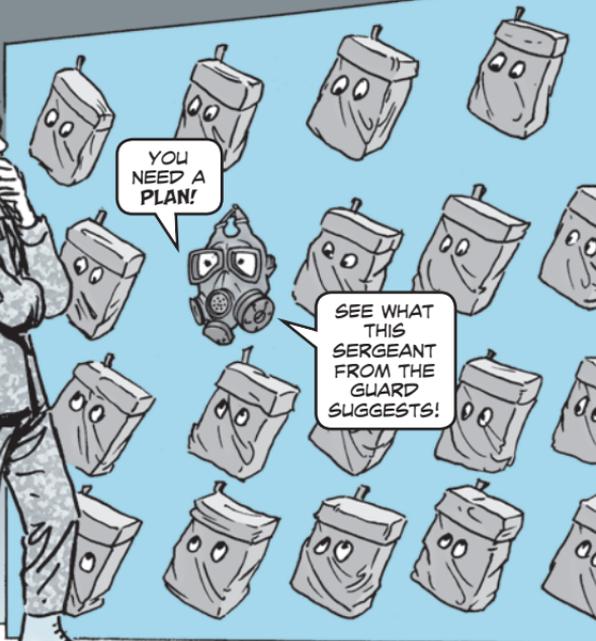
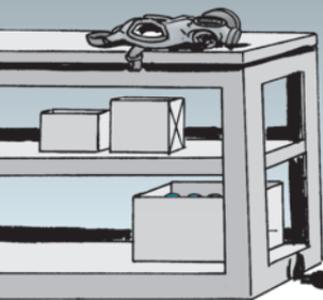


HOW AM I GOING TO EVER PMCS ALL OF YOU GUYS IN ONE WEEKEND?

PMCS for Guard and Reserves



YOU NEED A PLAN!

SEE WHAT THIS SERGEANT FROM THE GUARD SUGGESTS!

Dear Editor,

CBRN specialists who are part of the Army National Guard and Army Reserves have time limitations that active Army CBRN specialists don't have to deal with. We are generally in our CBRN rooms only one weekend a month.

M40 and M42 masks are supposed to have a thorough PMCS done every six months by the CBRN specialist. But if you are the sole CBRN specialist at a big Guard or Reserve facility, you may be responsible for a large number of masks. There is no way you can PMCS a lot of masks in one weekend, especially with your other duties.

What I suggest is that Guard and Reserve CBRN folks PMCS 1/6 of the masks each month. Record that those masks have been checked. Then PMCS another bunch the next month and so on. That way by the time six months have passed, you will have done the required PMCS on all your masks.

If you don't have a system like this, masks will probably miss their checks and services and problems will go undetected.

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Editor's note: Now that's a good plan, Sergeant. If this plan works for you, CBRN specialists, use it. But ultimately you need to develop your own SOP for doing required mask PMCS. And don't forget to record semiannual PMCS on DD Form 314 so you can prove you did it.