CJSOTF-AP

Commander’s Guidance for CONOPS

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CONOPs FRAMEWORK

• Every action which requires a CJSOTF-AP element to depart a secured area is a tactical operation and requires a CONOP.

• All CONOPs require coordination with the owner of the battlespace.

• The level of detail, required coordination, and approval authority depend upon the complexity and sensitivity of the operation.
Level 1 CONOPs

Require COMCJSOTF-AP approval:

- Any DA operations that do not involve ISF
- Operations involving TF
- Operations involving entry into protected sites such as mosques and religious shrines (MNC-I approval)
- Operations to detain Iraqi political, ISF, or religious leaders (MNC-I approval)
- Operations requiring an exception to the CJSOTF-AP non-standard uniform policy
Level 2 CONOPs

FOB or TG CDR Approval:
- Any Fastrope operations
- Operations in support of TF ISG, ORA or other governmental organizations
- Operations involving non-ISF units i.e. Showani Special Forces
- Movement of detainees
- Fleeting targets not requiring MNC-I or higher approval
Level 3 CONOPs

AOB or TU CDR Approval:
- Patrolling
- Reconnaissance
- Tactical intelligence gathering (ASO)
- CST / ING Training
- Routine operations detailed in daily SITREPS
CONOP Submission Requirements

- Include the Level of the CONOP as the first item
- All Level 1 CONOPs must be submitted to COMCJSOTF-AP for approval NLT 6 hours prior to execution
- All Level 2 CONOPs must be submitted to COMCJSOTF-AP for visibility NLT 2 hours prior to execution
- Level 1 and 2 CONOPs can be submitted verbally to COMCJSOTF-AP when time does not permit a written CONOP within the required timeframe; the exception to time requirements is not a substitute for lack of prior planning and time management
- The naming convention for CJSOTF-AP CONOPs for FOB elements begins by identifying the unit followed by a sequential number system for their operations. For example, 5150001 for ODA 14a first CONOP or TU Raider 002 for TU Raider’s second CONOP.
- For CONOPs which involve multiple CJSOTF-AP units, the CONOPS should be consolidated by the controlling headquarters and submitted following the naming convention established by the supported unit and used for references in OPSUMs and SITREPs.
CONOP REQUIREMENTS

NAMING CONVENTION (CONOP #)
LEVEL OF CONOP (I,II, or III)
1. TARGET DESCRIPTION:
   - WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY
   - SOURCE(S) VALIDITY
   - PAY-OFF/TARGET VALUE
2. TASK ORGANIZATION
   - UNILATERAL
   - JOINT
   - COMBINED
3. RESOURCES REQUIRED
   - AIR
   - ISR
4. CONCEPT OF OPERATION
   - INCLUDE BATTLESPACE COORDINATION
5. IO PLAN
   - CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT/ MINIMIZATION
   - DRUMBEAT/EFFECTS
6. C2
   - WHO'S IN CHARGE
   - COMMO PLAN
7. RISK ASSESSMENT
   - TO FORCE
   - OPERATIONAL RISK
   (POLITICAL SENSITIVITY)

REVIEWED BY APPROVING COMMANDER FOR:
- SOURCE AND PAYOFF
- RISK

APPROVED / DISAPPROVED

DISSEMINATED AS REQUIRED
OPSUM Submission Requirements

- Quicklook OPSUMs must be submitted to HQ, CJSOTF-AP NLT 4 hours after mission completion.
- The Quicklook OPSUM may be submitted either verbally or in writing and should include a minimum of the 5 Ws, accountability / status of friendly forces, initial BDA, and initial SSE results.
- A complete written OPSUM must be submitted to HQ, CJSOTF-AP NLT 12 hours after mission completion.
- The naming convention for OPSUMs must be consistent with the naming of the associated CONOP.
SSE Submission Requirements

- Any videos or pictures for intel or IO exploitation must be submitted to CJSOTF-AP electronically within 48 hours; if electronic transmission is unavailable, items will be transported by the most expedient means available.

- Any videos which meet MNC-I IO criteria or are reasonably expected to support the IO objectives should be sent to CJSOTF-AP immediately for screening and release to MNC-I.