Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Agency

Overview Brief

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More than 20,000 IED incidents globally causing more than 55,000 casualties
Strategic Approach

Cannot focus on one approach — all three must work together

Leveraging External stakeholders in a Holistic approach to rapid, innovative solutions

Providing both materiel and non-materiel solutions to the warfighter

Working upstream from the immediate threat while supporting the warfighter with Operations and intelligence fusion

Anticipate and Mitigate the effect of Improvised Threats

Enable freedom of maneuver
Core Functions

• **Assist Situational Understanding (of threat network activities)**
  – Operationally connected, planning assistance, identifies technology gaps, enable upstream threat facilitation network effects

• **Enable Rapid Capability Delivery to Implement DoD Accelerated and Urgent Acquisition Models**
  – Proactive, threat-based acquisition, urgent-emergent, counter-threat technologies and non-material investments
  – 0-2 years/urgent, 2-5 years/emergent, 5+ years/bring technology closer

• **Enable DoD Responses to Improvised Weapons**
  – Communities of action solution approach - leverage others’ authorities, access, and capabilities – USG and coalition
Prevent the use of Improvised Threats by attacking enemy vulnerabilities at multiple points in the complex network of financiers, IED makers, trainers and supporting infrastructure
Protecting the Force

- Apply Advanced Technologies
- Rapidly Develop, Procure, Deliver Solutions
- Provide Training Support (kit and threat) throughout the deployment cycle
- Assess and Improve, sense and adjust via warfighter feedback

A Well-Trained and Equipped Warfighter is our Best Tool
Enabling a Community of Action

Leveraging the access, tools and authorities of all partners to counter improvised threats

- U.S. Government
- Intelligence Community
- International Partners
- Academia
- Think Tanks
- Private Sector
- Industry

Access — Authorities — Collaborate — Coordinate — Leverage
“It takes a network to defeat a network.”
Parting Thoughts

• Threat networks are agile, flat, learning organizations
• To be forward leaning, we cannot only focus on the device itself
• Being embedded at the tactical edge is key to rapid and responsive solutions
• The improvised threat is not just a military problem — success requires a community effort and holistic solutions
• Innovation is not automatic
• To be anticipatory, we must identify gaps and invest in capabilities
• Rapid response requires a risk-tolerant posture
• JIDA defines success by iterative solutions delivered at the speed of war