



200th RED HORSE Squadron

PATRIOT NORTH Exercise 2016

PATRIOT NORTH is a Domestic Operations (DOMOPS) training exercise sponsored by the National Guard Bureau (NGB) and accredited by the Joint National Training Capability (JNTC) Program. PATRIOT provides a joint forum -with local, state, and federal civilian organizations- that improves interagency coordination, and provides and understanding of policies and procedures required during a Joint Inter-Agency domestic response. The exercise allows units to evaluate their overall capabilities while improving their communication with outside entities.



The 200th RED HORSE Squadron (RHS) played a vital part in the PATRIOT 2016 exercise. Three Subject Matter Experts (SME) each observed different aspects of the exercise and assisted with training, for the 285th Civil Engineering Squadron (CES) Virgin Islands National Guard and the 150th CES Prime Power squadron

The 200 RHS SMEs provided expertise to setup six tents for command and control, and dining during the exercise, and the setup of six Environmental Control Units (ECU) and two generators to provide environmental control for the tents. In addition to acting as SMEs for bed down operations, the 200 RHS personnel contributed to the success of the exercise by providing real time feedback to both units involved in the exercise.



Power Production and Electrical were observed and evaluated during a scenario that cut off power to various buildings on base and a civilian fire station located in the nearby town of New Lisbon. The 200 RHS personnel observed the 150th CES Prime Power Unit to ensure that proper procedures were taken during the setup of emergency power, proper safety precautions were followed, and all field personnel were communicating back to the Unit Control Center (UCC).

Structures and Heavy Equipment personnel were tasked with route clearance scenario. The 285 CES worked to



clear a road littered with fallen trees and other natural debris, and to clear condemned buildings in the surrounding area. This required sawing operations to cut up the debris, and the operation of heavy equipment to load and haul debris away. The 200 RHS personnel observed these operations to ensure that all safety procedures were being met while training objectives were met, and that communication between the 285th CES and the UCC was not lost.

The 200 RHS personnel also observed the UCC, evaluating the effectiveness of their organizational skills and prioritizing methods. They also ensured that communication between field team members and Team Rubicon personnel were adequate, and that field training was not compromised by lack of communication and misunderstandings between civilian and military entities.



This unique joint military-civilian environment provided by the PATRIOT Exercise creates an invaluable training environment that enhances the ability of military units to support incidents at the local, state, and national levels.

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