CF EOD - Defeating the Device

“NEAR-PERFECT MOVIE.”
- JEREMY ROENEN, SONY PICTURES

“A FULL-TILT ACTION PICTURE.”
- MARK GLINCE, LOS ANGELES TIMES

“FEROCIOUSLY SUSPENSEFUL.”
- KATHRYN HEGELLO, THE NEW YORK TIMES

THE HURT LOCKER
You don’t have to be a hero to do this job. But it helps.

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Canadian Forces & Afghanistan

- Since 2002.
  - >18,000 pers deployed
  - Current deployed strength: 2380.
  - Transitioning from Kandahar to Kabul.
  - KIA:
    - 155 Military, 4 civilian
    - IED related: ~70%
Countering IEDs

2006
Defeating the device

2009
Preparing the Force

2011
Attacking the Network
Research & Development

Institutionalised Capability

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The mission of CF EOD is to act as the strategic focal point for all EOD issues within the CF.

- CF EOD plans, coordinates, and provides direction regarding all aspects of EOD to protect the force and ensure mission success.
CFEOD Vision

The provision of highly trained, effectively equipped, well led, world class EOD Operators capable of successful conduct of the full spectrum of EOD operations in international and domestic high-IED threat environments in concert with Canadian security agencies and our allies.

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World Class EOD

Professionalise the business of EOD within the CF.

Develop leaders

Ensure we are prepared to operate - anywhere, anytime.

(Alicubi – Aliquando)
EOD Operations – late 20th Century

- **70s – 80s**
  - Operator focussed Specific Trades - Fd Engr, CI Div, AT, AWS Techs
  - NCO / Part-time / Dom Ops focus
  - CMD (Basic) / EOD centre

- **90s**
  - 1989 – IEDD first response transferred to Police
  - Army - IEDD **not** an operational imperative / BIP UXO
  - AF – Small cadre of EOD operators
  - Navy – Capability maintained within Clearance Diver community
  - CF
    - EOD became “service CMD focussed”
    - No strategic EOD leadership

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EOD Operations – early 21st Century

- Afghanistan
  - Lack of required specialist to sustain EOD / IEDD capability
  - Army could not mount/FG sufficient Army EOD teams.
  - Delta provided by Navy & AF (onesie’s & twosie’s).
  - Army re-commenced FG Army IEDD Operators.

- 2006 – CFEOD established to “fix the FG problem(s).”

- 2007 – CFEOD is the DtD Section within CF C-IED TF.

- Working to professionalise the business of EOD by:
  - Policies and processes.
  - Career management
  - Institutionalising capabilities
  - Monitor FG process
Any CF member (Reg or Res) that meets the selection criteria.

Balance of Commissioned Officers and Non-commissioned members.

Full-time business (Part-time for some)

- Full time strategic staff
- Practice and standard mandated and monitored.
- Leaders identified and mentored
- Managed specialty.

Deployable anywhere, anytime.
Major Projects

✓ Policies and processes
✓ CF EOD Doctrine
✓ EOD Operators Log Book
  ■ Joint EOD Collective Training
  ■ HME Training
  ■ EOD Memorial

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From Defence to Offence

- World class EOD Capability
- Specialized EOD / C-IED Eqpt
- COIN mindset
- Attacking the Networks
Questions / Discussion?
We will remember!

"Desert Divers"
By green ocean they tune, tag, pack kit, kiss wives, kids, their ocean brothers farewell; He’s coming back, he’s coming back - beloved’s words are wetsuits, regulators, oxygen tanks; Herc’ed into the lethal sandbox, grief’s path, desert divers walk towards, not away from handmade mayhem, metal plates. (Hey desert diver, how many kids’ya save today?) In early Afghan spring, mulberries blossom, storks return, rain-washed roadsides expose IEDs Ha! My first job, an old-fashioned bayonet trick! Drawn to deep water, amber kelp, day-glo starfish, desert divers dive the depths of 41 Celsius adrenaline on dusty roads, half a watery blue world away.

SM Steele poet, TF-3-09, Afghanistan for Pat M, and in memory of PO 2nd Class Craig Blake

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