

Maryland Defense Agency Profile

U.S. Marine Corps Chemical Biological Incident Response Force (CBIRF)



USMC Chemical Biological Incident Response Force
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Commanding Officer: Col. Donald J. Riley Jr., USMC
Command: United States Marine Corps Installations and Logistics
Branch: U.S. Marine Corps (U.S. Navy)

Employees: 500

History & Mission: The Chemical Biological Incident Response Force (CBIRF) fulfills the mission of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosive (CBRNE) consequence management. In 1995, the 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Charles Krulak, provided planning guidance that identified the need for a strategic organization to respond to a growing chemical/biological terrorist threat. The CBIRF concept was developed by the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory and came to fruition in 1996. The 500-person active duty unit is located at Naval Support Facility Indian Head, Maryland. Less than 30 miles from the capital building, CBIRF's proximity to the National Capital Region makes it the force of choice within Department of Defense when responding to CBRNE threats in Washington, D.C.

The Marines and Sailors that comprise CBIRF come from more than 40 military occupational specialties, and train year-round to carry out the unit's mission. CBIRF is prepared to respond, with minimal warning, to a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high yield explosive events in order to assist local, state, or federal agencies and the geographic combatant commanders in the conduct of CBRNE response or consequence management operations as part of its Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) mission. As such, CBIRF Marines and Sailors are skilled in the areas of command and control, agent detection and identification, search, rescue, and decontamination, and emergency medical care for contaminated personnel. In order to execute its mission, CBIRF possesses a wide variety of unique skill sets that are task organized to address all possible aspects of a CBRNE attack. CBIRF has six major sections organic to the battalion: Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Technical Search and Rescue, Decontamination, Medical, Identification and Detection, and Search and Rescue/Casualty Extraction.

Federal Facilities Profile

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Resources

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[Office of Small Business Programs](#)
[Doing Business with the Command](#)
[USMC SBIR/STTR \(Technology Transfer\)](#)

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