# DTRA S&T Overview to the 18th Annual NDIA S&ET Conference

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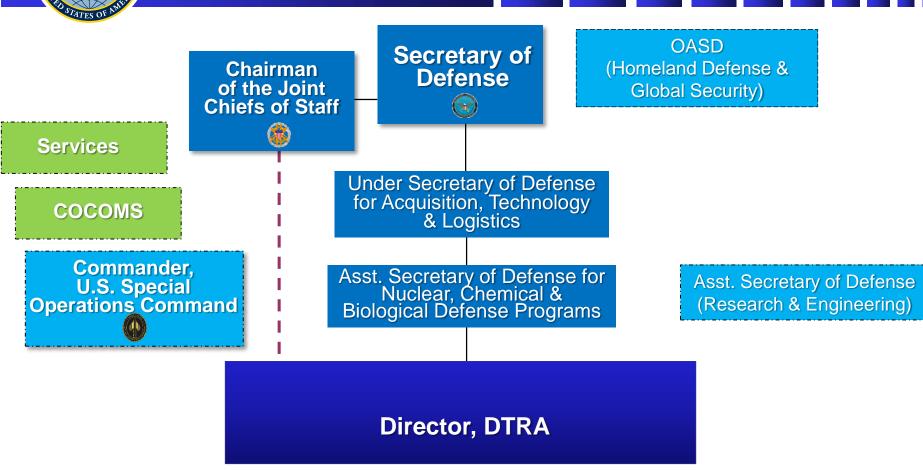
## **Countering the Threats**

Our Mission: Safeguard the United States and its allies from global weapons of mass destruction and improvised threats by integrating, synchronizing and by providing expertise, technologies and capabilities.





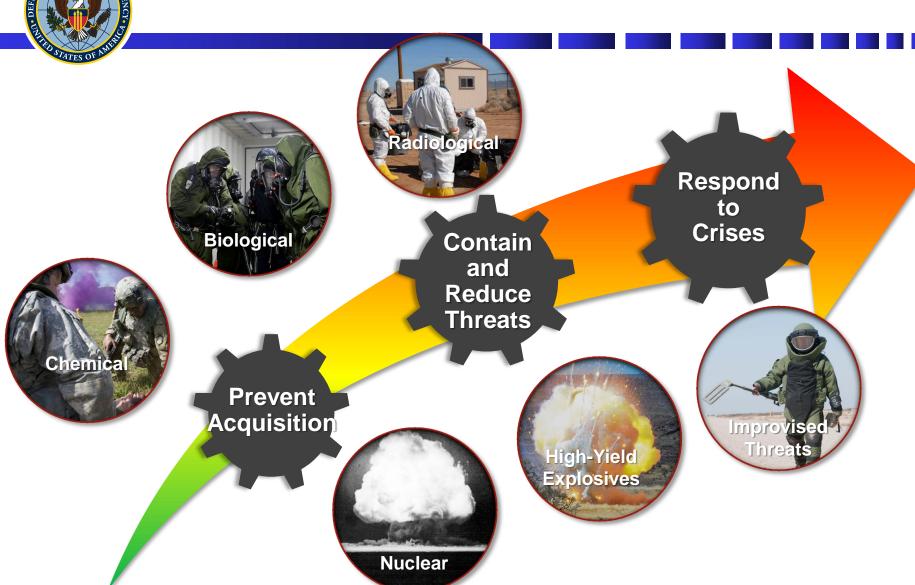
# "Current" Reporting Structure and Relationships



We are a Defense Agency and a Combat Support Agency



### **Our Missions**



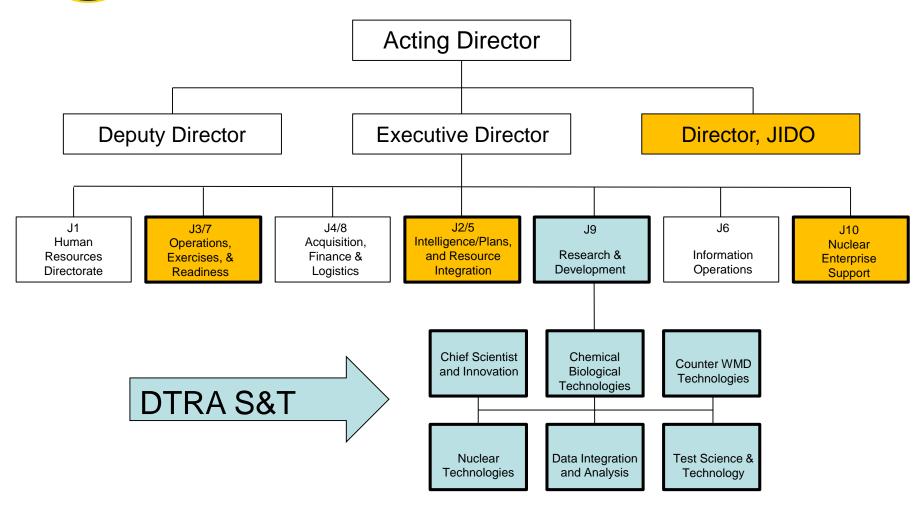


### Global Mission = Global Presence





## **DTRA Organization Chart**





### **CWMD COI Defines S&T Goals**

#### DoD Strategy for Countering WMD – June 2014

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

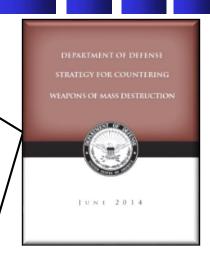
#### **Specialized Activities and Tasks**

Understand the Environment, Threats, and Vulnerabilities
Locate, Identify, Characterize, Assess, Attribute, Predict

# Control Isolate, Divert, Intercept, Secure, Seize Defeat Delay, Disrupt, Destroy, Neutralize Degrade, Destroy Dispose Reduce, Redirect Dismantle, Monitor,

Safeguard the Force and Manage Consequences

Mitigate, Sustain, Support



#### **CWMD S&T Strategic Objectives\***

Understand the Environment, Threats, and Vulnerabilities

Control, Defeat, Disable, and/or Dispose of WMD Threats

Safeguard the Force and Manage Consequences

\* S&T for Strategic Deterrent is included in these objectives



# CWMD S&T Strategic Goals and Enduring Capabilities

U	nderstand	the	<b>Environment</b> ,
	Threats &	Vu	Inerabilities

Control, Defeat, Disable and/or Dispose WMD Threats

Safeguard the Force and Manage Consequences

Achieve Comprehensive Situational Awareness in CWMD Domain

**Control WMD** 

Sense CBRN Hazards

Locate, Detect, Characterize and Assess WMD Worldwide

Defeat\* WMD

Shape Force Commanders' understanding

Provide Technical information to Support
Attribution

**Dispose WMD** 

**Shield Individuals and Equipment** 

Understand Current and Emerging
Threats

\* Includes Disable

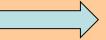
**Sustain and Restore Combat Power** 

**Predict Consequences** 



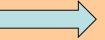
## **DTRA RDT&E Overview Mission Sets**

Prevent



Contain

**Control, Defeat, Disable** 



Respond

#### **Understand Environment**, Threats, and **Vulnerabilities**



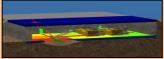
Threat Detection

Weapons Effects





# and/or Dispose WMD Threats





- Special operations support
- WMD ISR
- WMD targeting and defeat
- HTBT characterization and defeat



### **Enabling Technologies**





- · Basic Research
- CWMD Testing Capabilities
- 24/7 Technical Reachback
- Advanced Analytics
- Interagency/international leverage

### Safeguard the Force and Manage Consequences





System Survivability

- Threat Agent Mitigation
- Hazard Characterization and Prediction
- Personal Protection
- Medical Diagnostics & Analysis
- Vaccines/Therapeutics
- Rapid response and restoration





Forensics

 Consequence of Execution Identifying Emerging Threats

Verification and monitoring



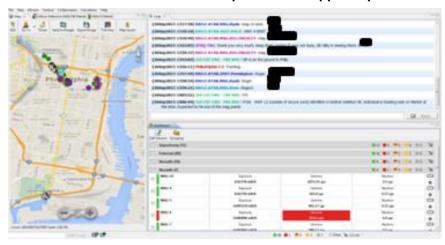
# **Understand the Environment, Threats, and Vulnerabilities**

# Locate, Detect, Characterize and Assess WMD Worldwide

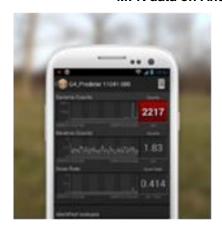
# Mobile Field Kit (MFK) for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN)

- Real-time communications network and suite of tools that automates collection, sharing, and display of detection and identification data from multiple sensors
- Adopted by all 57 National Guard Civil Support teams
- Used at 20 Jan Inauguration; accommodated more than 400 unique users from multiple agencies and organizations, including the FBI, Secret Service, Capitol Police, Park Police, the Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service, and the Washington, D.C., Fire and Emergency Management System

#### MFK screenshot from Pope Francis Support Ops



MFK data on Android Device





# Understand the Environment, Threats, and Vulnerabilities

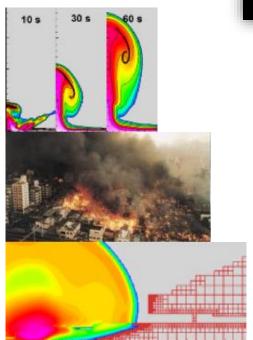
### **Predict Consequences**

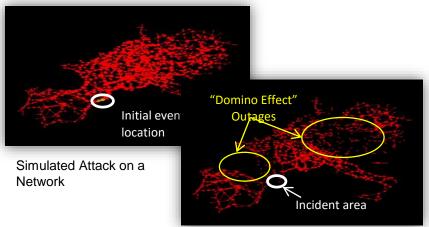
 Predict, with high confidence levels, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd order effects of one or more CBRN event (including EMP) on personnel, equipment and infrastructure and patterns of life

Assess the effectiveness of defeat actions & post

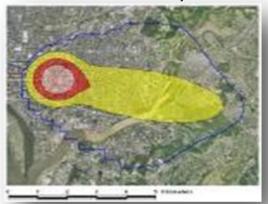
attack defeat

 Development of a thermal and blast database within the Enhanced Nuclear Weapon Effects Database system, improving accuracy and speed for strategic and operational nuclear planning





Cascading Damage Extends Far Beyond Initial Event Location



Hazard
Characterization
and Prediction

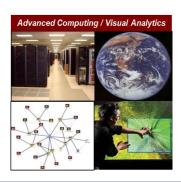


# Understand the Environment, Threats, and Vulnerabilities

### **Understand Current and Emerging Threats**

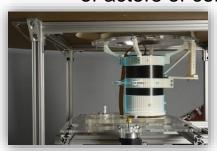
# **Dynamic Picture of the Operating Environment (DPEO)**

high-performance computing platform allowing analysts to search a federated collection of all-source message traffic, finished intelligence, and other products to forecast plausible weapons of mass destruction threats and supports the planning of operations, actions, and activities to combat these threats



# **Technology Threat Foreasting**

 Forecasting the impact of current and emerging technology that could significantly impact CWMD missions. Develop methods to provide insight on current and future capabilities and intentions of actors of concern



Additive Manufacturing (e.g. 3D Printer)

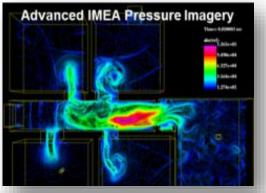
Unmanned Ariel Vehicle (UAV)





### **Defeat WMD Threats**

Render nonexistent or interrupt the entire spectrum of WMD development and employment and focus on specific nodes, links and support networks prior to an adversary's acquisition of WMD.



- Lengthen the amount of time it takes for an actor to gain access to WMD, or interrupt any portion of an actor's pathway to WMD acquisition
- Render nonexistent the related nodes, links, or supporting networks prior to an adversary's acquisition of WMD.



WACS on the US Army RQ-7B Shadow

- Render biological & chemical agent harmless.
  - Assess the effectiveness of defeat and/or disable actions and post attack defeat
  - Test the ability to defeat and/or disable WMD threats
  - Reduce the potential harm or consequences of a WMD should it be employed.



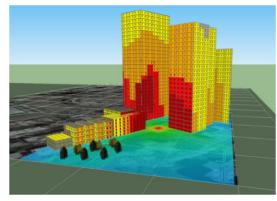


# Safeguard the Force and Manage Consequences

### **Shield Individuals and Equipment**

# Vulnerability and Protective Options (VAPO)

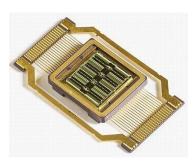
 Continuously updated high-fidelity weapons effects models and structures database to identify vulnerabilities and risk-mitigation options



**Vulnerability Modeling** 

#### System Survivability

- Developed standards and test capabilities to assess survivability of critical systems for the DoD
- HEMP survivability support for Presidential Helicopter enables nuclear C3 systems to meet survivability standards
- Completed first-ever HEMP survivability testing of F-15E dual capable aircraft for Air Combat Command



Radiation Hardened 64MB SRAM Chip





# Safeguard the Force and Manage Consequences

### **Chem Bio Defense S&T Priorities**

- Medical Countermeasure Development to Protect the Warfighter
- Integrated Early Warning (IEW) through CB Detection & Diagnostics Development and Wearable Technologies
- Emerging Threat Preparation and Response through Threat Agent Science, Biosurveillance, Decision Support Tools, Advanced Technology Demonstrations, and Basic Science
- Hazard Mitigation and Individual Protection



Point-of-Need Diagnostics in Relevant Environments



# Safeguard the Force and Manage Consequences:

# Medical Countermeasures Against Ebola Zaire (ZEBOV) emonstrated rapid transition from warm-base to operational use

#### Fast-tracked candidate ZEBOVvaccine and therapeutic

- Demonstrated that rVSV∆G-Ebola elicits complete protection against ZEBOV in nonhuman primates (NHP)
- Manufactured over 25,000 vials of rVSV∆G-Ebola vaccine to replace aging stockpile for use in clinical trials
- Initiated Phase I clinical trials of rVSV∆G-Ebola vaccine at Walter Reed Army Institute for Research
- Compiled data from Phase 1 clinical and NHP challenge study supported dose selection
- Supporting NIAID Phase 2 clinical trials of rVSV∆G-Ebola vaccine in Liberia

#### ZMapp™

- Identified the final ZMapp<sup>™</sup> cocktail formulation
- Demonstrated that ZMapp™ is the most effective candidate therapeutic developed to date, with 100% protection in symptomatic NHPs when administered up to 5 days post infection with ZEBONhbinant vesicular stomatitis virus)





Enabled fielding of Ebola vaccine and therapeutic for trials in West Africa

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# Safeguard the Force and Manage Consequences:

# Integrated Protective Eabric System (IPFS)

#### **Lightweight Protective Garment**

#### IPFS → UIPE 2

- Objective: Develop and transition scientific data demonstrating improvements in protective garment supporting technologies which can be used to understand and manage tradeoffs for the UIPE II program
- Impact: These deliverables are used by the JPM-P to help develop the UIPE II garment design. The data is used to inform tradeoffs for competing parameters and technologies so that specific properties can be adjusted to meet overall requirements
- Customer: All Warfighters (Army, Navy, Air Force, USMC)

**UIPE: Uniform Integrated Protection Ensemble** 



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# Safeguard the Force and Manage Consequences: JIDO Focus Areas



Standoff Detection



Miniaturization & integration of sensors



Vehicle attached IEDs



Situational Understanding in A2AD environments



Identifying explosive threats within structures



Personnel-Borne IEDs (PBIEDs)



Counter VBIED



ECM for advanced wireless signals & techniques



Virtual Advise & Assist



Remote neutralization of HME and pre-cursors



Detecting and defeating Small UAS (RCMA)



Anti-armor IED detect & defeat



Tunnel Detection & Defeat



PED for integrated sensors



**Data Analytics** 



Pre-detonation capabilities



Detecting and defeating GPS jamming signals



Mounted detection for dismounts that enable rate of advance

Future capabilities must be:

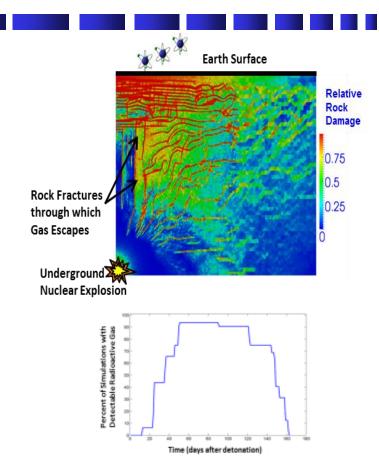
Scalable – Affordable – Adaptable – Expeditionary – Domestic Application – Whole-of-Government Approach



## **Enabling Capabilities: Basic Research**

Basic and Fundamental Research fills knowledge needed to address operational CWMD technology challenges

- Optimized gas sampling for detection of underground nuclear testing
  - Developed rock fracture-gas escape model
  - USAF adopted model for operational use.



Statistical gas diffusion model, developed by Dr. Dale Anderson at Los Alamos National Laboratory, predicts the optimal time for collection of signature radioactive gases after a suspected underground nuclear explosion.





# CWMD S&T Community Leverages DoD's Unique and World Class Capabilities

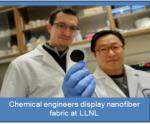
Recapitalization/Modernization of DoD Laboratory facilities/ equipment is providing unparalleled R&D capabilities DoD Test Ranges and specialized equipment enabling DT&E for most of CWMD portfolio

DoD CWMD S&T investments fund hundreds of CBRN scientists and engineers with unique expertise/experience not readily available in the private sector.

















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DoD laboratories and test ranges provide the cutting-edge capabilities, flexibility, and agility the CWMD S&T community requires to address current and emergent threats.



DoD CWMD S&T workforce morale faces many of the same challenges as broader S&T community. Inconsistent application of policies for attendance/participation in scientific conferences a significant concern for S&E seeking to maintain currency in their field. Declining budgets a concern for S&E seeking to advance new ideas and initiatives.



### In CWMD - Partnerships are Essential

### **U.S. Government Partnerships**

**Understand the Environment.** Threats, and Vulnerabilities\*



Safeguard the Force and Manage Consequences\*





















































### International Partnerships

### **Objective**

Accelerate development of capabilities by accessing unique foreign S&T resources and sharing costs

Currently engaged with 10 countries on 21 separate efforts across the globe





### **Examples of Major R&D Areas**

- Detection, diagnostics, and biosurveillance
- Modeling and simulation
- Medical countermeasures
- CBRN protection
- Contamination mitigation
- Managing Consequences
- Autonomy, Analytics, Big Data