

## CBRN BASIC WARRANT OFFICER COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THE CBRN OFFICER IS TO ENSURE THEIR UNIT IS TRAINED AND READY TO SURVIVE AND OPERATE IN A CBRN ENVIRONMENT.

THESE DUTIES INCLUDE SCHEDULING, SUPERVISING AND CONDUCTING CBRN TRAINING, MANAGING THE CBRN CONTROL CENTER IN THE UNIT'S COMBAT OPERATIONS CENTER AND AIDING IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF OPERATION ORDERS.

THE COURSE THEY HAVE JUST COMPLETED CONSISTS OF 9 MAJOR BLOCKS OF INSTRUCTION.

THE MARINES AND SOLDIERS BEGIN THEIR TRAINING WITH SERVICE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION PROVIDED AT THEIR INDIVIDUAL CBRN SCHOOLS ABOARD FORT LEONARD WOOD. THIS INSTRUCTION PROVIDES SERVICE SPECIFIC FUNDAMENTAL KNOWLEDGE APPLICABLE TO WARRANT OFFICERS ENTERING OR CONTINUING IN THE CBRN FIELD.

THE SECOND THROUGH FIFTH BLOCK OF INSTRUCTION CONSISTS OF CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL/NUCLEAR, AND TOXIC INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL BLOCKS. EACH BLOCK COVERS THE SPECIFIC SUBJECT'S HISTORICAL EMPLOYMENT THROUGH CONVENTIONAL AND NON-CONVENTIONAL MEANS, AGENT TYPES AND CHARACTERISTICS, APPLICABLE MILITARY GEAR USED TO DETECT, AND THE PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS OF CBRN MESSAGES USED TO PREDICT AND PLOT CBRN AND TIM ATTACKS OR RELEASES.

THE SIXTH BLOCK IS THE "OPERATION" BLOCK. THIS BLOCK OF INSTRUCTION INCLUDES RECONNAISSANCE AND DECONTAMINATION OPERATIONS.

THE SEVENTH BLOCK IS THE "PLANNING" BLOCK. THE MARINE AND ARMY WARRANT OFFICERS RECEIVE INSTRUCTION AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION TRAINING ON THE MARINE CORPS PLANNING PROCESS AND AN INTRODUCTION INTO THE MILITARY DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

THE EIGHTH BLOCK IS THE "EXECUTION" BLOCK, WHICH EACH OF THE PREVIOUS BLOCKS OF INSTRUCTION CULMINATE IN A COMBAT OPERATIONS CENTER EXERCISE THAT AIDED IN PREPARING THE OFFICERS TO SERVE AS CBRN AND WATCH OFFICERS IN UNIT COMBAT OPERATIONS CENTERS. ADDITIONALLY, STUDENTS WILL BE CERTIFIED AS HAZARDOUS MATERIAL AWARENESS LEVEL RESPONDERS.

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THE FINAL BLOCK OF INSTRUCTION IS THE "ADMINISTRATIVE" BLOCK. DURING THIS BLOCK, STUDENTS RECEIVE INSTRUCTION ON THE CHEMISTRY OF EXPLOSIVES AND LABORATORY PROCESSES FROM THE DIRECTORATE OF TRAINING AND LEADER DEVELOPMENT (DOTLD), U.S. ARMY CBRN SCHOOL (USACBRNS). THE STUDENTS ALSO TAKE A TOUR AT THE MISSOURI SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NUCLEAR REACTOR IN ROLLA, MISSOURI.

FOR EACH OF THE BLOCKS, THE STUDENTS RECEIVE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION AND CONDUCTED PRACTICAL APPLICATION EXERCISES DESIGNED TO REINFORCE THE SKILLS LEARNED. THEY WILL ALSO BE EVALUATED BY SEPARATE WRITTEN AND PERFORMANCE EXAMINATIONS TO VERIFY THE PROFICIENCY OF THE SKILLS THEY LEARNED.