Forensics

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DoD Forensic Capability

- Combined Explosives Exploitation Cell (CEXC-I and CEXC-A)
- Law Enforcement Forensic Lab (LEFL incl DNA)
- Fallujah Forensic Lab

Collection
- IED events
- Detention Centers
DoD Forensic Capability

**Current Operations**
- Focused Counter-IED Teams
- Forward-based CIED Forensic Labs in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Forward-based non-CIED tactical lab capability in Iraq
- First forward-deployed DNA lab in Iraq
- Used for operational targeting and potential prosecution
- Capabilities include latent print, trace, DNA, firearms examination
- Reachback to CONUS-based labs

**Strategic Capability Development**
- Initially managed under biometrics because of operational linkages
- Under doctrinal development as a separate DoD capability
- Considered primarily as a targeting tool with law enforcement implications
- Law enforcement community recognized as the technical experts
- Vertical integration is still formative
Vision

Spectrum of Tactical Collection

- Primary DoD use is in tactical operations
- Distinguishing enemy from non-combatants
- Understanding “human terrain” in battlespace
- May not meet evidentiary standard but still have intelligence value

- Traditional law enforcement and…
- Gradual use in foreign courts
- Technical standards derived from LE community
- Collaboration with LE counter-terrorism efforts.

One continuous spectrum of collection quality based upon the tactical environment
Function as focal point for:
- the development of an enduring global forensics capability
- coordinating forensic support to operational commanders

Create the foundation for:
- of an enduring, holistic, globally deployable forensics capability with the forces and supporting infrastructure needed to meet the full spectrum of required forensic capabilities

Forensics includes but is not limited to:
- Latent print, DNA, trace evidence, firearms and toolmarks, forensic documents, drug chemistry, forensic anthropology, digital evidence, forensic odontology, forensic toxicology, and forensic pathology