**Compound Search (Day 3)**

**General Description of the Practical Exercise**

In this performance task Soldiers learn to clear an unoccupied compound while mitigating the IED threat. The squad will clear an unoccupied compound using proper dismounted CIED techniques associated with a compound search. Each Soldier will learn the four phases of a compound search and execute the task. This task will run for approximately 80 minutes per iteration. The task is complete when Soldiers understand the four phases of a compound search.

**Prior to the Start (Prep Time: 1 hr)**

The instructor will:

1. Prepare: Select a suitable site (walled compound). Compile materials needed (3 VOIED, shovel, command wire).
2. Setup: Emplace IEDs within the compound and command wire for the isolation. Think like the enemy when doing this and emplace the IEDs based on U.S. Soldiers TTPs.
3. Brief - Tell the Soldiers the following: “The four (4) phases of the compound search are: 1) isolation, 2) clear approach, 3) clear entry, and 4) clear compound. The steps conducted during each phase are marking, crew coverage, etc. NOTE*. Let the Soldiers know the importance of knowing the high threat side. You can find high thread information in the “Threat Assessment & VA/VP class”. Make sure you lay out enablers to properly mitigate the IED threat. You should develop a scenario ahead of time based on the environment you are in, then brief Soldiers on the enemy TTPs that applies.*
4. Notify: Make sure the soldiers understand that they are concentrating on an unoccupied compound.

**Performance Learning Objectives (The Learner**  **will…)**

1. know and understand the four phases of a compound search.
2. know how to mitigate the IED threat using enablers such as Minehound, CEIA, THOR III etc.

**Critical Learning Points** **(The Learner** **will know…)**

1. the purpose of the Isolation.
2. use of enablers (most capable)
3. crew coverage

**Safety Precautions:**

1. Safety must be paramount in the complex outdoor environment and is everyone's responsibility.
2. During the training process, instructors will utilize the 5-Step Risk Management process to determine the safest and most complete method to train. Every precaution will be taken in the field conditions given.
3. The instructor will brief the Soldiers on for outdoor contingencies (i.e. rally points, severe weather, WBGT/Kestrel set up, etc).

**Equipment** *(This is the total equipment needed for the PE)*

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| 2 x Thor III Suite | 2 x Minehounds / VMR-2 | CEIA or VMC-1 | 2 x Ladders |
| 2 x BALDR | Marking Material | 2 x VOIED |  |
| 1 x CWIED | Flour, | 1 x DSP-27 or Strider |  |

**Squad Rotation Schedule** (Completion: 80 min/Reset: 10 min per iteration)

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| **Iteration** | **Station 1 Compound** | **Station 2 VP 360** | **Station 3 4 Man Drill** |
| **1** | Squad 1 | Squad 2 | Squad 3 |
| **2** | Squad 2 | Squad 3 | Squad 1 |
| **3** | Squad 3 | Squad 1 | Squad 2 |

**Diagram or Picture of Practical Problem Setup**

1. Isolate
2. Clear Approach
3. Clear Entry Point

