



DefenCell proves a blast at FPED 2007

J & S Franklin are proud to announce that DefenCell was selected as one of the products to demonstrate at this years Force Protection Equipment Demonstration (FPED6) at Stafford, Virginia in the USA. Franklin subsidiary, JSF Systems LLC, exhibited a range of DefenCell structures at the show.

In a three day series of blast tests held at the Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia, DefenCell demonstrated it's capacity to successfully withstand multiple attacks against Force Protection structures from simulated mortars or IEDs, with no significant reduction of performance.

The series of 11 lb C4 charges were placed one foot from the wall in the same location to show the continued resilience and protection provided by DefenCell. The wall tested was 5m long and 2m high, made from modular DefenCell T3 sections, which provide a minimum of 1.5m wide protection. The cellular structure is simply built with a Bobcat using available fill materials including soil, sand or aggregate. At the end of the three days the wall still provided over one metre of protection along it's entire length.

Jeremy Milton of J & S Franklin said:

"The reaction from the US Forces to DefenCell has been fantastic. One USACE Colonel described the system as "one of the most interesting products I've seen at the show", whilst another officer "wished I'd had this in Iraq". These tests and the show have once again proved the practicality and versatility of DefenCell Force Protection."

These demonstrations in the USA follow a series of blast tests successfully completed at Advantica's Spadeadam test site in Cumbria, UK. A range of DefenCell walls, Sangars and firing positions were subjected to attacks of up to 15kgs C4 in cased and shaped charges to simulate mortar, RPG and IED threats.

Full details of these tests are available on request or from the J & S Franklin DefenCell stand 378 at DSEi at Excel from 11-14 September.

Editors Notes

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