Muscatatuck Urban Training Center

What is it? The Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC) is a non-contiguous, sub-component of the Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center. Muscatatuck provides a four-dimensional (air, ground, sub-terrain, and electro-magnetic), platform that meets the requirements specified by the Joint Urban Environment Test Capability (JUETC) doctrine. The complex is capable of supporting training from the individual level through Battalion Task Force levels. Muscatatuck is fully capable of modeling foreign and domestic urban scenarios. The site operates under the direction of the Indiana National Guard Muscatatuck Center for Complex Operations. The training complex draws upon a wide spectrum of joint, interagency, intergovernmental, multinational, and private sector resources. Muscatatuck routinely supports training of Title 32 and Title 10 Army forces, other services, State Department, Combatant Commands, other Department of Defense elements, and other federal and state agencies. Additionally, Muscatatuck routinely supports the assessment and evaluation of technology in support of DoD requirements.

This full-immersion 21st century operating environment includes a 1000-acre site, incorporating a 180-acre reservoir and urban infrastructure of more than 120 structures. Highlights of the environment include buildings representative of a school, a mosque, a hospital, a dining facility, dormitories, light industrial structures, single-family village dwellings, and administrative buildings. The buildings are concentrated in a tight geographical area which provides a dense urban training area. The training area includes an extensive underground utility tunnel system, a cave system, and more than nine miles of roads. Training can be tailored to replicate both foreign and domestic scenarios and can be used by a wide array of civilian and military organizations.

What has the Army done? Since being established in February of 2006, the Muscatatuck team has supported training of 319,452 mandays, including those participating in integrated field training with U.S. government civilians. More than 134,000 personnel from military, government, and private agencies used the facilities in FY11; including Army National Guard, First Army, firefighters, police officers, and other first responders. The Muscatatuck site has hosted Active, Reserve, National Guard, special ops, USMC, USAF, and civilian agency training including the USNORTHCOM's VIBRANT RESPONSE, and Joint Staff's (J7/9) BOLD QUEST exercise.

What continued efforts does the Army have planned for the future? The Army is partnering with the Indiana National Guard and the Muscatatuck site in continuing to improve the site over the course of the next few years. A FLEXTRAIN instrumentation system has been installed along with an electro-magnetic instrumentation system. Scheduling is accomplished in accordance with the ARFORGEN.

Why is this important to the Army? Muscatatuck continues to provide the Army with an Advanced Complex Urban Operations training environment. This capability trains units for ongoing operations in urban environments and will meet a growing need for urban training capability for future operations. Muscatatuck also provides a training environment to support preparedness for natural and man-made disaster response and consequence management. Nested within the complex urban operation, Muscatatuck provides a unique urban atmosphere for research and equipment testing.

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