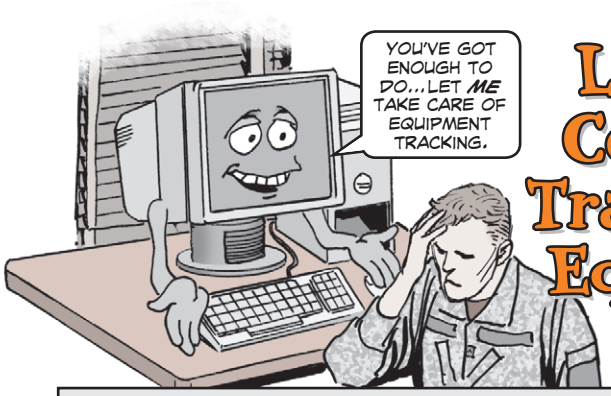

Let Your Computer Track CBRN Equipment

Dear Editor,

NBC NCOs have a big job. They not only have to make sure their unit's masks, chemical alarms, protective suits, and radiac equipment are ready for action, but they must also document what's in the NBC room, what belongs to which soldiers, and when the equipment was verified.

In this computer age, it would be a shame not to let your computer do most of that tracking work. And it's not that hard. I used Microsoft Excel to create spread sheets to track mask testing, JSLIST sizes, M41 PATS and AN/UDR-13 calibrations, administration ID numbers for equipment, and optical inserts.

For the masks, for example, I created these columns in my spread sheet:

- unit mask admin #
- name/rank
- size
- type
- lot #
- fit/test date
- date cleaned/ sanitized
- canister/filter lot #
- canister/filter date installed
- inserts installed/ ordered date

PROTECTIVE MASK ROSTER

UNIT MASK ADMIN NO.#	NAME/ RANK	MASK			FIT/TEST DATE	DATE CLEANED/ SANITIZED	CANISTER/FILTER		INSERTS INSTALLED/ ORDERED DATE
		SIZE	TYPE	LOT #			LOT #	DATE INSTALLED	

Once you have your spreadsheet created, you can update it in minutes. And, of course, you can find any info you need in seconds. It's a good idea to back up the information to a CD in case your computer ever crashes.

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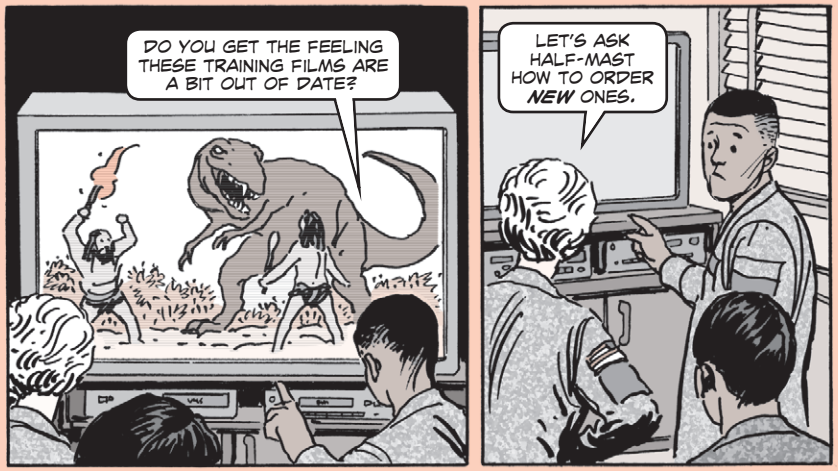
Editor's note: *NBC NCOs **do** have enough to do already. It's a great idea to make your computer pitch in and help.*

Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN)...

Latest CBRN Training Films



Dear Half-Mast,

I'm an instructor at one of the Army's CBRN schools and we have a big problem with out-of-date training videos. Some of them must be 20 years old. Where do you go to get the newest training films?

T.H.

Dear Mr. T.H.,

You go to the Defense Automated Visual Information System/Defense Instructional Technology Information System (DAVIS/ DITIS):

http://dodimagery.afis.osd.mil/davis/

Type in your video subject in the search engine and you'll get a list of what's available. Under "NBC" for instance, some of the titles available include:

- M22 Alarm Joint Operator / Unit Maintenance
- JSLIST
- CAM PMCS and Use
- Fox Crew Procedures
- Unit Maintenance of the M40 and M42 Masks

Army units can order the videos on-line and usually get them in a couple of weeks.

If you think the available CBRN training videos are inadequate or outdated, you can request the production of new training products by contacting Ft Leonard Wood's audiovisual program officer Cindy Major at DSN 676-4152/(573)563-4152 or email

@us.army.mil

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