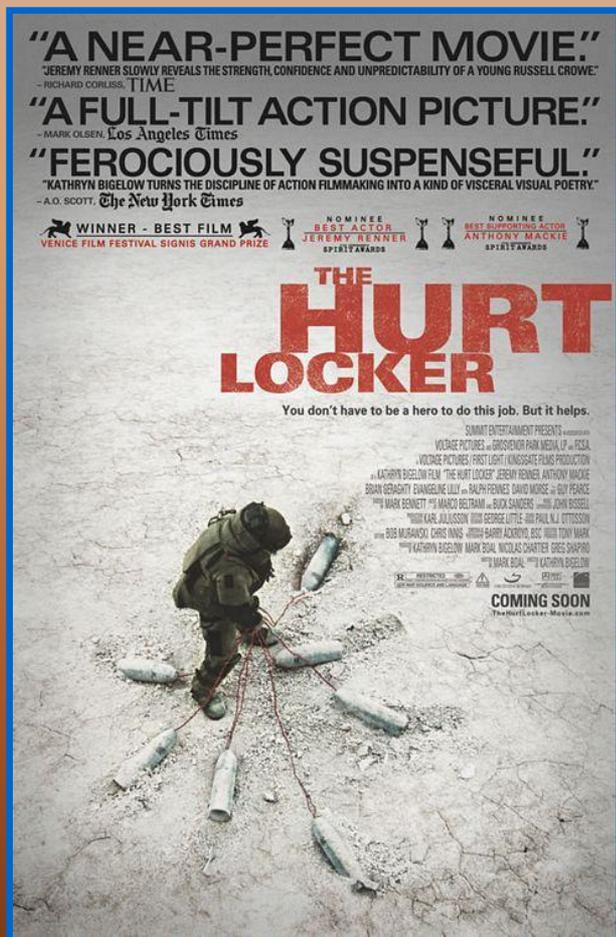




CF EOD - Defeating the Device



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Canadian Forces & Afghanistan

- Since 2002.
 - >18,000 pers deployed
 - Current deployed strength: 2380.
 - Transitioning from Kandahar to Kabul.
 - KIA:
 - 155 Military, 4 civilian
 - IED related: ~70%





Countering IEDs

2006

2009

2011

Defeating the device

Preparing the Force

Attacking the Network

Research & Development

Institutionalised Capability



CFEOD Mission

The mission of CF EOD is to act as the strategic focal point for all EOD issues within the CF.

- CF EOD plans, coordinates, and provides direction regarding all aspects of EOD to protect the force and ensure mission success



CFEOD Vision

The provision of highly trained, effectively equipped, well led, world class EOD Operators capable of successful conduct of the full spectrum of EOD operations in international and domestic high-IED threat environments in concert with Canadian security agencies and our allies.



World Class EOD

Professionalise the business of EOD within
the CF.

Develop leaders

Ensure we are prepared to operate -
anywhere, anytime.

(Alicubi – Aliquando)



EOD Operations – late 20th Century

■ 70s – 80 s

- Operator focussed Specific Trades - Fd Engr, CI Div, AT, AWS Techs
- NCO / Part-time / Dom Ops focus
- CMD (Basic) / EOD centre

■ 90 s

- 1989 – IEDD first response transferred to Police
- Army - IEDD not an operational imperative / BIP UXO
- AF – Small cadre of EOD operators
- Navy – Capability maintained within Clearance Diver community
- CF
 - EOD became “service CMD focussed”
 - No strategic EOD leadership



EOD Operations – early 21st Century

- Afghanistan
 - Lack of required specialist to sustain EOD / IEDD capability
 - Army could not mount/FG sufficient Army EOD teams.
 - Delta provided by Navy & AF (*onesie's & twosie's*).
 - Army re-commenced FG Army IEDD Operators.
- 2006 –CFEOD established to “fix the FG problem(s).”
- 2007 – CFEOD is the DtD Section within CF C-IED TF.
- *Working to professionalise the business of EOD by:*
 - Policies and processes.
 - Career management
 - Institutionalising capabilities
 - Monitor FG process





EOD Operations – near future

- Any CF member (Reg or Res) that meets the selection criteria.
- Balance of Commissioned Officers and Non-commissioned members.
- Full-time business (Part-time for some)
 - Full time strategic staff
 - Practice and standard mandated and monitored.
 - Leaders identified and mentored
 - Managed specialty.
- Deployable anywhere, anytime.



Major Projects

- ✓ Policies and processes
- ✓ CF EOD Doctrine
- ✓ EOD Operators Log Book
- Joint EOD Collective Training
- HME Training
- EOD Memorial



From Defence to Offence

- World class EOD Capability
- Specialized EOD / C-IED Eqpt
- COIN mindset
- Attacking the Networks





Questions / Discussion?





We will remember!

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DATE

3 MAR 2009

14 JUN 2009

3 MAY 2010

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WO DENNIS BROWN (T)

CPL CHAD QUINN (E)



“Desert Divers”

By green ocean they tune, tag, pack kit, kiss wives, kids, their ocean brothers farewell;
He's coming back, he's coming back - beloved's words are wetsuits, regulators, oxygen tanks

Herc'ed into the lethal sandbox, grief's path, desert divers walk towards, not away
from handmade mayhem, metal plates.

(Hey desert diver, how many kids'ya save today?)

In early Afghan spring, mulberries blossom, storks return, rain-washed roadsides expose IEDs

Ha! My first job, an old-fashioned bayonet trick!

Drawn to deep water, amber kelp, day-glo starfish, desert divers dive the depths of 41 Celsius
adrenaline on dusty roads, half a watery blue world away.

SM Steele poet, TF-3-09, Afghanistan for Pat M, and in memory of PO 2nd Class Craig Blake