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USAF Small Arms Program

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Overview



- AF link to JSSAMP
 - Current Operations
 - Lessons Learned
- Service Assists
- Frangible munitions
- Planned Procurements



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Link to JSSAMP



- AF not large enough user to do “own” programs
- Operational Challenges
 - Operating outside our normal “lanes”
 - Weapon employment in MOUT, low light engagement, PSO, and convoy escort dictated changes in course of fire
 - Improved Close Precision Engagement to increase skills
 - Regional Training Centers make real-time changes with Lessons Learned
 - JSSAMP provides vehicle to join larger branches in procurement efforts



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Service Assists



- JSSAMP provides vehicle to join larger branches in procurement efforts
 - Optics and night vision
 - Tactical slings, holsters, rail interface systems
 - SOPMOD accessories/modifications
 - Precision Engagement weapons and equipment
- Operational use of CROWS provides battle proven concept
- Using data/experience of PEO Soldier and others for force multipliers and step ahead technology



Frangible Non-Toxic Munitions



Environmental, health problems, and range destruction caused by lead from small arms bullets are prevalent throughout the AF. Source reduction is mandated in pollution prevention by Executive Order 12856, *Federal Compliance with Right to Know Laws and Pollution Prevention Requirements*

Frangible, Non-Toxic, munitions are being procured to meet this mandate and will be used for Category D Training Munitions only. The only remaining USAF munitions to be identified for procurement is the 7.62 mm



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Planned Procurements



- Near Term
 - Replacement of broken M9s with 92 FS
 - Procurement of non-lethal weapons/munitions
 - Possible CROWS purchase for PL 1 missions
- Mid Term
 - Likely follow-on to US Army near-term
 - Greatest challenge is a roadmap for technology integration to ensure new radar/detection systems communicate and link to single platforms



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QUESTIONS?