USAFA EOD
State of the Service Brief
Overview

- USAF EOD Program
  - “Who We Are”
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  - “What We’ve Done”
- Challenges
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Governing policy directive for AF EOD program

Organized as EOD flights under the Civil Engineer Squadron
  - Follows the typical AF Wing, Group, Squadron and Flight structure

Nine primary mission areas:
  - Aerospace Platform response (combat, cargo, and Space Launch Vehicles)
  - Force Protection
  - WMD response
  - Nuclear
  - UXO response
  - Range Clearance
  - Port Mortuary
  - Support to Civil Authorities/VIPPSA
  - Training
One of the most stressed career fields
- Maintain ~ 230 specialized equip UTCs
- Deployed and sustain ~ 100 theater UTCs

Primary missions
- Support combat aircraft sortie generation, nuclear stockpile, aerial ports and force protection

Secondary missions
- Provide EOD tactical and operational expertise to joint force/SOF and partnering nations

Improvised Explosive Device growth as weapon of choice for insurgents has increased demand for EOD

Irregular Warfare and Counter-Insurgency conflicts have highlighted shortage of CIED enablers

Joint Force Doctrine changing to reflect expanding EOD/CIED requirements

As of: 5 Dec 08
Explosive Ordnance Disposal

Where We Are

- 74 CONUS/OCONUS bases (total force)
  - Five flights supporting EUCOM Commander priorities
  - Eight flights supporting PACOM Commander priorities

- CENTCOM: ~ 33 locations in Afghanistan/Iraq, 5 locations outside
  - ~ 130 deployed in Afghanistan
    - Largest presence in RC-S with almost 75% of EOD force
    - Over 50% of EOD force in theater the last two years
  - ~ 110 deployed in Iraq
    - Significant reduction expected by end of year
  - ~ 30 at Air Expeditionary Wings (AEW) and Groups (AEG) outside combat theater

Integrity - Service - Excellence
Missions Consists of:
- Improvised Explosive Device
- Route Clearance
- Cache
- Post Blast
- Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)
- Enemy Attack
- Explosive Remnants of War

Information derived from various sources
EOD Operations (1 Jan 09 - Pres)
What We’ve Done Outside Theater

- Nine Mission Areas
  - Aircraft response
  - Force Protection
  - WMD response
  - Nuclear
  - UXO response
  - Range Clearance
  - Port Mortuary
  - Support to Civil Authorities/VIPPSA
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Information derived from USAF EOD Information Management System
USAF EOD Challenges

- NAVSCOLEOD Attrition
  - Emotion Quotient Inventory (EQ-i)
  - Moving Prelim course from Lackland AFB to Sheppard AFB
  - Physical Assessment Skills Test
  - 2AF considering placement of EOD accessions in newly developed Battlefield Airman BMTS

- Retention
  - Increased Promotions--chronic critical skills plus-ups
  - Increased Selective Reenlistment Bonuses (SRB)
  - Special Duty Assignment Incentive Pay (SDAP)
    - 1299 auth - 970 assigned (75%)… {56 women assigned ~4%}

- Nuclear Support and Global Strike Command

- Balancing Home Station Support with Deployed JFC Support
USAF EOD Successes

- Combat Battlefield Ready Airman Course
- Contract Technical Support
- MRAP and M-ATV Fielding
  - 105 MRAP CAT I and II fielded since Jan 08 (AF EOD Variant)
  - 48 M-ATV being fielded with CROWS II
- Joint Robotics Repair Facility
- Transformation
  - Incorporating in CE Doctrine
  - EOD Vision 2020
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29 March 2006
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Questions