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Ontario Decontamination Trailer

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The following is text about the Ontario Intl' Airport (California) Decontamination trailer. For your info.... can you tell we are proud....

Ontario International Airport , Ontario California, has become the first airport in the nation to get a high tech portable mass decontamination system. The system manufactured by Modec Inc. of Denver can process up to 700 persons per hour. The portable unit can be easily set up in under thirty minutes.

The Los Angeles World Airports which owns and operates Ontario International bought three of the \$220,000 mass casualty decon systems and gave the first one to the Ontario International Airport. The project under the direction of Mr. Michael DiGirolamo, Director of Airports Operation Los Angeles City Dept. of Airports, and was coordinated by Mr. Richard Taylor, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator for the Los Angeles City Dept. of Airports. It has taken a full year to see the initial results of their efforts, but the results are very promising.

The portable decontamination unit was delivered to the Ontario International Airport the first of November. Classes were given on the unit, and agencies from the surrounding areas were invited to attend. The plan for the units is to have the Los Angeles World Airports purchase the units, but make them available to the Los Angeles City Fire Dept. at LAX and other agencies that surround the area around Ontario. The Idea is that others could benefit from the equipment. The Los Angeles World Airports is working closely with the FAA on the project. Each agency will be required to participate in a signed mutual aid agreement.

The Mas Casualty Decontamination System by Modec Inc. is housed in a trailer, and pulled by a Ford F-450 crew cab diesel truck. It features portable structures that serve as areas for undressing, showers, monitoring and redressing . The structures provide privacy for people undergoing decontamination. The system heats water to between 80 and 95 degrees Fahrenheit and adds a small amount of bleach. Other chemicals are added to the water depending upon what toxic agent needs to be neutralized. The water is collected in dikes and can be easily



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disposed of. It is specifically designed to decontaminate persons exposed to biological and chemical toxins.

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