The State will also be providing training for many of these tribal responders.

Thus far, New Mexico has received over \$250,000 worth of excess federal radiation detection instrumentation and personal protection equipment, all of which has been placed with state and local emergency responders. In addition, the New Mexico Office of Emergency Management has provided radiation detection instrument training to hundreds of first responders.



Photograph shows the AN/PDR 27 (HDER G-01) and the field check set up.

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## **SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **July 2004**

- Fiscal year 2004 fourth quarter inventory list will be posted on July 1, 2004 and available for ordering at noon EST.
- HDER HPS Volunteer Training will be held during the HPS Annual Meeting (July 11-15). See above for detailed information.
- Advanced Radiological Survey Techniques Training course in Meridian, MS (July 20-23).

### **August 2004**

- Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse Training course to be delivered in Peoria, IL (August 4-14) and Fishers, IN (August 24 – September 4).

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