FRAGO 345 [CST'S OPERATING WITH ICDC BATTALIONS] TO CJTF[4] OPORD 04-01

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(S//REL-MCFL) SUBJECT: COALITION SUPPORT TEAMS (CST) OPERATING WITH IRAQI CIVIL DEFENSE CORPS (ICDC) BATTALIONS

(U) REFERENCES: JCS DEPLOYMENT ORDER ISO USCENTCOM RFF SERIAL 252

(U) MAPS: [NO CHANGE]

(U) TIME ZONE USED THROUGHOUT THIS ORDER: CHARLIE

(U) TASK ORGANIZATION: [NO CHANGE]

1. (S//REL-MCFL) SITUATION. [CHANGE] CENTCOM HAS TASKED CJSTOF-AP TO PROVIDE COALITION SUPPORT TEAMS TO IRAQI CIVIL DEFENSE CORPS (ICDC) BATTALIONS TO ASSIST MSCs WITH ICDC EMPLOYMENT, TO TRAIN AND ADVISE AND MENTOR ICDC BATTALIONS TO ENABLE THEIR DEVELOPMENT INTO A VIABLE SECURITY FORCE.

2. (U) MISSION. [NO CHANGE]

3. (U) EXECUTION. [CHANGE]

3.A. (U) COMMANDER'S INTENT. [NO CHANGE]

3.B. (U) CONCEPT OF THE OPERATION [CHANGE]

3.B.1. (S//REL-MCFL) THE INTENT IS FOR CJSTOF-AP TO PROVIDE CSTs TO ASSIST THE MSCs IN THE TRAINING OF ICDC BATTALIONS (EXCLUDING ICDC BNS IN MND-SE SECTOR). THE CSTs WILL SERVE AS COMBAT ADVISORS, TRAINERS AND MENTORS. MSCs REMAIN OVERALL RESPONSIBLE FOR ICDC OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY TO INCLUDE ORGANIZING, TRAINING, EQUIPPING AND SUSTAINING ICDC BATTALIONS. CSTs WILL LINK-UP WITH MSCs TO CONDUCT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS OF EACH ICDC BATTALION IN ORDER TO DEVELOP TRAINING PLANS TAILORED FOR EACH BATTALION. CSTs WILL ASSIST EACH MSC COMMANDER BY CONDUCTING TRAINING ON THOSE TASKS DESIGNATED BY THE MSC COMMANDER THAT BEST MEET THE NEEDS OF THE TACTICAL SITUATION AND THE PROFICIENCY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL ICDC BATTALION, TO SYNCHRONIZE, DECONFLICT AND INTEGRATE OPERATIONS WITH COALITION FORCES; AND PROVIDE INPUT TO ICDC METL. MSC COMMANDER RETAINS C2 AND OPCON OF ASSIGNED ICDC BATTALIONS. CSTs ARE TACON TO MSC COMMANDERS FOR THE SPECIFIC MISSION OF ICDC TRAINING SUPPORT.

3.B.2. (S//REL-MCFL) INITIALLY, 31 CSTs WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE IRAQI THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ITO). THIS OPERATION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THREE PHASES:

3.B.2.A. (S//REL-MCFL) PHASE ONE. CST ELEMENTS LINK UP WITH MSCs AND CONDUCT AN INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE CAPABILITIES OF THEIR ASSIGNED ICDC BATTALIONS.
3.B.2.B. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE TWO. CST ELEMENTS PROVIDE MSC COMMANDERS WITH ICDC BATTALION ASSESSMENTS AND COORDINATE TRAINING PLANS THAT ARE TAILORED FOR EACH BATTALION AND THE COMMANDER’S MISSION REQUIREMENTS.

3.B.2.C. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE THREE. CSTs ADVISE AND MENTOR ICDC BATTALION LEADERSHIP. CSTs WILL CONDUCT AND ASSIST IN THE TRAINING OF ICDC BATTALION AT THE DIRECTION OF THE MSCs COMMANDER.

3.C. (U) TASKS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS. [CHANGE]

3.C.1. (U) MNB-NORTH

3.C.1.A. (S//REL MCFI) RECEIVE AND COORDINATE CST OPERATIONS WITH FORCES PROVIDED BY CJSTOF-AP.

3.C.1.B. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE ONE. CST ELEMENTS WILL LINK-UP WITH MSC NLT 25 FEB 04, TO CONDUCT AN INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF CAPABILITIES OF MSC’S ASSIGNED ICDC BATTALIONS.

3.C.1.C. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE TWO. CST ELEMENTS WILL PROVIDE COMMANDERS WITH ASSESSMENTS, AND PROPOSE AND COORDINATE TRAINING PLANS THAT ARE TAILORED FOR EACH ICDC BATTALION.

3.C.1.D. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE THREE. CSTs ADVISE AND MENTOR ICDC BATTALION LEADERSHIP. CSTs WILL CONDUCT AND ASSIST IN THE TRAINING OF ICDC BATTALION AT THE DIRECTION OF THE MSCs COMMANDER.

3.C.2. (U) MND 4ID

3.C.2.A. (S//REL MCFI) RECEIVE AND COORDINATE CST OPERATIONS WITH FORCES PROVIDED BY CJSTOF-AP.

3.C.2.B. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE ONE. CST ELEMENTS WILL LINK-UP WITH MSC NLT 25 FEB 04, TO CONDUCT AN INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF CAPABILITIES OF MSC’S ASSIGNED ICDC BATTALIONS.

3.C.2.C. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE TWO. CST ELEMENTS WILL PROVIDE COMMANDERS WITH ASSESSMENTS, AND PROPOSE AND COORDINATE TRAINING PLANS THAT ARE TAILORED FOR EACH ICDC BATTALION.

3.C.2.D. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE THREE. CSTs ADVISE AND MENTOR ICDC BATTALION LEADERSHIP. CSTs WILL CONDUCT AND ASSIST IN THE TRAINING OF ICDC BATTALION AT THE DIRECTION OF THE MSCs COMMANDER.

3.C.3. (U) MND 1AD

3.C.3.A. (S//REL MCFI) RECEIVE AND COORDINATE CST OPERATIONS WITH FORCES PROVIDED BY CJSTOF-AP.

3.C.3.B. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE ONE. CST ELEMENTS WILL LINK-UP WITH MSC NLT 01 MAR 04, TO CONDUCT AN INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF CAPABILITIES OF MSC’S ASSIGNED ICDC BATTALIONS.

3.C.3.C. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE TWO. CST ELEMENTS WILL PROVIDE COMMANDERS WITH ASSESSMENTS, AND PROPOSE AND COORDINATE TRAINING PLANS THAT ARE TAILORED FOR EACH ICDC BATTALION.

3.C.4. (U) MND 82ND ABD

3.C.4.A. (S//REL MCFI) RECEIVE AND COORDINATE CST OPERATIONS WITH FORCES PROVIDED BY CJSOTF-AP.

3.C.4.B. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE ONE. CST ELEMENTS WILL LINK-UP WITH MSC NLT 01 MAR 04, TO CONDUCT AN INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF CAPABILITIES OF MSC’S ASSIGNED ICDC BATTALIONS.

3.C.4.C. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE TWO. CST ELEMENTS WILL PROVIDE COMMANDERS WITH ASSESSMENTS, AND PROPOSE AND COORDINATE TRAINING PLANS THAT ARE TAILORED FOR EACH ICDC BATTALION.

3.C.4.D. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE THREE. CSTs ADVISE AND MENTOR ICDC BATTALION LEADERSHIP. CSTs WILL CONDUCT AND ASSIST IN THE TRAINING OF ICDC BATTALION AT THE DIRECTION OF THE MSCs COMMANDER.

3.C.5. (U) MND-CS

3.C.5.A. (S//REL MCFI) RECEIVE AND COORDINATE CST OPERATIONS WITH FORCES PROVIDED BY CJSOTF-AP.

3.C.5.B. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE ONE. CST ELEMENTS WILL LINK-UP WITH MSC NLT 01 MAR 04, TO CONDUCT AN INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF CAPABILITIES OF MSC’S ASSIGNED ICDC BATTALIONS.

3.C.5.C. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE TWO. CST ELEMENTS WILL PROVIDE COMMANDERS WITH ASSESSMENTS, AND PROPOSE AND COORDINATE TRAINING PLANS THAT ARE TAILORED FOR EACH ICDC BATTALION.

3.C.5.D. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE THREE. CSTs ADVISE AND MENTOR ICDC BATTALION LEADERSHIP. CSTs WILL CONDUCT AND ASSIST IN THE TRAINING OF ICDC BATTALION AT THE DIRECTION OF THE MSCs COMMANDER.

3.C.6. (U) CJSOTF-AP

3.C.6.A. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE ONE. CST ELEMENTS WILL LINK-UP WITH MSCs IAW DATES ABOVE, TO CONDUCT AN INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF CAPABILITIES OF ICDC BATTALIONS.

3.C.6.B. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE TWO. CST ELEMENTS WILL PROVIDE MSC COMMANDERS WITH ASSESSMENTS, AND PROPOSE AND COORDINATE TRAINING PLANS THAT ARE TAILORED FOR EACH ICDC BATTALION.

3.C.6.C. (S//REL MCFI) PHASE THREE. CSTs ADVISE AND MENTOR ICDC BATTALION LEADERSHIP. CSTs WILL CONDUCT AND ASSIST IN THE TRAINING OF ICDC BATTALION AT THE DIRECTION OF THE MSCs COMMANDER.

3.D. (U) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. [CHANGE]

3.D.1. (S//REL MCFI) CSTs CONTINUE TO FLOW INTO THE ITO, AND WILL LINK-UP WITH MNB-N, MND 4ID, MND 1AD, MND 82ABD AND MND-CS, IN THAT ORDER.
3.D.2. (S//REL-MCFL) MSC COMMANDERS, UPON REVIEWING CST ASSESSMENTS, MAY ESTABLISH PRIORITIES OF CST EFFORTS FOR THEIR ICDC BATTALIONS BASED UPON THE TACTICAL SITUATION AND THE ICDC BATTALIONS' CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT CF OPERATIONS.

3.D.3. (S//REL-MCFL) CST SIZE AND COMPOSITION WILL BE TAILORED BASED ON THE ASSESSED NEEDS OF THE ICDC BATTALION AND MSC COMMANDER PRIORITIRES. MSC COMMANDER HAS THE PREROGATIVE TO DETERMINE SPECIFIC ICDC BATTALIONS WHICH DO NOT NEED CSTs TO ASSIST AND ADVISE. THIS WILL BE COORDINATED BETWEEN THE MSC AND CJSTF-AP ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AND APPROVED BY CJTF 4. IN THOSE CASES, MSC COMMANDERS ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE AN ADVISORY ASSISTANCE TEAM.

4. (U) SERVICE SUPPORT. [NO CHANGE]

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL. [CHANGE]

5.A. (S//REL-MCFL) MSC COMMANDERS RETAIN OPCON OF ICDC BATTALIONS IN THEIR SECTOR.

5.B. (S//REL-MCFL) CJSTF-AP REMAINS OPCON TO CFSCC AND TACON TO CJTF 4. CSTs ARE TACON TO MSCs COMMANDERS FOR THE SPECIFIC MISSION OF ICDC TRAINING SUPPORT.

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