

Captain Vance drew on his own experience as a Chemical platoon leader to create a point of reference that could make the job of today's Chemical platoon leader easier. As a result, a number of unit CBRN SOPs are now accessible online, creating an alternate avenue of reference for newly arriving Soldiers and, possibly, other units looking for new ideas to incorporate into their own training. With a cross-pollination of ideas, Chemical officers have a solid supply of resources.

Second Lieutenant Travis Cox, fresh from Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) III, was in the perfect position to compile BOLC III information for Soldiers to use as a point of reference. This information included fact sheets and information on smoke operations (including calculators).

The information in the CKN will continue to evolve to best meet the needs of Soldiers. A forum option is available at the site, where members of the Army Chemical community can ask questions, answer questions, and make suggestions for additional improvements to the site. The CKN revision is part of a general update to the curriculum of the Chemical School itself, including a new, more robust critical task list. The tasks taught in BOLC III have been augmented and now number more than 200. The 74D critical task list has also been augmented and now includes more than 100 tasks, mostly focused on hazard response (including equipment familiarity). As already mentioned,

today's CBRN threat is more technologically advanced than ever before. The role of the Army extends beyond protecting troops to defending civilian populations. To marry this combination of missions means more initial training to produce knowledgeable, competent, junior officers equipped with additional skill sets. More robust training means that Chemical Soldiers and leaders will be more technologically proficient. An online resource center is the perfect touchstone for the myriad of tasks necessary to maintain proficiency.

To access the CKN, go to the Fort Leonard Wood Web site <<http://www.wood.army.mil/>> and select *Maneuver Support Knowledge Network (MSKN)* in the lower left-hand corner of the home page. At the Army Knowledge Online (AKO) portal, log in using your user name and password. Under *MANSCEN [Center of Excellence] CoE Links*, select *CBRN*. 

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