

TOO OFTEN FORGOTTEN

DON'T LET YOUR M20 COLLECTIVE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT BECOME SOMETHING THAT JUST TAKES UP SPACE.

TAKE CARE OF IT. TRAIN WITH IT. USE IT!



Dear Editor,

The M20/M20A1 collective protection equipment is a self-contained, pressurized room that allows Soldiers to operate without protective clothing in a chemical threat environment.

Usually each battalion has four M20/M20A1s. At about \$18,000 each, they are not cheap items.

But in my experience on the Command Maintenance Evaluation and Training Team (COMET), I find that the M20/M20A1s are generally completely overlooked. They are stored away from the CBRN rooms in the operations/plans shop where usually no one pays any attention to them. They end up just collecting dust.

If they are ever needed, the M20/M20A1s won't be in any shape for action and no one will know how to use them.

I suggest that every battalion appoint someone to be specifically in charge of the M20/M20A1s, including taking responsibility for their regular PMCS. Room needs to be made in the training schedule to teach Soldiers how to use it, too.

The first step should be to order copies of the M20/M20A1's TMs. The M20 TM is TM 3-4240-288-12&P and the M20A1's is TM 3-4240-313-10 and TM 3-4240-313-20&P. The TMs are on the ETM site:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/etms/online.cfm>

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Editor's note: Thanks for alerting units to the importance of taking care of the M20/M20A1, John. It's an expensive piece of equipment to become just a dust collector.