

PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEMBERS PRESENT

SEPTEMBER 23, 2009
OTHERS PRESENT

Johnny Myrl Lunsford
Jimmy B. Clayton
Kyle W. Puryear - ABSENT
B. Ray Jeffers
Samuel R. Kennington

Heidi York, County Manager
Brenda B. Reaves, Clerk to the Board

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, met in recessed session on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room in the Person County Office Building for the purpose of meeting with Army Officers to discuss emergency preparedness and emergency response.

Chairman Lunsford called the meeting to order.

County Manager, Heidi York told the Board of the 97th Civil Affairs Battalion Training Exercise in Person County to assist the Army for future deployments. The exercise typically consists of identifying a civil vulnerability with the guidance of the local governance, conducting an assessment to identify the root causes of those vulnerabilities and developing/recommending programs to mitigate those vulnerabilities. The exercise will focus on Emergency Preparedness and Response in Person County. Ms. York stated she has a de-brief meeting scheduled on September 25th following the completion of the exercise. Ms. York introduced the Civil Affairs Team 723 led by CPT Christian Carr.

CPT Carr introduced the CSMS 723 Team from Ft. Bragg, and briefed the board using the following presentation noting the purpose of the brief is to highlight the capabilities of his team as well as recommend ways they can be utilized.

SFC Acebedo talked about the Civil Affairs Core Tasks including Populace and Resource Control, Foreign Humanitarian Assistance, Nation Assistance, Civil Information Management, and Support to Civil Administration explaining they would provide access, information and influence using one or multiple core tasks to accomplish the mission.

CPT Carr stated the objectives as illustrated in the presentation are a blueprint of how the operations would be conducted. Initially the team would enter an area per the Ambassador's guidance focusing on a certain civil vulnerability. The team would make an assessment with key and informal leaders in that area, map human terrain, clearly identify civil vulnerabilities, seek priorities from the Ambassador, develop, enable and execute mitigating projects that reduce civil vulnerabilities with a goal to transition with host nation sustaining programs.

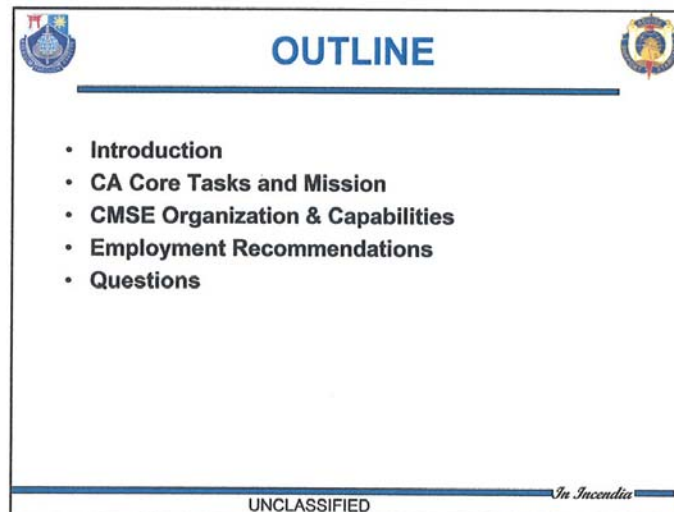


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**CMSE 723
CAPABILITIES BRIEF**

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OUTLINE

- Introduction
- CA Core Tasks and Mission
- CMSE Organization & Capabilities
- Employment Recommendations
- Questions



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CA CORE TASKS

- Populace and Resource Control (PRC)
- Foreign Humanitarian Assistance (FHA)
- Nation Assistance (NA)
- Civil Information Management (CIM)
- Support to Civil Administration (SCA)

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CMSE 723 OBJECTIVES

- Execute Civil Reconnaissance in Ambassador Areas of Interest to identify informal indigenous leaders in civil stabilization in collaboration with interagency partners.
- Map the human terrain using CIM software.
- Identify civil vulnerabilities and prioritize per Ambassador guidance.
- Develop, enable, and execute mitigating projects that reduce civil vulnerabilities.
- Transition with interagency/host nation sustaining programs.

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 **CMSE 723 ORGANIZATION** 

Personnel:

- CPT Carr Team Leader (Indonesian)
- SFC Acebedo Team Sergeant (Korean)
- SSG Weeks Team Engineer (Indonesian)
- SSG Crabb Team Medic (Indonesian)

Organic Equipment:

- CIM/ASK software.

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 **CMSE 723 CAPABILITIES** 

- Team speaks two Pacific languages (Indonesian, Korean)
- Trained negotiators
- Interpreter employment experience
- Conduct Civil Reconnaissance
- Conduct assessments
- Emergency Relief Planning

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CMSE 723

Team Leader:

- CPT Carr
- Civil Affairs Qualification Course, Regional Analysis Course, Indonesian, Advanced Negotiations, Mobile Force Protection

Team Sergeant:

- SFC Acebedo
- Civil Affairs Qualification Course, Regional Analysis Course, Korean, HAZMAT handler



CA Specialist:

- SSG Weeks
- Civil Affairs Qualification Course, Regional Analysis Course, Indonesian

CA Specialist:

- SSG Crabb
- Civil Affairs Qualification Course, Regional Analysis Course, Indonesian

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EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Conduct Civil Reconnaissance in Ambassador Areas of Interest.
- Assist in Identifying civil vulnerabilities and developing programs to mitigate those vulnerabilities in collaboration with Host Nation and other agencies.
- Advise on implementing mitigating programs and developing measures of performance and ensuring smooth transition of those programs to Host Nation control.

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The County Manager stated the Civil Affairs Team would be working with the Emergency Services Director, Michael Day, and the Health Department Director, Janet Clayton to review Person County's emergency response plan to identify weaknesses and make recommendations for improvements.

Commissioner Clayton thanked each of the Army Officers present for their service. Chairman Lunsford thanked the Civil Affairs Team for the presentation.

CPT Carr thanked the Board for the opportunity to train in Person County to improve their skills.

Emergency Services Director, Michael Day told the Board a report from the Local Emergency Planning Council will be forthcoming. Mr. Day noted the Hazard Mitigation Plan review and update has produced a list of deficiencies from FEMA for Person County to correct. Mr. Day would like the Civil Affairs Team to review the Hazard Mitigation Plan and make recommendations.

RECESS:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jeffers, **seconded** by Commissioner Clayton, and **carried** to recess the meeting at 9:55 a.m. until October 1, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the County Office Building Auditorium for the purpose of a joint session meeting with the Board of Education.

Brenda B. Reaves
Clerk to the Board

Johnny Myrl Lunsford
Chairman