

DHS relocates its Ft. Bliss support facility for enhanced operations

On April 1, 2013, DHS Systems LLC, military manufacturer of the Deployable Rapid Assembly Shelter (DRASH) moved its Ft. Bliss support facility to another location in El Paso, TX.

The new facility has more space for maintenance, and is outfitted with all the equipment and supplies necessary to provide immediate support for customers. In addition, the facility has a full stock of commonly used maintenance and sustainment items to fulfill immediate requests and enable quicker customer support. Finally, DHS has equipped the facility with a demonstration fleet that will allow customers to actually inspect and operate equipment that they are considering for purchase.

DHS representatives Kevin Smith and Pedro Cortez will spearhead operations at the new facility. Both reps have been in the El Paso community for years and have a wealth of experience with Ft. Bliss and WSMR.

“Ft. Bliss has long been a major customer for DRASH. Since IAD moved to Ft. Bliss, the demand for our products and services has increased. We strive to provide unparalleled support to our customers and to always be available to assist in any way we can. This facility provides an ideal launching point to complete this mission,” said Kevin Smith.

The new Ft. Bliss support facility is located at 6400 Airport Road, Building A, Suite C, El Paso, TX 79925. Please call 915.633.1156 for more information.



DRASH Ft. Bliss support facility moves to another location.

DRASH busy in Fort Bragg, attends two Expos in one week

March 17-23, was a busy week in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with the Shadow Warrior and Global Response Force Expos demonstrating the latest equipment for soldiers and DA Civilians. The Shadow Warrior Expo that took place on March 19-21 focused on tactical communications equipment, whereas the Global Response Force Expo that took place on March 20-21 had a broader concentration, focusing on equipment for a range of missions. DHS Systems was present at both Expos to discuss the variety of equipment available through its DRASH line to help the warfighter meet multi-mission challenges.

Over 500 Soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians gathered to see the latest in tactical communications technology at Shadow Warrior Expo. This year's event had great Command emphasis from not only the 112th Signal Command but also FORSCOM, US-ASOC and XVIII Airborne Corps. Senior Officers and NCOs from all Commands came through to see the new tactical communications technology available to them.

DHS has a line of Deployable Command and Control Equipment (DC2E) meant to simplify information collection, management and dissemination on the battlefield. Combining DC2E with DRASH shelters offers a robust solution to tactical communications, keeping equipment shielded and operational in a range of environments.

"This was most definitely a great event. Each year this show just gets better and better. Can't wait to see what next year brings," said Mike Pendergast, DHS Business Development representative.

Approximately 200 Soldiers and DA Civilians attended the Global Response Force Expo. The event gave Ft. Bragg's FORSCOM, US-ASOC, and XVIII Airborne Corps a chance to see new equipment relevant to their worldwide missions. DHS offers DRASH systems that support a range of missions including disaster response, consequence management, humanitarian assistance, homeland security and many more.

"The GRF was a homerun for DRASH because we were able to speak with customers who have plenty of experience using DRASH



DHS attended the Global Response Force Expo and Shadow Warrior Expo in Ft. Bragg.

and love the product. We received a lot of solid feedback and plan to use that feedback to enhance our products even further," said Jeff Lindstrom, DHS Business Development representative.

DRASH Shelter Systems have been in use by both military and civilian agencies around the world for more than 25 years. DRASH's versatility enables users to form shelter solutions for a diverse range of applications.

How can DHS Business Development help you? *East coast edition*

The DHS Business Development team is a group of extremely knowledgeable and experienced representatives whose background and expertise have proven to be an asset to customers seeking information and assistance. Business Development is divided into three major regions, East, Central and West, wherein numerous support facilities are established.

In an interview, East Regional Manager, Scott Jackson, provides some insight about himself and his AOR.

How long have you been an AOR leader? I have been an AOR leader for 4 years.

What is your background? Retired SMSgt USAF. I served in units providing fixed and mobile communications to Air Force and Army. My duty assignments included Ft Hood, Texas; Ft Bragg, North Carolina; Camp Casey, Korea; Prüm Air Station, Germany; and Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

What Regions do you cover? Where are your major customer bases? Everything east of the Mississippi river, Canada, Germany, and my team members augment DHS-International supporting U.S. and NATO Forces around the globe. This includes customers from Ft Drum, Ft Bragg, Ft Stewart, Ft Gordon, Ft Campbell, Camp Atterbury, Ft Benning, and U.S. Army's V Corps in Germany.

Who are the Business Development representatives that make up your AOR and what areas to they support? Willie Craig (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania), Michael Wyatt and Scott Haymaker (Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee), Jeff Lindstrom and Michael Pendergast (Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina), Robert Abbott, Ralph Hodgdon, Jay D. Daniels and Delania McDowell (South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida), and Bryan Wright (Europe). The East region also has Regional Support Facilities at Ft Bragg and Ft Stewart.



East Regional Manager, Scott Jackson, talks to customers about DRASH.

How can AOR/BD help DRASH customers? First and most importantly, we are always available to help our customers 24/7, 365 days a year. Our team of highly skilled and motivated professionals serves our customers with the same commitment as they served our country during their military careers. Specifically, we assist customers by developing solutions encompassing the full range of military missions. Additionally, we provide training, field support to include pre/post deployment preparations, as well as aid with the purchasing process. Our staff in AOR East has over 200 years combined military and DRASH experience, and we stand ready to support any need our customer has. We are one phone call away.

How can customers contact you and your team? I can be contacted directly at (914)-806-3349 or sjackson@drash.com. Our 24-hour hotline is 1-877-GO-DRASH. Additionally, our website includes a "contact us" section with an easy to navigate map, you simply select your location and multiple team members are listed to provide immediate support.

Product Highlight:

Deployable Command and Control Equipment

When it comes to information management on the battlefield, technology that simplifies the gathering and organization of complex data is valuable in time sensitive situations.

In 2005, DHS Systems LLC developed its Deployable Command and Control Equipment (DC2E) to enhance information management during tactical operations. Several components make up the DC2E line; each intertwining to form a complete command and control package.

What makes up the DC2E package? Below is a list of products described in more detail.

Display systems:

DRASH display systems help you see the bigger picture by projecting various feeds of tactical information onto one screen.

The screen displays come in six different models to suit the size and demands of your mission. All models project high resolution images and are designed to facilitate visibility from all areas of a tactical operations center.

The display systems can be easily set up or taken down and can be transported safely despite rough terrain. Depending on model and size, the display systems can pack into 2-4 cases for transport.

DRASH display systems are available in: Medium, Large, and Extra-large configurations but they can be combined to suit a diverse range of mission needs.

AV Systems:

DRASH audiovisual systems integrate seamlessly into any tactical operations center or command post. They work in conjunction with DRASH display systems to enhance information management and dissemination on the battlefield.



DC2E Large Screen Display set up for command and control operations.

Not only do the AV systems have diskless components, but also they do not require additional software, and thus are optimal for mobile operations. These systems enable audio conferencing and combine real time video and computer inputs onto one display, so that users can connect to units in distant areas.

Additionally, DRASH audiovisual systems include mold, weather resistant transport cases for the control system and accessories so they can be transported without risk of damage.

DRASH audiovisual systems are available in four different configurations: Mini, Small, Medium, and Large.

Support Equipment:

On top of the display and audiovisual systems, additional support equipment is available to enhance your TOC even further, including:

- **IDDS™:** A durable, cost effective way of distributing power and network connectivity throughout a mobile or fixed facility while storing and protecting cables.
- **Microphone Systems:** Easily participate in a discussion with a push of a button.
- **Clock Systems:** Monitor up to four customized time zones.
- **Remote Monitors:** Remotely monitor your power management systems from inside your TOC.
- **TUFF-TABLES®:** Equip your tactical operations center with durable, rapidly deployable furniture.

Support Corner:

Prepping your TMSS for warm weather

There are several steps you can take to ensure that your TMSS Medium or Large System runs properly in the warm weather. (Note: Always follow repair procedures in DRASH technical manuals for your Medium and Large systems respectively.)

1. Change fuel and oil filters

Replace the fuel and oil filters, as well as the actuator valve located at the end cover of the filter, by squeezing the rubber in order to open the gap and let any debris out. When finished, inspect for leaks.

2. Clean ECU filters

Clean or replace all ECU filters and ensure that the coils are free of any debris.

3. Check both batteries

Check your system's batteries to ensure they are at a proper voltage. Make sure that none of the batteries' hold down straps are broken or missing.

4. Inspect tires

Look for any leaks, bent rims, or missing lug nuts on the system's tires. Also, check for any tires that are worn out or low in pressure.

5. Test your hand brakes

The brakes should move freely and you should be able to adjust the tension.

6. Check the Tail Lights and Trailer Plug...

Inspect your taillights to ensure that they are functioning properly. Also, examine the trailer plug for any bent pins or housing.

7...And the Brake Actuator

Make sure to check that the fluid level is correct and that all chains are attached properly. Also, check for leaks and wear and tear on the lunette ring.



Make sure your TMSS is mission ready despite hot climates.

Contacting DRASH Customer Support

Have questions or require assistance with your TMSS? DHS representatives are located across the country and around the world, and are available to assist you.

You may also contact our 24-hours a day, 7-days a week customer hotline at 877-GO-DRASH.

Building a tactical operations center with DRASH

Are you looking for a Tactical Operations Center (TOC) that is modular, energy efficient and simplifies information management on the battlefield? DRASH shelter systems and communications equipment enable quick, fuel-efficient tactical operations.

DRASH enables you to build a mission-appropriate TOC that meets or exceeds mil-spec requirements. There is no one size fits all solution; therefore, DRASH offers a variety of shelter and communications equipment to accommodate diversity in the field.

DRASH tents range from 109 – 1,250 square feet. Each shelter is fully customizable and can be interconnected to increase or decrease operating area. DRASH tents are ideal for establishing rugged, mobile operations areas.

DRASH Utility Support Transport (UST) trailers supply power and or/ environmental control to DRASH tents. The trailers use a digital micro-grid power management system, Intelligent Power Technology® (IPT), which controls multiple power generators to adjust to fluctuations in power demand. Effectively, this reduces the amount of fuel needed to supply energy to a given area of a TOC. Performance in the Army's Networked Integration Evaluation 13.1 showed that DRASH IPT decreased fuel consumption by 63.67%.

Deployable Command and Control Equipment (DC2E) is the heart of DRASH tactical operations centers. DC2E enhances how commanders collect, manage, and disseminate information during a tactical mission. The line comprises display systems and audiovisual systems, ranging in size and function. The display and audiovisual systems combine multiple feeds of information onto a single platform for high-resolution imaging anywhere in a TOC. Additional communications equipment is available to outfit a tactical operations center to meet the standards of your mission.

Many units have deployed DRASH equipment as tactical operations centers. Check out our "In the News" section on our website to find out more.



DRASH shelter systems, DC2E equipment and Intelligent Power Technology® systems integrate to form energy efficient TOCs.

DRASH deploys Teddy Bear Hospital, supports local cause

DRASH suits a variety of applications that range from command and control centers to mobile surge facilities. These systems are versatile and therefore can accommodate even the most uncommon of applications, such as a Teddy Bear Hospital.

On March 10, Rockland County, New York, held its 15th annual YouthFest where local organizations demonstrated how their services benefit children in the community. Every year Nyack Hospital participates in YouthFest by setting up a Teddy Bear Hospital. In support of Nyack Hospital, DHS Systems LLC, headquartered in Rockland County, provides one of its DRASH XB Shelters to serve as the Teddy Bear Hospital.

The Teddy Bear Hospital is a makeshift emergency room where children from the community bring teddy bears to receive pretend treatment for a made-up malady. Approximately 500 participants walked through the DRASH Teddy Bear Hospital, which housed medical stations, equipment and even a teddy bear X-Ray booth. Clinicians from Nyack Hospital were present to demonstrate care on the teddy bears and to give children lessons in preventative care.

The purpose of the event is to familiarize children with emergency room practices and to minimize anxieties about entering the emergency room. Additionally, the event educates children on safety and health practices so that they can prevent injuries and illnesses that would result in emergency room care.

Linda Suarez, Director of Education at Nyack Hospital commented on the event saying, "Overall this was a great event and having a DRASH shelter there was the absolute best. We were thankful for the tent and for DHS' support in setting up, maintaining and taking down the system. This year was the smoothest event we've had so far."



Clinicians from Nyack Hospital educate children on emergency room practices in the Teddy Bear Hospital.