

2-114th ‘Strike’ battalion gets C-IED training

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Soldiers of the Mississippi Army National Guard’s 2-114th “Strike” Battalion received Counter-Improvised Explosive Device training during their weekend drill at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center Jan. 5.

“We delivered C-IED platform training to the 2-114th “Strike” Battalion through classroom instruction in a field environment utilizing the C-IED Mobile Threat Display Trailer and through the use of realistic scenario-based events on the C-IED Training Lane,” said Senior Consultant Tommy Crane of the CSJFTC Counter-IED Integration Cell (CI2C).

“The Counter-IED training provided the National Guard Soldiers with the knowledge and skills to properly identify IED threats through individual and collective task training.”

The training started in the C-IED Mobile Threat Display Trailers, where the Soldiers used state-of-the-art vehicle and armament simulators to navigate various scenarios in a digital environment, complete with enemy activity, sound effects and visual stimuli designed to replicate a combat environment overseas.

“This was the ‘walk’ phase of the training, where our Soldiers were familiarized with enemy activity and IED emplacement in the first three trailers before moving to the fourth, where they were able to act as enemy combatants and see the scenario from a different perspective,” said Headquarters

and Headquarters Battery Commander Capt. David Nunley.

Following the exercises in the C-IED MTDT’s, the Soldiers then moved out to the Counter-IED training lane, where they received classroom instruction on IED recognition, dismounted scenarios and a final exercise in which they conducted convoy operations through mock roads and villages and encountered IED threats combined with enemy combatants.

“They had a great lane set up, where our Soldiers got the opportunity to react to IED threats and exercise battle drills, as well as implement internal training such as troop leading procedures, conducting reconnaissance and other things that are completely new to a lot of the younger Soldiers in the unit,” said Nunley.

After the training was completed, evaluations were conducted by the Counter IED Integration Cell Team and a formal After Action Report was also provided to the unit.

“The insurgency in Afghanistan has created a formidable challenge with the ability to rapidly change their tactics, techniques and procedures to counter U.S. Forces’ emerging capabilities,” said Crane. “So we have to ensure that our National Guard warfighters and their leaders are properly prepared to face this and other threats by incorporating Asymmetric Warfare, Counter-IED and Counter-Insurgency training as an integral part of individual and unit readiness.”

The centrally-located facil-



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Above, Spc. Rodger Colburn of HHB, 2-114th “Strike” Battalion, provides security following a simulated indirect fire scenario during C-IED training at CSJFTC. At left, At left, Senior Consultant Tommy Crane delivers a class on improvised explosive materials and IED recognition during Counter-IED training at CSJFTC. Below, a HMMWV of the 2-114th “Strike” Battalion triggers a simulated roadside bomb during C-IED training at CSJFTC.



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