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City of Detroit Selects BLU-MED Portable Shelters to Support Super Bowl XL

DETROIT, MI - The City of Detroit will roll out a series of new portable shelter systems for use as crowd warming stations and First Responder support facilities during the upcoming Super Bowl. BLU-MED Response Systems, the supplier of the shelters, specializes in state-of-the-art portable structures designed for terrorism response, bio/flu crisis and natural disasters. The shelters selected by the city of Detroit will be set up as 4 individual units, providing significant flexibility to their users.

"One of our concerns in planning for this event was the walking distance between event venues during colder weather," explained Michael R. Gregory, CEM, the Emergency Manager for the Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion. "We will divide the shelter complex into individual shelter units placed at strategic locations as courtesy warming stations for the public as well as for first responders and other essential personnel.

BLU-MED Response Systems will provide deployment and tactical support to the City of Detroit for the set up of the portable facilities during the week of Super Bowl XL activities. The shelters are transported in two 24 foot trailers and can be set up within hours, wherever needed, to support public health, safety and disaster response teams.

BLU-MED's primary product, the Disaster Medical Facility is a fully equipped, freestanding, modular mobile hospital system that can be deployed to an incident scene following a disaster, or be set up as auxiliary hospital space to process and treat large numbers of incoming patients. The modular shelters can be set up in a variety of configurations with beds, cots and an array of specialized medical equipment needed for patient triage, emergency room/trauma, intensive care, inpatient care and mass immunization or first aid stations.

When

February 2-5, 2006

In conjunction with Super Bowl XL

Where

Various locations near Ford Field in downtown Detroit

Who

BLU-MED Response Systems is a division of Alaska Structures, Inc., Kirkland, Wash.
(www.blu-med.com)

Why

Public health preparedness and surge capacity for mass casualties is considered a critical element of homeland security. In the event of natural disaster, flu epidemic, or a biological or chemical attack, a sudden influx of patients would overwhelm capacity at many hospitals. BLU-MED Response Systems is a leader in providing mobile medical facilities designed to augment capacity at a hospital, at an incident scene or at another predetermined location.

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About BLU-MED Response Systems

BLU-MED Response Systems, Kirkland, Wash., provides turn-key, portable shelter-based solutions for disaster medical surge facilities, alternate command centers, temporary housing and base camp requirements. A full range of medical equipment packages are available. Support services include vendor managed inventory options, field deployment, and training & exercise services.

BLU-MED facilities can be sized and customized to meet a variety of state and local emergency management and public health needs, with modular options including medical surge wards, patient treatment, decontamination, immunization/drug distribution, negative pressure isolation, and field laboratory units. BLU-MED Response Systems is a division of Alaska Structures, Inc. For more information see www.blu-med.com .

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