DOD STRATEGY CWMD AND THE POTENTIAL ROLE OF EOD

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Agenda

• Review of DoD CWMD Strategy
  • WMD Challenge, End States, and Priority Objectives
  • Strategic Approach
  • CWMD Activities and Tasks
• EOD CWMD capabilities
  • Potential Role of EOD
  • Recommendations
The National Defense Strategy for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction

Seeks to ensure that the United States and its allies and partners are neither attacked nor coerced by actors with WMD

End States: No New WMD Possession, No WMD Use, Minimization of Effects

- **Organization**
  - The WMD Challenge
  - Priority Objectives
  - Strategic Approach
  - CWMD Activities and Tasks

- **Emphasis**
  - Early Action
  - Shaping the Environment
  - Cooperating with Partners

- **Replaced**
  - 2006 NMS-CWMD with Defense-level strategy
  - Eight military mission areas with CWMD Activities and Tasks
The WMD Challenge, End States, and Priority Objectives

- **End States**: No WMD Use
- **Minimization of WMD Effects**

**Priority Objectives**

- **Reduce Incentives to Pursue, Possess, and Employ WMD**
- **Increase Barriers to the Acquisition, Proliferation, and Use of WMD**
- **Manage WMD Risks Emanating from Hostile, Fragile, or Failed States and Safe Havens**
- **Deny the Effects of Current and Emerging WMD Threats through Layered, Integrated Defenses**

**WMD Challenge**

- **Demand**
  - Acquisition Incentives
  - Advances in WMD
- **Supply**
  - WMD Pathways
  - Vulnerable, Lost, or Stolen WMD
Strategic Approach

- No WMD Possession
- Minimize Effects
- Deny Effects
- No New Use
- End States

- Prioritize Objectives
- Strategic Approach (Ways)
- CWMD Activities & Tasks (Means)

- Respond to Crises
- Prepare
- Prevent Acquisition

- Contain and Roll Back Threats
- Manage Risks
- Increase Barriers
- Reduce Incentives
CWMD Activities and Tasks

Synchronizing Activities and Tasks
- Incorporate CWMD Efforts & Leverage Enabling Capabilities
- Integrate, Harmonize, Employ

Foundational Activities and Tasks
- Maintain and Expand Technical Expertise
  - Recruit, Develop, Retain
- Cooperate with and Support Partners
  - Partner, Coordinate

Specialized Activities and Tasks
- Understand the Environment, Threats, and Vulnerabilities
  - Locate, Identify, Characterize, Assess, Attribute, Predict
- Control
  - Isolate, Divert, Intercept, Secure, Seize
- Defeat
  - Delay, Disrupt, Destroy, Neutralize
- Disable
  - Exploit, Degrade, Destroy
- Dispose
  - Reduce, Redirect, Dismantle, Monitor
- Safeguard the Force and Manage Consequences
  - Mitigate, Sustain, Support
EOD operational capabilities
ISO DoD CWMD Strategy LOEs

- All EOD operators are trained to provide first response to suspected WMD; EOD is ultimately responsible for preventing a high-explosive detonation
- Chemical and Biological detection and identification
- Advanced active and passive diagnostics
- Sensitive Site Exploitation and Weapons Technical Intelligence collection
- SOF/GP integration to support a range of military operations to include operations involving the potential interdiction of WMD
- Communication reach back with USG supporting agencies
Potential Role of EOD

- EOD force can vertically integrate its existing enterprise against CWMD. (Training, Warfare Center, Acquisition, Program Management, Manpower, COCOM integration, Policy, Strategy, Interagency / International Liaisons (DOE, DOS, DTRA, FBI, etc)

- Joint EOD forces provides force wide continuity, CWMD expertise as a core warfare competency (closely aligned with CIED) and tactically enables achieving DoD CWMD Strategy LOEs to locate, characterize, neutralize, secure, exploit, and destroy WMD in support of general purpose and SOF.

- The EOD Groups (proven functional CIED mission command) can perform the core mission of a combined CWMD JTF.

- Existing EOD staff structure can leverage their placement to advocate for CWMD strategy, authorities, requirements, operations and policy.
Recommendations

- Cultivate and sustain EOD enterprise-wide CWMD expertise

- Leverage existing EOD structure for CWMD (Requirements, Resourcing, Strategy, Policy, Testing, Program Management)

- Conduct mission analysis to ensure Joint EOD is integrated into broader CWMD plans, operations, and doctrine within DOD, across the U.S. Government, and with international partners.

- Develop information sharing policy, training, and tools to enable shaping and cooperation with international partners

- Review Policy, Doctrine, and Universal Joint Tasks to capture Joint EOD WMD core competencies within CONPLANs, Theatre Campaign Plans, Chairman’s Exercise Program, and Combatant Command exercises.