

Groundbreaking at the Terry Facility

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A 12 July 2011 groundbreaking ceremony was held for the expansion of the Technical Escort Division of the First Lieutenant Joseph Terry Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Responder Training Facility at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The Terry Facility was originally built to train 1,200 Soldiers annually, but 5,000 Soldiers are actually trained there each year. The much-needed expansion, which will allow for the consolidation of all CBRN responder training at Fort Leonard Wood, will take about 18 months to complete. The additional facilities will assist the school with the growth in student population that has been experienced since the course was transferred from the Ordnance Corps in 2004.

Personnel who receive technical escort training provide support to the Department of Defense, U.S. Secret Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, United Nations, and other national and intelligence chemical and biological munitions communities. They also provide material expertise during peacetime and times of war. 

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