

- Learn the mission of deployed, task-organized BCTs, and ensure that attached BCT reconnaissance platoons are properly staffed before arriving in theater. If possible, convince the BCTs to use the reconnaissance platoons as WITs.
- Encourage your commanding general, deputy commanding general, and command sergeant major to stress the importance of FP whenever possible—especially during planning briefings and updates. This will provide you with many opportunities and help you gain the influence and resources that you need to protect the force.
- Use the skills that every CBRN officer and NCO has learned throughout their career. Claw, scratch, fight, and beg your way to making an impact in your unit. You will likely be surprised at how staff savvy you are in relation to Soldiers from other career fields.

### Conclusion

This article is intended to fill an information void and describe the institutional push to standardize how divisions could or should use CBRN sections. While our traditional mission sets may not be as relevant to today’s counterinsurgency operations, our skills, experience, dedication and, most of all, our intense drive to make a difference are. If we provide the division with what we have to offer, we will become relevant once again—maybe not for our CBRN skills, but for our ability to make a difference no matter where we are.

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### Endnote:

<sup>1</sup>The term “reset” is used to describe the period during which a unit undergoes Soldier-family reintegration, staffing and equipping regeneration, and limited individual training that renders the unit capable of performing civil support operations.

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