

# Sen. Harry Reid visits HAMMER

At the request of U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell of Washington state, Nevada Senator Harry Reid toured the Fluor Hanford-managed Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center and the Hanford Patrol Training Academy on July 1. Sen. Reid is the Senate minority whip and a ranking minority member of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee.

The tour showcased HAMMER and PTA's capabilities in homeland-security training. During his tour, Reid learned of the facilities' hands-on training props and programs specifically designed for emergency responders and law-enforcement personnel.

The senator also observed the Hanford Fire Department and the Hanford Patrol in training sessions, and spoke with firefighters and Patrol personnel about their training experiences at the facilities. According to one of the senator's staffers, Reid was impressed with HAMMER and the Patrol Training Academy, and views them as valuable training assets for the federal government. ■



**Volpentest HAMMER and Hanford Training director Karen McGinnis strides beside Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada (center), joined by Reid's staff members and Hanford officials, to begin a walking tour of the HAMMER main campus. Behind McGinnis is community leader Sam Volpentest, for whom the facility is named. At right, Patrol Training Academy sharpshooter Steve Voigt reviews PTA firearms with Reid and prepares the senator to fire an M-4 rifle.**

