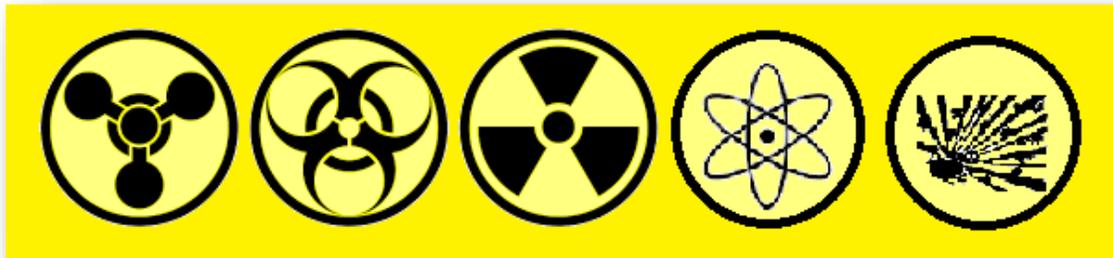


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J36 Force Protection: CBRNE Assessment



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Subject: Observation report from meeting with Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Officer CJ36 – Force Protection, CJTF-OIR.

Purpose: Observation of a Chemical needs assessment made by the 20th CBRNE Command for the CJTF-OIR combined-joint staff.

Intent: This observation report document the assessment and recommendations made by the 20th CBRNE Command to the Chief of Staff, CJTF-OIR on appropriate staffing to meet the CENTCOM counter WMD and CBRN defense requirements.

Discussion:

When the task force was formed, the CBRN threat level was low. The CBRN assets assigned to the task force in the original Joint Manning Document (JMD) called for one CBRN Officer in the Force Protection section, CJ36.

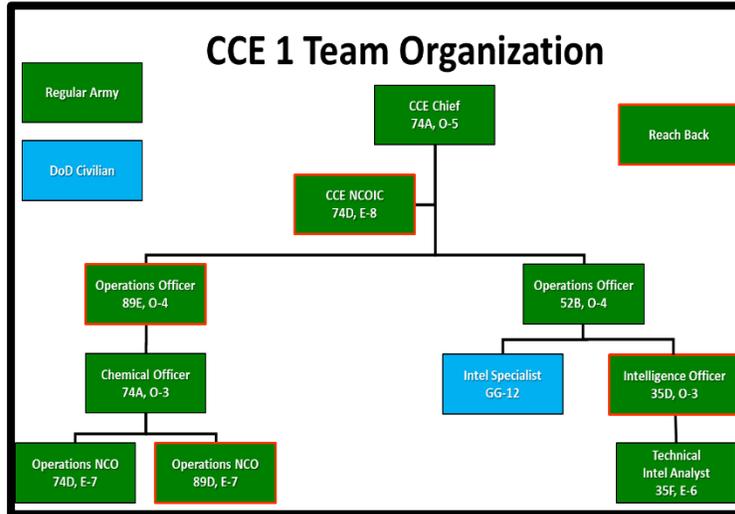
Since that time, there has been an increase in the CBRN threat. Because of the increased risk, the CJTF-OIR engaged the 20th CBRNE Command to conduct an analysis review of the requirements, threats and assets to determine the force structure appropriate to counter the threat in the CJTF-OIR CJAO.

The 20th CBRNE Command conducted an analysis of the CJTF's current capabilities and CBRN related specified tasks included in the CENTCOM OPORD in order. The 20th coordinated with key CJTF-OIR and CENTCOM staff sections (CJ3, CJ2, CJ 3/6 Force Protection) to ascertain if the current task organization was sufficient to execute the specified tasks.

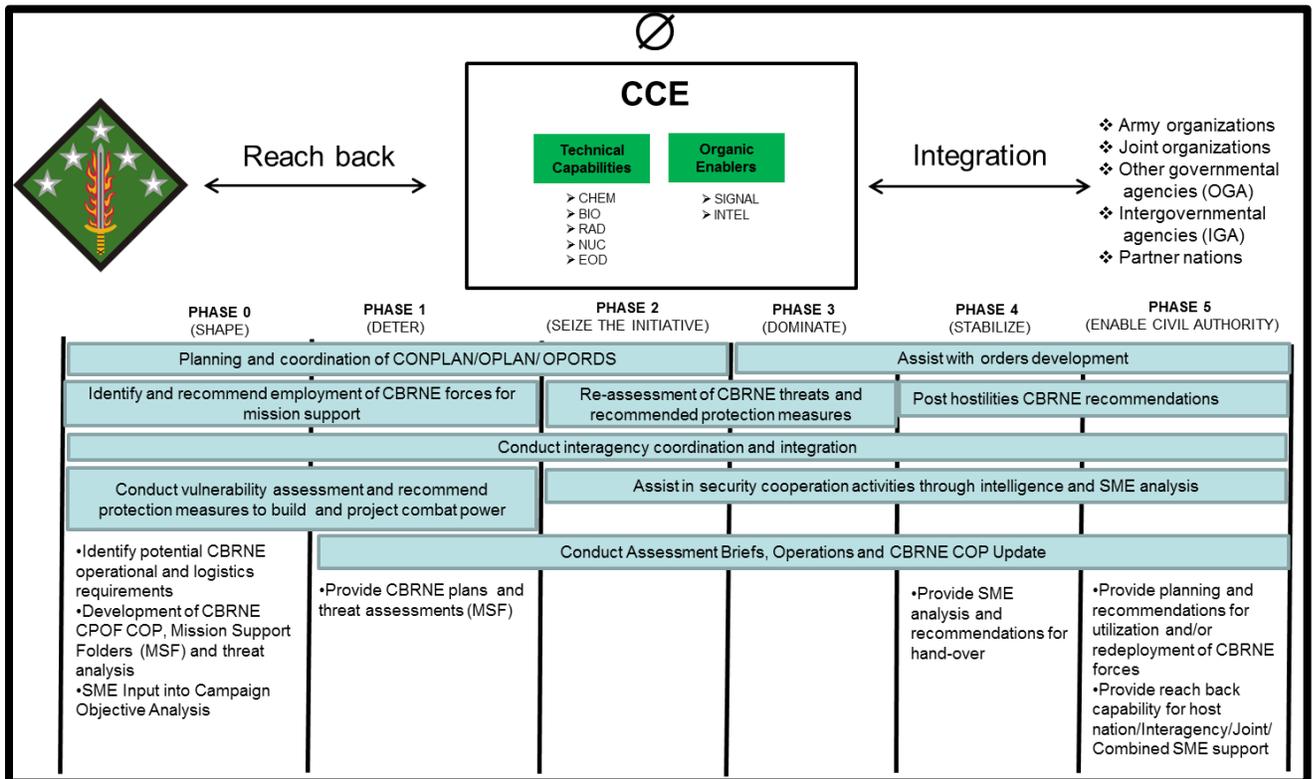
The analysis did identify capability gaps (needed to counter the current threat) in Task Force's CBRN force:

- Currently there is one CBRN slot on the CTJTF-OIR JMD, a CBRN Officer in the CJ36 – Force Protection section, which was filled by an EOD Officer.
- The consensus between the 20th, CJTF-OIR staff and CENTCOM was that the CJTF-OIR would benefit from an enhanced capability of CBRN subject matter expertise (SME) when addressing the current chemical, biological materials of concern (CBMOC) threat and requirements outlined in the CENTCOM base OPORD.
- The 20th CBRNE suggested augmenting the CJTF-OITR staff with a CBRNE Coordination Element, (CCE) forward deployed in Kuwait and integrated into the CJTF-OIR staff and conducting CBRN operations and intelligence fusion.
- They further suggest a dedicated reach back capability of four personnel.

The task organization for the CCE is displayed here, with the reach back capability outlined in orange.



This chart illustrates the 20th CBRNE utilization concept across the Operational Phases:



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Joint Publication 3-33, *Joint Task Force Headquarters* (30 July, 2012), Chapter II – *Forming and Organizing the Joint Task Force Headquarters*, Section 3e (2) *Options for Augmentation of the Headquarters* (page II-5) describes the DTRA as an organization that can augment the Joint Force Headquarters with CBRN capabilities.

Additionally, in Chapter VII – *Joint Task Force Operations*, Section 2k *Organization – CBRN Staff Function*, further states, “Augmentation, by service CBRN staff, will be required depending upon the mission or joint operational environment. A JTF HQ may also require additional CBRN staff augmentation based on geographic mission area, assigned Service components, or CBRN situation. The CBRN staff works closely with DTRA on-site specialists or through reach-back capability.”

Summary:

- CENTCOM base order contains specified tasks that require CJTF-OIR to conduct counter WMD and CBRN defense. As the threat level changes, the CJTF must reassess the capability of the units with the Force Protection mission to counter that threat. In the case of CJTF-OIR, the 20th CBRNE Command conducted a gap analysis and recommended actions/augmentation for mitigating identified gaps
- There are forces and agencies available as a resource to augment the CJTF with additional CBRNE capability:
 - The 20th CBRNE Command possesses CBRNE Coordination Elements that can deploy and be utilized to augment Joint organizations.
 - Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) possesses CBRNE Military Advisory Teams that can deploy and be utilized to augment Joint organizations.