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Hanford reacts quickly to national terrorist attacks

Sept. 11 will be forever etched in our memories as the date in 2001 when terrorists committed murderous acts against thousands of Americans in New York and Washington, D.C. Our national sovereignty was violated and the effects of these horrific acts were felt at Hanford, too. Increased security measures were implemented at government facilities across the Hanford Site as they were across the nation.

Although there were no known threats to Hanford, the Hanford Patrol and local law enforcement agencies were placed in a high state of readiness for any eventuality. With police tape, orange traffic cones and restricted parking, Patrol maintained wide perimeters around several buildings.

Bomb-sniffing dogs of the Hanford Patrol K-9 Unit combed building parking lots and monitored Hanford mail. Patrol members checked every badge at all site entrances. Contractors began accounting for their business travelers, and non-essential personnel were sent home about 10:30 that Tuesday morning.

Except for security, many work schedules returned to normal the following day. But Hanford employees were still numb with disbelief, and many are still stunned. In attempting to find ways to help those who suffered from the worst act of terrorism ever committed against the United States, they prayed for the victims, attended services and prayer meetings, and donated money and blood.

Employees also reacted in a positive way by helping to ensure that Hanford was as secure as possible from any potential form of terrorism. Requests for ID tags for bags and bomb-threat cards increased. Safeguards and Security organizations asked that employees remain vigilant when entering and exiting government and private vehicles. In addition, they advised employees to scan their vehicles for suspicious articles and, when leaving a vehicle, ensure it's locked and note its contents and condition.



An American Red Cross bloodmobile serves donors outside the Lockheed Martin Services facility at 2261 Stevens Drive. The scheduled Hanford blood drive on Tuesday, Sept. 11, turned out to be timely after the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., earlier that morning. For information on how you can give blood, call 783-6195.

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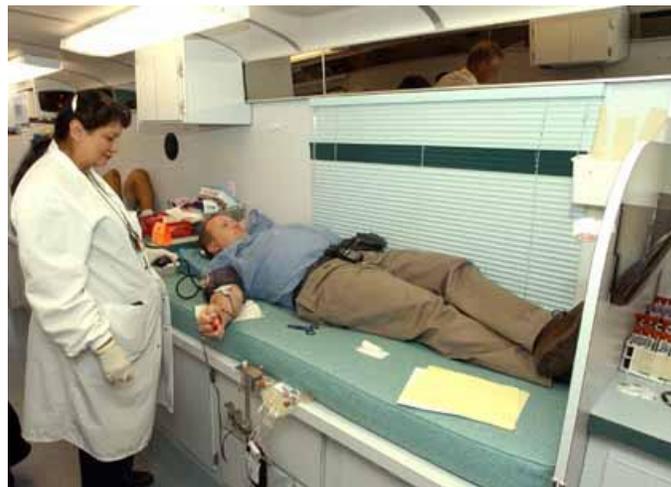
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Employees were also reminded of the importance of protecting security badges from theft and possible misuse, and to immediately report lost or stolen security badges to Patrol.

A significant defense against additional attacks on America is alert citizens. Terrorists need intelligence on planned targets — and, as they collect intelligence, they are most vulnerable to interception. Please be alert to suspicious activities and report your concerns to authorities. Personnel working in sensitive facilities are not to discuss information on security operations or changes to those operations, except as required in the workplace and only with those who have a need to know.

In addition, employees should:

- Report any suspicious activities to the Patrol Operations Center at 373-3800. (Note: PNNL staff members may contact their security representative or call the Battelle single point of contact at 375-2400.)
- Ensure doors are completely closed and locked when exiting a building.
- Challenge personnel without approved security badges or call the POC.
- Be especially cautious of unexpected foreign, priority or special delivery mail, or mail with any irregular or suspicious characteristics.



Donna Maes of the American Red Cross prepares to get a blood donation from Paul Johnson, a Duratek Federal Services Northwest employee who supports Bechtel National's work on the Waste Treatment Plant. Johnson was one of many people in the region who donated blood to help victims of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

The most important things Hanford employees can do to combat the threat of terrorism while continuing the business of site cleanup are taking security measures seriously and including security as a work priority.

Employees who wish to donate blood may call the local Red Cross office at 783-6195. For monetary contributions to the relief effort, call 1-800-HELP-NOW (435-7669), or go to the Red Cross Web site, www.redcross.org. ♦