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Training Improve: **Training Sustain:** UMT Battle Books and Staff Products RS Plan (Tab D) & Training Plan Recommendation: **Recommendation:** • UMTs deploy with RS plan synced with the unit's • A best practice is BCTs deploying with phases of the operation and prioritizing RS efforts standardized staff products shared among that are flexible, iterative, and adaptable to LSCO. all UMTs (running estimate, battle rhythm, • Have an annual UMT training plan that is synced/ SOP, battle book, etc.). See ATP 1-05.01 integrated with the unit's mission glide path. chapter 2 outlining expected products. **Training Improve: Training Improve:** Rehearsals / Staff Integration PACE plan / Comms **Recommendation: Recommendation:** UMTs must participate in Sustainment RXLs and UMTs deploy with communication equipment and conduct RS RXLs IOT build shared understanding a validated PACE plan already practiced in unit and among WfFs and to prepare a rehearsed RS plan. **RS COMEXs.**

The NTC UMT Observer Coach Trainer Team serves to coach, teach, and mentor brigade and battalion level Unit Ministry Teams to provide comprehensive RS in LSCO.

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FY23: 8 Rotations = 70 UMTs

UMT	Total
56A Authorized	70
56A Present	58
%	83%
56M Authorized	70
56M Present	47
%	67%

- 7 BDE Rotations (including 1 Ranger Rgt)
 - 1 BDE deployed without 56A
 - 1 BDE deployed without 56M
- 59 BN UMTs
 - 8 BN deployed without 56A
 - 18 BN deployed without 56M
- 1 DIV Rotation (including 1 SFAB, 1 DIVARTY, and 1 CAB)
 - DIV deployed without 56A & 56M
 - 2 BDE deployed without 56A
 - 3 BDE deployed without 56M

Impact on Mission/Ministry

- **Contingency plan for UMT shortages.** Most units will not deploy full strength. Backfills come from DIV, other units, or special duty.
- **RS coverage plan.** Short manning requires the BDE to create a RS plan for units without a team or to flex assets during the operation.

Casualties

- During LSCO, the unit will experience high casualties. Recent BCT rotations had approximately 2200 casualties.
- UMTs will become casualties.
- RS planning must include the possibility of UMT losses resulting in UMTs covering several units and operating in isolated conditions for extended periods of time.

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Metric	% of UMTs	
Religious Preference Profile	60 %	
90 Days Religious Supplies	53 %	
Religious Support Plan (Tab D) Published	41 %	
TACSOP BCT/BN	63 %	
Running Estimates	67 %	
Battle Book	77 %	
Мар	67 %	
Hasty Memorial Plan	48 %	
Battle Rhythm	59 %	
Battle Tracking Tool	33 %	
Workspace	52 %	
RAA (Complete)	67 %	
Attended & Participated in MDMP	50 %	
Direct Access to CMD / CSM	77 %	
Sustainment Rehearsal	48 %	
Combined Armed Rehearsal	17 %	
Religious Support Rehearsal	16 %	
Religious Support COMEX	12 %	

Sustain

Staff Products

- Running Estimates
- Battle Book
- Battle Rhythm
- Religious Preference Profile
- RAA

Improve

Planning

- RS Plan (Tab D)
- Hasty Memorial Plan

Rehearsals / Staff Integration

- Sustainment RXL
- CAR
- RS RXL
- RS COMEX

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Battle Focused Tasks

Conduct Command Post Operations.

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Integrate RS Plan (Unit, Area & Denominational) with Higher and Adjacent Units.

Plan and Integrate Comprehensive RS to Mass Casualties (Hasty Burials, Mass Internment, Hasty Memorials, Mass Memorial, Mass Notification, Care to Survivors, Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental, and Multinational (JIIM).

Assess and Synchronize RS Requirements during Sustained LSCO (Multi-Domain Battle).

Conduct RS for Internment and Resettlement.

Supervise (Lead) and Support (Mentor, Develop) Subordinate UMT.

Integrate Force Protection (56M lead).

Integrate Religious Logistics into Sustainment Operations.

Train subordinate UMT in BFT prior to CTC rotation and ReARMM Mission execution.

Advise Participate in RXLs (Sustainment/CAR)

Advise the CDR and Staff.

Focus Areas of Coaching/Performance

- Integration
- Synchronization
- Products
- Rehearsals
- Battle-focused and METL Tasks
- Intentionally Planned Religious Support
- Internal Advisement
- External Advisement

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Possible UMT Training Plan

Month	Brigade Focus	Training
OCTOBER	WARNO and OPORD Training	BDE UMT leads
NOVEMBER	Soul Care Training	BN UMT leads Moral Injury Training
DECEMBER		
JANUARY	UMT Responsibilities During Death Notification	BN UMT leads Medical Ministry Provide Crisis Intervention
FEBRUARY	Integrate the UMT into Convoy Operations	BN UMT leads RS Operations Map Reading and Battle Tracking
MARCH	The Counseling Process	Initial Counseling, Importance of timely/regular counseling; elements of the counseling process; event- oriented counseling; 56M participation
APRIL	Provide RS to a Wounded or Dying Individual / Spiritual Triage	Medical Ministry Provide RS to Wounded or Dying Soldiers/ Spiritual Triage / Hasty Memorial
MAY	COMEX / System Check	Validate PACE plan / RS COMEX (JBCP, FM, SIPR, etc.)
JUNE		
JULY	Write the Religious Support Appendix for the Tactical Standing Operations Procedures (TASCOP)	56M lead 2 Minute Drill and Running Estimate
AUGUST	Develop the Running Estimate for RS	RS Operations Prepare the UMT Input to Running Estimates, OPLANS and ORDERS
SEPTEMBER	Plan and Conduct RS for Unified Land Operations	RS Operations / The 56M in LSCO and MDO
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