Combatting Weapons of Mass Destruction Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training and Exercises

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Routes and Proximity
Top 3

• Joint EOD community has largely and voluntarily forgotten their WMD mission set
  • 1) USAF*  2) USN*  3) USMC  4) USA

• Use USG departments / organizations / agencies to your advantage
  • $ vs $$$$  

• Relatively simple and cost effective solution to fix current training shortfall
  • Manning & Equipping a larger DoD issue
WMD Training & Exercises

- Defense Nuclear Weapon School
  - Advanced Diagnostic Advance Training Level 1 (Non EOD)
  - Advanced Diagnostic Advance Training Level 2 (EOD)
  - Joint Nuclear Explosive Ordnance Disposal Course
  - Nuclear Emergency Team Operations
- Defense Intelligence Agency
  - Explosives IED Ordnance Advanced Analytics Course
- Edgewood Chemical Biological Center
  - Various courses available and customizable as required
- Dugway Proving Ground
  - Advanced EOD Chemical / Biological Warfare Course
  - Chemical Energetics Course
  - Other - USSOCOM
- Defense Threat Reduction Agency
  - CONUS Nuclear Weapon Accident Incident Exercise
  - EUCOM Nuclear Weapon Accident Incident Exercise
  - HYDRA FURY (formerly the DIRECT FOCUS exercise series)
  - DISTINCT FUSION
- National Guard Bureau
  - Civil Support Team Support
- USSOCOM
Way Forward

1. Immediately conduct individual and unit-level training with only current and authorized equipment in order to regain or maintain nuclear weapon accident incident response proficiency.

2. Units need to acquire the expendable items located in JNWPS 60-1, Table 2-3 in order to perform immediate actions in response to an accident or incident involving a U.S. nuclear weapon.

3. Begin sending team leaders to the Joint Nuclear Explosive Ordnance Disposal Course (JNEODC), Advanced Diagnostic Techniques Level 1 and Level 2 courses, etc.

4. Develop and incorporate nuclear weapon accident incident response scenarios into home-station, combat training center, and Joint exercises.