

UMCDF 'pays it forward'



UMCDF Communication Specialist Adam Russell displays a wad of cash and checks along with several boxes of food donated from the UMCDF Holiday Party to the Hermiston Police Department's Christmas Express charity program.

The Hermiston Christmas Express received a tremendous boost in the form of canned food and cash from the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility UMCDF Holiday Party, held on Dec. 5.

Donating two canned food items per person entitled those attending the "Pay it Forward" party to a refund of \$15 per ticket, but many people chose to donate their refund to the Hermiston Christmas Express. Many employees also brought more than the requested two cans of food.

That generosity filled seven computer-size boxes with food and resulted in an even \$1,000 in cash donations.

The Hermiston Christmas Express, operated by the Hermiston Police Department, will use the food and money to brighten the holidays for needy families in the region. A Christmas Express bus bearing Santa, food and gifts will visit about 350 families in the greater Hermiston area.

In the past the price of UMCDF Holiday Party tickets helped offset the expense to the company. This year, the company "paid it forward" by rewarding employees for their work and dedication with a ticket refund for those who donated food, and employees "paid it forward" by providing food donations and sometimes cash for the less fortunate.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,251 days, or more than 5.8 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Dec. 3 - 9, 2009)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	0
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	159
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	6.0
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	0
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	54
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	0
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	278,744
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	3,044,926
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,136
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,517.23
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	40.81

**Recipient ton containers are byproducts of mustard disposal and were not a part of the original stockpile.*

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **June 11, 2009:** Began first HD ton container destruction in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- **June 4, 2009:** First HD ton containers transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- **Nov. 5, 2008:** Completed VX munitions campaign.
- **Oct. 26, 2007:** Began VX munitions campaign.
- **July 8, 2007:** Completed GB munitions campaign.
- **Sept. 7, 2004:** Began GB munitions campaign.

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