COMBAT CENTER ORDER 3571.1B

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL

Ref: (a) MCO 11240.106C
(b) MCO 3571.2H
(c) SECNAVINST 5510.35C
(d) MCO 1200.18
(e) NAVMC 3500.66C
(f) MCO 8027.1D
(g) 40 CFR 260-266, Munitions Rule
(h) CCO 3500.4K
(i) MCO 5530.14A
(j) MCO 8020.10

1. Situation. Due to the nature of operations and training aboard Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFCTC), Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), a resident Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) element is required to facilitate the safe conduct of daily activities for both tenant and visiting units due to explosive threats which may present a hazard to personnel, property, operations, and training.

2. Cancellation. CCO 3571.1A.

3. Mission. To establish procedures, guidelines, and responsibilities for safe EOD operations aboard the Combat Center, and in support of civil authorities in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

4. Execution

   a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

      (1) Commander's Intent. To ensure all commanding officers, special staff officers, and officers-in-charge aboard the Combat Center are familiar with the policies and procedures for requesting EOD support and utilizing EOD support.

      (2) Concept of Operations. EOD shall provide the capability to neutralize hazards associated with explosive ordnance, improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and weapons of mass destruction (WMD) that present a threat to operations, installations or material property, and personnel.

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b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S) MAGTF Training Directorate (MTD)

(a) EOD Officer. The EOD Officer will function as a special staff officer to the Commanding General through the AC/S MTD and will be responsible for all EOD operations, training, and assistance in EOD watch standing.

(b) Exercise Support Division Enhanced Equipment Allowance Pool. Provide field level maintenance support of transportation assets necessary for the execution of range sweep operations and emergency support to exercise forces.

(2) AC/S Installation Support Directorate (ISD)

(a) Southwest Region Fleet Transportation (SWRFT). Provide emergency response vehicles to support EOD mission requirements. These vehicles will be placed on class "B" assignment and staged at the EOD building to provide adequate 24 hour response and administrative capability. All EOD vehicles are designated as "Emergency Vehicles" equipped with emergency lighting, sound devices, communications equipment, and magnetic signs reading "Explosive Ordnance Disposal." All EOD vehicles and supporting equipment are authorized for off base transport as mission requirements dictate. EOD personnel will be licensed per requirements set forth in reference (a). No EOD SWRFT vehicle will maintain cameras and speed monitors due to the classified nature of EOD tools and equipment. Specific vehicle requirements are justified annually in compliance with reference (a).

1. Provide two 4-door crew cab, 4x4, 1 ton dual rear wheel pickup trucks with tow hitches, to meet the requirements to safely tow the EOD response trailer and total containment vessel.

2. Provide one 4-door crew cab, 4x4, 3/4 ton truck with tow hitch to safely tow the EOD chemical, biological, nuclear, high-yield explosive (CBRNE) trailer.

3. Provide one emergency response vehicle/trailer capable of stowage and transport of all EOD tools and equipment necessary for emergency response operations. This vehicle/trailer must maintain a ramp loading/off-loading capability in order to facilitate the quick embarkation/debarkation of EOD equipment by minimal personnel (two-man team).

4. Provide a trailer with a rear loading ramp for EOD tools and equipment in support of CBRNE response.

(b) Provost Marshal Office (PMO). Receive and process all requests for EOD support from civilian law enforcement agencies regarding Department of Defense (DoD) munitions discovered outside of MCAGCC boundaries. PMO will notify the Installation Commander of the requested assistance and will coordinate between the requesting civilian law enforcement agency and MAGTF/P, MCAGCC EOD to execute any EOD assistance authorized by the Installation Commander.
(3) **AC/S Communications Directorate.** Provide communications equipment, equipment maintenance, and training to the EOD section. This includes the allowance for one satellite phone to ensure alternate communication capability during range/training area and off-site operations. Due to the Combat Center EOD mission requirements, additional communication assets may be required, on occasion, depending on the mission.

c. **Coordinating Instructions**

(1) **EOD Duty.** An EOD duty, consisting of at least two qualified EOD technicians or EOD officers shall maintain EOD duty 24 hours a day. Due to the nature of EOD watch standing, this is the only duty responsibility assigned to EOD personnel; no other duties will be assigned to EOD personnel.

(2) **EOD Personnel.** The Combat Center EOD unit personnel are under the operational control of the AC/S MTD, and are administratively assigned to Company B, Headquarters Battalion. All EOD personnel must meet qualification standards for Military Occupational Specialty 2305 and 2336, per references (b), (c), (d), and (e).

(3) **EOD Capabilities and Support.** The Combat Center EOD unit is manned, trained, and equipped to provide the following support to all tenant and visiting organizations, and shall:

(a) Upon request, provide technical assistance to federal, state, and local authorities in neutralizing hazards associated with explosive ordnance, in accordance with references (b), (f), (g), and with AC/S MTD approval, as required.

(b) Upon request, provide a dynamic entry capability to the AC/S ISD, PMO.

(c) Provide emergency response to incidents involving unexploded ordnance (UXO), IEDs, improvised radiological dispersal devices, WMD, and homemade explosives. This includes operational handling and shipping accidents, dud-fired or jettisoned weapons, and aircraft mishaps.

(d) Upon request, provide instruction to all personnel entering the range training area (RTA) on the hazards particular to UXO and explosive items that may be encountered.

(e) In the event of an explosive related accident, advise the senior member of an explosive mishap investigation board of existing hazardous explosive items relative to the mishap. Upon written request from the senior member of the explosive mishap investigation board, remove any explosive item considered hazardous and, if necessary, destroy, disassemble or inert explosive items involved in an explosive related mishap.

(f) Provide routine and emergency support to the strategic expeditionary landing field.

(g) Maintain at least four dynamic entry qualified personnel.
(h) Range Sweep Operations. UXO range sweep operations will be conducted on a regular basis to prevent saturation of UXO within the RTAs and to facilitate the destruction of known explosive hazards that present a threat to personnel utilizing Combat Center ranges. These sweep operations will be coordinated through range scheduling and will not be canceled without the consent of the EOD officer. Due to equipment and personnel limitations, EOD will only perform surface area range clearances. All sub-surface clearance operations will have to be performed by civilian contract EOD personnel. All operations on Range 601 and Range 110 by visiting EOD units will only be authorized by MAGTFTC, MCAGCC EOD personnel and encountered on these ranges. All visiting EOD units will be responsible for the reservation of RTAs aboard MCAGCC, as well as Range Safety Officers/Officer-in-Charge tasks while working on the RTAs.

(i) Range Escorts. EOD personnel, when requested, shall escort authorized personnel requiring entry into the impact areas of the RTAs for the purpose of target emplacement or target maintenance.

(j) Emergency Destruction Training of Class V(W). EOD personnel, when requested, may provide technical support for training in the emergency destruction of Class V(W) materials to Center Magazine Area (CMA) ammunition technicians.

(k) Found or Recovered Ammunition. If an item is discovered, all personnel involved will immediately comply with local standard operating procedures. Small arms (.50 caliber and below) may be turned in to the CMA by anyone. EOD will respond to ammunition or ordnance items that are found or recovered in a hazardous condition.

(l) UXO. Personnel who locate suspected UXO will not disturb the item(s), but report the location to range control (BEARMAT) or PMO, per reference (h).

(m) Routine Misfires. The routine clearing of misfires, per the weapons system technical manual, and the return of unserviceable ammunition to the CMA is the responsibility of the using unit.

(4) Requests for Routine EOD Support. Requests for training on subjects such as UXO, explosive ordnance hazards, IEDs, demolitions, bomb threats, and searches will be submitted in writing to the Combat Center EOD Officer, via the AC/S MTD. All requests for routine EOD support must be received ten days prior to the date of support. Telephone requests are authorized, provided they are followed up by a written request. Written requests for routine EOD support shall contain the following information:

(a) Name, grade, and billet.
(b) Date/Time.
(c) Telephone number.
(d) Organization requesting support.
(e) Type of support.
(f) Location where support is to be rendered.

(g) Any additional information which aids in the description of the required support.

(5) Requests for Emergency EOD Support

(a) During normal business hours, the duty EOD technicians are available in Building 2133 at (760) 830-6885/6048.

(b) After normal business hours, weekends or holidays, the duty EOD technicians can be contacted by calling BEARMBAT at (760) 830-6623 for EOD support in the RTA, or the MCAGCC Central Dispatch at (760) 830-6871/6475, PMO’s Desk Sergeant at (760) 830-6800, or 911 for all other EOD emergencies.

(c) After normal business hours, a maximum response time of 30 minutes for EOD personnel to arrive at building 2133 in lieu of an emergency response is allowed. However, the response time for EOD personnel to arrive on scene at an incident site will vary depending on the situation or location.

(d) Explosive ordnance or incident site security and safety shall be the responsibility of the unit concerned, or until the arrival of military police. Maximum effort will be made to keep personnel out of the area until EOD arrives, evaluates, and resolves the situation.

(e) Bomb Threat Response. Units or personnel in receipt of bomb threats shall utilize approved MCAGCC instructions. A bomb threat phone checklists can be obtained from PMO.

1. EOD personnel will be utilized for searches deemed "deliberate" and "high risk" as directed by the on scene commander in conjunction with the senior EOD technician responding to the incident. "Hasty" searches should be conducted by residents or by using unit personnel familiar with the threatened area and in conjunction with the military police.

2. It is the responsibility of the on scene commander to determine when a bomb threat response should be secured. EOD will provide guidance, as required.

(f) Aircraft Mishaps. The Combat Center EOD unit maintains primary responsibility for responding to all aircraft and EOD related incidents occurring on and off the installation. Should an incident occur, the senior EOD member at the incident site will supervise all EOD operations performed in connection with an aircraft mishap and maintain liaison with established incident command. In conjunction with the Aviation Accident Investigation Board, authority in the disposition of the aircraft explosive hazards and ordnance involved in the incident lies with the senior EOD technician or officer.
(g) Ordnance Released, Dropped, Jettisoned, or Fired Outside the Combat Center Boundaries. Upon notification by BEARMAT that ordnance has been released, dropped, jettisoned, or fired outside the Combat Center boundaries, EOD will respond to render safe and recover the ordnance back into DoD control if it is safe to do so. If the item is unsafe to store or transport, EOD will dispose of it by detonation at a local disposal area.

(h) Military munitions discovered outside the Combat Center boundaries. The Combat Center EOD unit is specially trained to respond to, and handle, all types of military munitions, which are normally outside the expertise of civilian bomb disposal units. Situations that present an "immediate threat to human health, public safety, property, or the environment, from the known or suspected presence of military munitions," per reference (g), may require immediate action by EOD to eliminate a threat to public safety. Per reference (b), the request for EOD assistance will be made through the Combat Center PMO. Additional coordinating instructions will be established in a separate memorandum of agreement between MAGTF/TFC, MCAGCC, and San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

1. Emergency Response Determination. Per reference (f), EOD assistance may be provided upon request from federal agencies or civil authorities "when a determination has been made by the Service concerned that such assistance is required or desirable in the interest of public safety." Accordingly, the Combat Center EOD unit may provide support for munitions emergencies outside the Combat Center when the Installation Commander makes a determination that a public safety emergency exists and that EOD’s support to civilian authorities is necessary. MAGTF/TFC, MCAGCC may respond to Federal requests for assistance but are required to gain approval from the MAGTF/TFC, MCAGCC Commanding General, via the MTD, for all local civil authority requests for support.

2. Regulatory Exemptions. Per section 266.204 of reference (g), the regulatory exemptions cited within sections 262.10(i), 263.10(e), 264.1(g)(8), 265.1(c)(11), and 270.1(c)(3) of reference (g) only apply to the extent that the EOD unit is responding to an explosives or munitions emergency, per sections 264.1(g)(8)(i)(D), 265.1(c)(11)(i)(D), and 270.1(c)(3)(i)(D). Per sections 264.1(g)(8)(iv), 265.1(c)(11)(iv), and 270.1(c)(3)(iii) of reference (g), when the Combat Center EOD unit responds to an emergency involving military munitions, the EOD Unit must retain records for three years identifying the dates of the response, the personnel involved, the type and description of material addressed, and its disposition.

(6) Facilities. The Combat Center EOD unit is located in Buildings 2133 and 2134, which are designated LEVEL 2 RESTRICTED AREAS per reference (i).

(7) Standard Operating Procedures. The Combat Center EOD officer will develop procedures and policies not delineated in this Order, per reference (j).
5. **Administration and Logistics.** Directives issued by this Headquarters are published and distributed electronically. Electronic versions of Combat Center Orders can be found at [https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/Adjutant-Office/Orders/](https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/Adjutant-Office/Orders/).

6. **Command and Signal**

   a. **Command.** This Order is applicable to all units operating and training aboard the Combat Center.

   b. **Signal.** This Order is effective the date signed.

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