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TASK FORCE 76 SOLDIERS TRAIN FOR DISASTER RESPONSE

Maj. Gen. Daniel L. York, commander of the 76th Operational Response Command, is briefed on operations during the Digital Command Post Exercise of Task Force 76 at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass. on June 9, 2014. The task force is responsible for the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Response Enterprise - America (CRE-A) and is capable of handling a wide array of emergency situations.

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— LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hear the alert... The Onaway is here
"ONAWAY" is the alert cry of the Chippewa Indians to call their warriors to arms upon the approach of an enemy. The 76th Infantry Division enthusiastically adopted the Chippewa Indians' alert to arms as their own battle cry when they were training for combat in the Chippewa Indians' hunting grounds of Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. During a meeting of organization commanders, then Division Commanding General Maj. Gen. William R. Schmidt suggested the adoption of the slogan.

Effective February 1, 2013 the 76th ID was reactivated as the 76th Operational Response Command. The 76th ORC in turn has the profound honor of continuing the lineage of the 76th ID to include carrying "ONAWAY" as its motto and battle cry.

This is the first edition of The Onaway, an electronic newsletter published by the 76th ORC Public Affairs Office, so I thought I would take a few minutes to tell you what we hope to achieve from its publication.

With all the specialized Army Reserve units and Army Reserve Elements that provide operational support to combatant commands, Department of Defense agencies and Army major commands, as well as pending future changes occur it is vital that we all have a common picture of what is happening within the command. It is also important that our senior leaders and directorates have a communications tool to keep the entire 76th ORC family - Soldiers, Army civilians, their families and contractors - informed and ready to conduct all of their duties and responsibilities. The Onaway newsletter will serve as the linchpin in this effort.

The 76th ORC Public Affairs Office focuses on what we call the three pillars of Public Affairs, which are, internal information, public information and community engagement. But we need your help because we cannot effectively conduct our mission without hearing from you.

What we ask of you is to feed us with story ideas, photos and news from your unit. We also want your suggestions to improve The Onaway, as your feedback and input are critical to making them high quality products.

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TASK FORCE 76 PREPARES TO ASSUME DISASTER RESPONSE MISSION



Maj. Gen. Daniel L. York, commanding general of the 76th Operational Response Command and Task Force 76, speaks to gathered Soldiers during the Digital Command Post Exercise at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass. June 9, 2014. The CPX is designed to prepare the task force for Vibrant Response, the final live action event before validation.

STORY BY
MASTER SGT. JANET BROADBENT
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SALT LAKE CITY — Maj. Gen. Daniel L. York, commanding general of the 76th Operational Response Command, is preparing Task Force 76 to assume command and control responsibilities of Task Force 51 in August, 2014.

The task force is responsible for the Chemical, Biological,

Radiological and Nuclear Response Enterprise – America, or CRE-A, and is trained to handle any catastrophes, such as a nuclear explosion or chemical warfare, that may occur on U.S. soil.

"My vision for the task force is that we successfully prepare and train to respond to CBRN warfare," said York. "Should we ever be called upon, we will execute with professionalism and excellence."

Soldiers from TF-76 have been training in a live action event in August, called Vibrant Response,

in order to be properly prepared for a worst case scenario in the United States and as the last stage in the validation process of assuming responsibilities for the task force.

"This event is very significant," said Staff Sgt. Nancy Marte, noncommissioned officer with the task forces G6 communications, 302nd MEB. "If and when we get called up for real world incidents, we will be better prepared to

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ARMY, CIVILIANS WORK TOGETHER DURING FOURTH OF JULY GAME



“It warms the hearts of the people in the crowd...”

Staff Sgt. Neal Wixom

Event staff hold up an eagle after the guest performer sings the national anthem at the Salt Lake Bees Fourth of July game against the El Paso Chihuahuas in Salt Lake City July 4, 2014.

Army Reserve Soldiers from the 76th Operational Response Command act as color guard during a Salt Lake Bees game at Salt Lake City, July 4, 2014. The color guard displays the nation's flag during the singing of the national anthem.

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The crowd grows quiet as the Soldiers in their dress uniforms step onto the field. If you listen closely you can hear them quietly giving commands as they march in perfect unison.

Two of the Soldiers carry rifles, the other two flags and as they

reach the mound they stop and turn to face the crowd.

“Present Arms,” one of the Soldiers says softly.

With the Soldiers now centered on the field, the guest performer sings the national anthem and finishes to the crowds cheer echoing in the stadium.

The game can now begin.

Army Reserve Soldiers from the 76th Operational Response

Command worked together with the Salt Lake Bees to provide a color guard during the Bees 4th of July home game against the El Paso Chihuahuas.

This is just another example of ways that civilian organizations and the military can come together and cooperate while providing uplifting events to the public.

“It warms the hearts of the people

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Detectives Ryan Racine (left) and Christian Thompson (right) with the University of Utah Police Department respond to an active-shooter training simulation at Fort Douglas, Utah July 17, 2014.

SOLDIERS, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL REACT TO ACTIVE SHOOTER

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SALT LAKE CITY - The exercise began when the police department response team burst through the door and entered the building.

"Shots fired upstairs on the northwest side of building 103," said the metallic sounding voice announcing the exercise over the loudspeaker.

The team immediately headed for the stairs and proceeded to the second floor.

"Get your hands up," yelled one of the officers as the shooter was spotted.

Loud bangs echo through the building as weapons fired blanks.

"One shooter down," said another officer as the team secures the area.

The exercise ended.

The University of Utah Police Department worked with the Army Reserve's 76th Operational Response Command and 807th Medical Command Deployment Support to hold an active-shooter training simulation at Fort Douglas, Utah, July 17, 2014.

"It's important because it's something that is escalating throughout the nation," said Detective John W. Thompson, sergeant in charge of investigations

at the University of Utah Police Department. "You see all the time that people are involved in shootings that are happening and it has become something that is not as rare as it used to be."

Many people in Utah are only too familiar with mass shootings, remembering the Trolley Square shooting in 2007 where a lone gunman killed five bystanders and injured four others.

Since then mass shootings have only increased with an estimated 16 occurring in 2013 alone.

"I feel like holding an active shooter situation falls right in line with the Army concept of 'train as you fight,'" said Master Sgt. Jessica D. Lam, the 76th ORC liaison responsible for helping plan the event. "Active shooters are a real possibility and a threat to us every day, so conducting this exercise helps us identify our strengths and how to be better prepared in training our Soldiers."

Fort Douglas personnel received prior training from the UUPD in May on how to properly react in active shooter situations and the proper procedures to follow.

"The Army Reserve's Soldiers and civilian workers are our greatest asset, one that can't be replaced," said Maj. Gen. Daniel L. York, commander of the 76th Operational Response Command. "The training received today may very well save a life should they be tragically involved in a shooting incident."

The Immediate Action Rapid

Deployment training was instructed by Thompson who spoke at length about run, hide or fight. This concept emphasizes that the easiest way to save your life is to get out of the situation and if you can't get out then hide and barricade yourself in and don't come out until you feel safe or until the police come and get you.

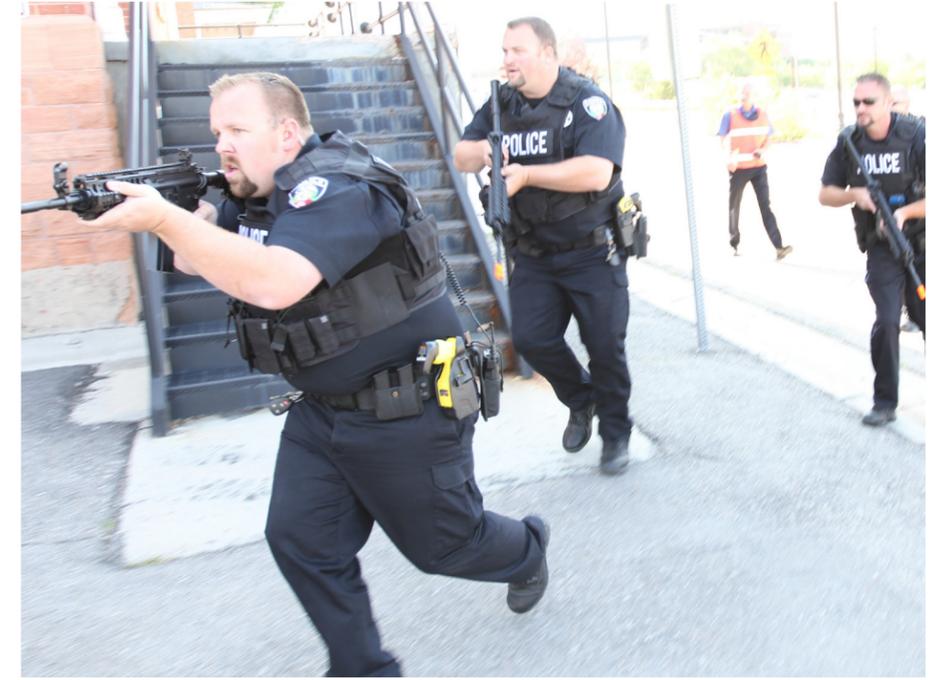
"I think the training is important on many levels," said Master Sgt. Lewis Flores, 76th ORC emergency preparedness liaison officer noncommissioned officer in charge. "Just to the history of the active shootings that we've seen, not only on military installations but also at malls and churches, and I think that it is important that individuals understand this in order to protect themselves and each other from these types of attacks."

On Thursday, Soldiers and civilian personnel at Fort Douglas were unexpectedly a part of the simulation and were expected to fall back on their training to properly react and respond to the situation. The unannounced exercise enabled participants to practice what they learned in May.

"It created an awareness that we all take for granted," said Flores. "We all become very complacent and you don't think about things like that happening, so when the drill occurred, it caused everyone to protect themselves and each other from these types of attacks."

The Army Reserve realizes the

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Detectives with the University of Utah Police Department respond to an active-shooter training simulation at Fort Douglas, Utah July 17, 2014. In the event of a real life situation, this training helps to prepare civilians, military personnel and the police department alike.



Detective John W. Thompson, Sergeant in charge of investigations at the University of Utah Police Department, instructs citizen-soldiers of the 76th Operational Response Command the Immediate Action Rapid Deployment training at Fort Douglas, Utah, May 8, 2014. Due to an escalation in nationwide shootings, this training has become more common in order to inform the public how to properly react in those situations.

RESERVE SOLDIERS DEPLOY TO KUWAIT, SUPPORT 3RD ARMY



Soldiers from the 3rd Army Augmentation Unit exit themselves from an overturned vehicle during rollover training using large simulators at Fort Bliss, Texas July 9, 2014. Rollover training prepares Soldiers by teaching them how to properly react and still defend themselves in worst case scenarios.

STORY AND PHOTOS

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FORT BLISS, Texas — Approximately 40 Army Reserve Soldiers from the 3rd Army Augmentation Unit, 76th Operational Response Command, deployed to Kuwait July 11, 2014.

The 3rd AAU deploys to support the 3rd Army by augmenting

active duty personnel and allowing Soldiers to transition out of theater without affecting the overall mission.

“We provide relief for the active duty personnel who work within 3rd Army,” said Capt. Yeteva Harris, operations officer with the 3rd AAU and originally from Killeen, Texas. “They have a reoccurring mission and them having to go

back and forth probably doesn’t translate well with their families, so we provide them with relief.”

Once in Kuwait, Soldiers will set up to replace their active duty counterparts and support operations in the surrounding areas for their scheduled year-long deployment.

One such Soldier, Lt. Col. Peter Brownlowe, after arriving in



Soldiers from the 3rd Army Augmentation Unit go through Individual Body Armor sets as a part of predeployment checks at Fort Bliss, Texas July 7, 2014. The 3rd Army Augmentation Unit is equipping in preparation for their scheduled year-long deployment to Kuwait.

Kuwait will travel to Jordan in order to support host nations and operations.

“I feel like we are doing a good job trying to help these host nations and support the fight to keep America free,” said Brownlowe, logistics officer with 3rd AAU and originally from Atlanta, Ga. “We will be participating in making sure Soldiers get all they need downrange.”

Prior to deploying Soldiers received much needed training in safety and operations such as being given the chance to experience a rollover in simulated military vehicles. This allows Soldiers an opportunity to apply their training in high-stakes situations such as roadside bombs.

“We want them to be fully trained before deploying,” said Maj. Gen. Daniel L. York, commanding general of the 76th ORC. “We don’t want a Soldier to deploy unprepared and the training they get here is a life saver.”

Additional Soldiers are scheduled to deploy as needed.

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assist the people that are being affected by the disaster.”

Vibrant Response involved simulating a nuclear explosion and required Soldiers to properly react to the disaster, in a supporting role, while working with the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency and statewide agencies.

“[This training] is an integral part of our preparation for the mission assumption and is designed to test our communication infrastructure between various components of CRE-A,” said Col. Doug Mills, chief of staff for TF-76. “Going forward, TF-76 is responsible for providing the CRE-A portion of the federal response that is planned as part of the larger CBRN Response Enterprise.”

The 76th ORC and TF-76 stand ready to take on this mission and meet the high expectations of the American people and the nation.

PATRIOTISM

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in the crowd,” said Staff Sgt. Neal Wixom, one of the color guard from the 76th ORC. “It makes them proud of who we are as armed forces.”

Events like this allow for civilian organizations to show their support to the military and to connect with their fans.

For the military it allows for an opportunity to connect with the public; their supporters, friends and family.

“When military and civilian organizations work together, like at the Bees game the other night, it brings out the best in all parties,” said Kraig Williams, communications manager of the Salt Lake Bees. “On patriotic holidays like Independence Day, we believe it is very important to honor local Soldiers to make that connection with the team and

fans.”

The 76th ORC continues to look for opportunities to work with civilian organizations and the public.

SHOOTER

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gravity of mass shootings and how an event can affect its employees – on or off-duty. Utilizing training with professional police forces, such as the University of Utah Police Department, allows it to improve safety training for its Soldiers and civilian personnel alike.



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Soldiers from the 3rd Army Augmentation Unit participate in rollover training using large simulators at Fort Bliss, Texas July 9, 2014. The 3rd AAU is training in preparation for their scheduled year-long deployment to Kuwait.



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