

CBRN CHIEF COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

THE MISSION OF THE CBRN CHIEF COURSE IS TO TRAIN STUDENTS TO BECOME CBRN DEFENSE CHIEFS.

THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THE CBRN SNCO IS TO WORK WITH THE CBRN OFFICER AND OTHER STAFF 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 THEIR UNIT'S COMBAT OPERATIONS CENTER AND AIDING IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF OPERATION ORDERS.

DURING THIS COURSE, THESE SNCO'S HAVE RECEIVED 240 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION AND HAVE DEMONSTRATED PROFICIENCY IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT AREAS. THE COURSE CONSISTS OF 4 MAJOR BLOCKS OF INSTRUCTION.

THE CBRN SNCO'S BEGAN THEIR TRAINING WITH THE CBRN ADMINISTRATION BLOCK. THIS INSTRUCTION PROVIDED MOS SPECIFIC, FUNDAMENTAL KNOWLEDGE APPLICABLE TO CBRN SNCO'S AT ANY DUTY STATION.

THE SECOND BLOCK OF INSTRUCTION WAS THE HAZARDS AND EFFECTS BLOCK. THIS PORTION OF THE COURSE COVERED CBRN HAZARDS, THE CBRN WARNING REPORTING SYSTEM, AND HAZARD PREDICTION.

THE THIRD BLOCK COVERED RECONNAISSANCE AND DECONTAMINATION OPERATIONS. THE SNCO'S RECEIVED INSTRUCTION AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION ON PLANNING CBRN RECONNAISSANCE AND DECONTAMINATION MISSIONS.

THE FOURTH BLOCK WAS PLANNING. THE SNCO'S WERE INSTRUCTED ON COUNTERING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, THE MARINE CORPS PLANNING PROCESS, THE CBRN APPENDIX TO AN OPERATION ORDER, INTELLIGENCE PREPARATION OF THE OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT, CBRN THREAT AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT, AND WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ELIMINATION MISSIONS.

IN ADDITION TO THIS TRAINING, THE STUDENTS RECEIVED INSTRUCTION AND CERTIFICATION FROM THE JOINT REQUIREMENTS OFFICE ON DEFENSE SUPPORT TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES. THE CLASS ALSO RECEIVED TRAINING FROM THE EDGEWOOD CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL CENTER ON ADVANCED RECOGNITION OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL LABORATORIES AND PROCESSES.

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