

Depot firefighters represent Team Umatilla



The Firefighter Combat Challenge includes completing five tasks wearing full gear.

Rich Jendro and Steve Petersen of the Umatilla Chemical Depot Fire Department traveled to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Sunday, July 9, to represent Umatilla Chemical Depot in the Firefighter Combat Challenge.

The Challenge annually attracts hundreds of U.S. and Canadian municipal fire departments at more than 25 locations around the country. It seeks to encourage firefighter fitness and demonstrate the profession's rigors to the public. Wearing "full bunker gear" and breathing apparatus, pairs of competitors race head-to-head as they simulate the physical demands of firefighting by performing a linked series of five tasks including climbing the five-story tower, hoisting, chopping, dragging hoses and rescuing a life-sized, 175-pound "victim" as they race against themselves, their opponent and the clock.

The course is often run by a relay team of four firefighters, but Rich and Steve ran the course as a tandem team. Their participation shows a commitment to maintain superior fitness for duty.

Total agent destruction reaches 7 million pounds

During processing this week, the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) reached the 7 million pound milestone for total agent destruction since the first GB rocket was processed on Sept. 8, 2004. Less than 430,000 lbs. of chemical agent — the remainder of the mustard stockpile — is left to be destroyed.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,832 days, or more than 8.6 million work hours, since a lost work day accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (July 7 - 13, 2011)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	57
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	2,034
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	77.2
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	8
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	708
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	106,389
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	3,635,012
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	7,015,677
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	219,990
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	3,195.37
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	85.96

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

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **June 27, 2010:** Completed mustard Agent Trial Burn for Metal Parts Furnace (MPF) and Liquid Incinerators (LICs).
- **June 11, 2009:** Began first HD ton container destruction in the 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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