



## Staff Responds to National Crisis

**A**t PPPL, the aftermath of the September 11 national tragedy has been marked by a spirit of generosity, dedication, and cooperation.

On the first day, staff members offered one another comfort as they gathered around their desks and in the Cafeteria while news of the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon unfolded across the airwaves. As the days passed and a fuller image of the attack and its consequences came into view, staff members continued to unite, both in their support of one another and of the Lab, helping in a variety of ways with the response efforts. These responses have been both individual and institutional.

During the first week of the tragedy, four PPPL Emergency Services Officers, working through their hometown volunteer companies, assisted in the triage area at the Meadowlands Complex in East Rutherford. PPPL also provided fire coverage to the Plainsboro Fire Department while Plainsboro firefighters went to Staten Island to provide aid.

On Friday, September 14, PPPL Director Rob Goldston invited staff to join him in an observance for victims of the tragedy. "Here at the Laboratory, we will gather at noon in the Auditorium for three minutes of reflection and silent remembrance of the victims of this attack," said Goldston. President Bush had proclaimed the 14th as a "National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for

the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks." Employees were also encouraged to pause and reflect at their workstations if they could not join others in the Auditorium for the observance, or, if they wished, to take the noon hour to attend remembrance services off site.

Additionally, the Laboratory has donated and loaned equipment and supplies to benefit the World Trade Center effort. On Saturday, September 15, PPPL loaned twelve tables and thirty chairs to the American Red Cross, which had set up a headquarters area for all of New Jersey in donated office space at Carnegie Center, not far from the

Lab. PPPL loaned the tables and chairs to the American Red Cross indefinitely; the organization usually maintains operations for 30 days in response to a given disaster. "I was volunteering at the University Response Center when the request came in. We were not able to locate anyone at the Facilities Department on campus, so I contacted PPPL's Security staff, who made arrangements with Spence Holcombe for the loan of tables and chairs

stored at the Warehouse. Security officers helped remove and load these for delivery," said Andrew Post-Zwicker, PPPL Science Education Lead Scientist.

Also on September 15, PPPL staff delivered three truckloads of supplies to the Hopewell Fire Company,

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*The flag at PPPL was flown at half-mast in memory of the victims of the September 11 attack on the nation.*





Those at the Lab who assisted with the collection and delivery of items from PPPL for the World Trade Center cleanup efforts are, from left, Patty Slaydon, Al Davis, Spence Holcombe, Maria Pueyo, Margaret Lumia, Rob Sheneman, Keith Rule, Scott Dennerlein, and John Bennevich. Not pictured are Jim Conover, Garry Karluk, and Karen Brooks.

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which served as the regional collection point for the World Trade Center cleanup efforts. There, donated items were loaded onto tractor-trailers for transport to New York. Rob Sheneman coordinated the collection and delivery from the Lab.

"It was truly inspiring to see people from all walks of life contributing supplies for the effort. Poor little Hopewell was nearly grid-locked by the traffic. The coordinators were overwhelmed by the magnitude of our contribution. In the Hopewell area, the donation campaign started on Wednesday morning with a woman wishing to donate her

extra gardening gloves to the rescue effort. By Saturday morning, the campaign culminated in more than 50 tons of supplies and equipment. On a personal level, it felt good to be doing something to help the rescue effort rather than watching the horror on television over and over. It is the generous spirit of its citizens that makes American the greatest nation on earth," said Sheneman.

Contributed items include:

- 130 Hard Hats
- 15 Pairs of Goggles
- 50 Pairs of Safety Glasses
- 12 Respirators
- 200 Dust Masks
- 330 Pairs of Work Gloves
- 750 Disposable Coveralls
- 2,000 Disposable Gloves
- 24 Pairs of Chemical-resistant Gloves
- 60 Five-gallon Buckets
- 12,000 Cotton Rags
- 2,000 Disposable Rags
- 360 Batteries
- 400 Oil and Chemical Spill Pads.

In addition, PPPL's Emergency Services Unit contributed spare fire-fighting "bunker" suits (pants, boots, coats, and helmets), the Lab's Environmental Restora-

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## PPPL 50th Anniversary Postponed

*Due to the September 11 national tragedy, PPPL postponed a three-day symposium entitled, "A Celebration of High-temperature Plasma Physics." The event, which was to be held at the Laboratory September 12-14, will be rescheduled.*

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tion/Waste Management group contributed hand tools, and our Occupational Medicine Office contributed two cases of medical/first-aid supplies, including bandages, tape, gauze, and saline solution.

"Department of Energy personnel, like so many others throughout the nation, wanted to offer whatever help they could to try to ease the suffering in New York," said Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham. "DOE teams are working side-by-side with other Americans to provide whatever assistance we can, and as soon as we can, to help New York overcome this terrible tragedy."

Many at PPPL have asked how they can continue to help. One way is to donate blood. The Princeton Medical Center is asking potential donors to schedule an appointment by calling 609-921-7700 or to contact the Red Cross at 1-800-GIVELIFE. The Laboratory will host a Blood Drive on Friday, October 12, from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. To sign up, contact Karen Brooks at the Occupational Medicine Office at ext. 3200 or send an e-mail to [kbrooks@pppl.gov](mailto:kbrooks@pppl.gov).



PPPL loaned tables and chairs to the American Red Cross, which set up offices (above) at Carnegie Center to respond to the September 11 tragedy.

To make monetary contributions to a charity of choice, checkout the web site at [www.libertyunites.org](http://www.libertyunites.org), or heed New York Mayor Giuliani's request to "Come here [New York] and spend money" by supporting the tourism, entertainment, and food industries.

"This has been a difficult time for our nation and for each of us individually. As we heal, adjust, and learn from this tragedy, I want to thank all of you for your ongoing support and generosity," said Director Goldston. ●

## PPPL Participates in Forrestal Village Science Day



On Saturday, August 25, PPPL participated in the 2001 Science Day at Forrestal Village. John DeLooper, Tony DeMeo, Alex Ilic, Paul LaMarche, Pam Lucas, Hutch Neilson, Martin Peng, and Carol Phillips volunteered at PPPL's exhibit. More than 500 people stopped by to see the Lab's fusion display and hands-on science demonstrations. Event organizer Barry Chiorello commented, "Your knowledge and interactive presentations made it a joy for the public to learn interesting facts about science and understand how it applies to them." At left, LaMarche shows young visitors a plasma tube and at right is the PPPL display and booth. ●





# **PPPL BLOOD DRIVE**

**for the American Red Cross**

**Friday, October 12**

**8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**at the PPPL Firehouse**

**To sign up, contact Karen Brooks, R.N.  
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