

CBRN BASIC WARRANT OFFICER COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

THE MISSION OF THE MARINE CORPS CBRN SCHOOL HERE AT FORT LEONARD WOOD IS TO TRAIN STUDENTS TO BECOME CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, AND NUCLEAR OFFICERS.

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 DEFENSE TRAINING, MANAGING THE CBRN CONTROL CENTER IN THE UNIT'S COMBAT OPERATIONS CENTER AND AIDING IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF OPERATION ORDERS.

DURING THIS COURSE, THESE OFFICERS HAVE RECEIVED 400 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION AND HAVE DEMONSTRATED PROFICIENCY IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT AREAS.

THE COURSE THEY HAVE JUST COMPLETED CONSISTS OF 4 MAJOR BLOCKS OF INSTRUCTION.

THE WARRANT OFFICERS BEGAN THEIR TRAINING WITH THE CBRN ADMINISTRATION BLOCK. THIS INSTRUCTION PROVIDED THE WARRANT OFFICERS WITH GUIDANCE ON CBRN INSPECTIONS, READINESS REPORTING, TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND MAINTAINING CBRN EQUIPMENT.

THE SECOND BLOCK OF INSTRUCTION WAS THE HAZARDS AND EFFECTS BLOCK. DURING THIS PORTION OF THE COURSE TEN U.S. ARMY WARRANT OFFICERS INTEGRATED INTO THE CLASS FOR JOINT TRAINING. THIS PORTION OF THE COURSE COVERED POSSIBLE CBRN HAZARDS, THE CBRN WARNING REPORTING SYSTEM, HAZARD PREDICTION, AND THE JOINT WARNING AND REPORTING SYSTEM.

THE THIRD BLOCK COVERED RECONNAISSANCE AND DECONTAMINATION OPERATIONS. THE WARRANT OFFICERS RECEIVED INSTRUCTION AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION TRAINING ON RECONNAISSANCE AND DECONTAMINATION AS WELL AS TRAINING IN THE CHEMICAL DEFENSE TRAINING FACILITY.

THE FOURTH BLOCK WAS PLANNING. IN THIS PORTION OF THE COURSE THE WARRANT OFFICERS WERE INSTRUCTED ON INTELLIGENCE PREPARATION OF THE OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT, CBRN THREAT AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT, THE MARINE CORPS PLANNING PROCESS, THE CBRN APPENDIX TO OPERATIONS ORDERS, COUNTERING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, WEAPONS OF MASS

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DESTRUCTION ELEMINATION MISSIONS, AND COMBAT OPERATIONS CENTER CBRN CELL OPERATIONS.

THE WARRANT OFFICERS ALSO RECEIVED A NUMBER OF CLASSES WHICH PROVIDED MORE ADVANCED INSTRUCTION. THESE INCLUDED INSTRUCTION ON CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, AND LABORATORY PROCESSES FROM THE EDGEWOOD CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL CENTER, TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION ON THE DEFENSE SUPPORT TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES PROCESS FROM THE JOINT REQUIREMENTS OFFICE. IN ADDITION TO THESE CLASSES, THE WARRANT OFFICERS PARTICIPATED IN A JOINT CAPABILITIES BRIEF AND DEMONSTRATION WITH THE US ARMY WARRANT OFFICER BASIC COURSE AND THE ROLLA FIRE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS A TOUR AND CAPABILITIES BRIEF AT THE MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NUCLEAR REACTOR.

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

FOLLOWING GRADUATION, THESE WARRANT OFFICERS WILL MOVE ON TO A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT DUTY STATIONS AROUND THE WORLD.