# SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL RADIOLOGICAL & EXPLOSIVES DEFENCE GROUP



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# PRESENTATION SCOPE

- Video & Introduction
- Vision and Mission
- Structure & Organization
- CBRE Operations in Singapore
- Enhancing CBRE DG Capabilities
- CBRE Ops-Tech Integration



## **GROWING TERRORIST THREATS**

- Gulf War prompted the SAF to begin Individual Chemical Defence Training in 1991
- Tokyo Subway SARIN Gas Attack and Oklahoma City Bombing reinforced the need
- SAF developed limited chemical response capability in 1996 for WTO Meeting in Singapore





### SAF - CBRE CAPABILITY BUILD UP

- National level Inter-Ministry Working Committee (IMWC) conceived in 2000
- Sep 11 & Anthrax attacks : Developed National Ops Capability to address CBRE terrorist threats
- CBRE Defence Group was formed in Oct 2002





### CHALLENGES

- Global city with a high population density
- Need to contain and minimize impact
- Enhance confidence in homeland security
- Prevent its use as an instrument of fear



- Paradigm shift from conventional to Terrorist Threat orientation
- New challenges in Improvised Explosive Devices containing CBR Payloads
- CBRE Operations shifted from Open terrain to Enclosed places

#### OUR VISION Be A World-Class Operationally Ready & Technologically Advanced CBRE Force

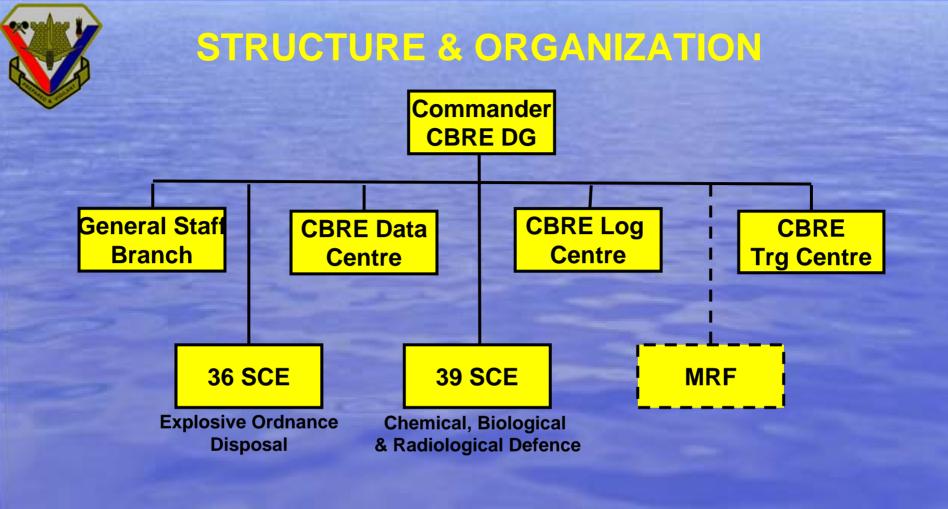
#### **OUR MISSION**

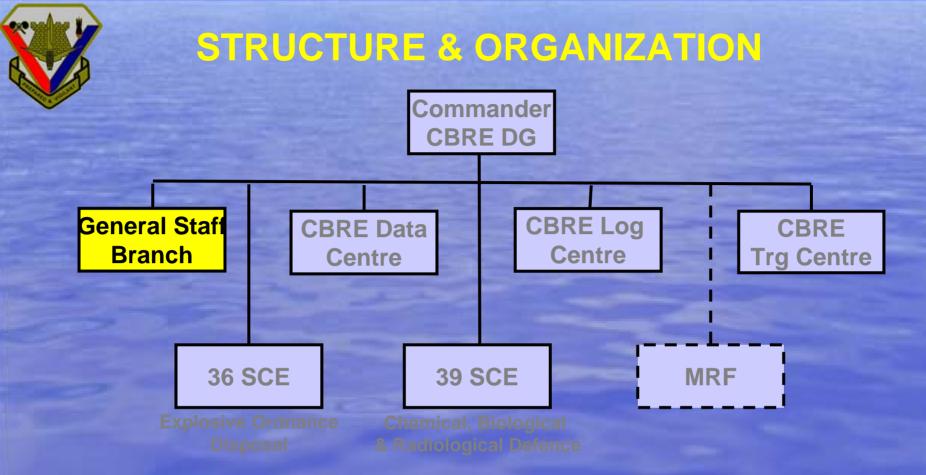
**Provides Specialist CBRE Advice and Support throughout the Spectrum of Operations.** 

<u>K</u>ey <u>S</u>uccess <u>F</u>actors <u>REACH</u> Deploy high readiness CBRE expertise to geographical locations in Singapore and the region

#### <u>RIGHT PEOPLE</u>

Tapping the expertise of the right people at the various levels RICHNESS CBRE professional knowledge, skills and application of advanced technology in operations.



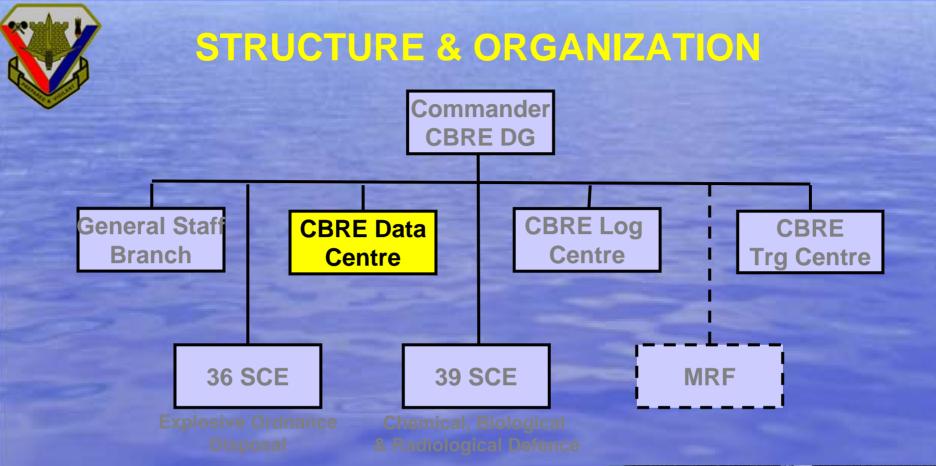


- Plan and manage CBRE operations in full spectrum of operations
- Develop CBRE doctrine and training

• Drive and manage CBRE Technology Acquisition / S70 Research & Development

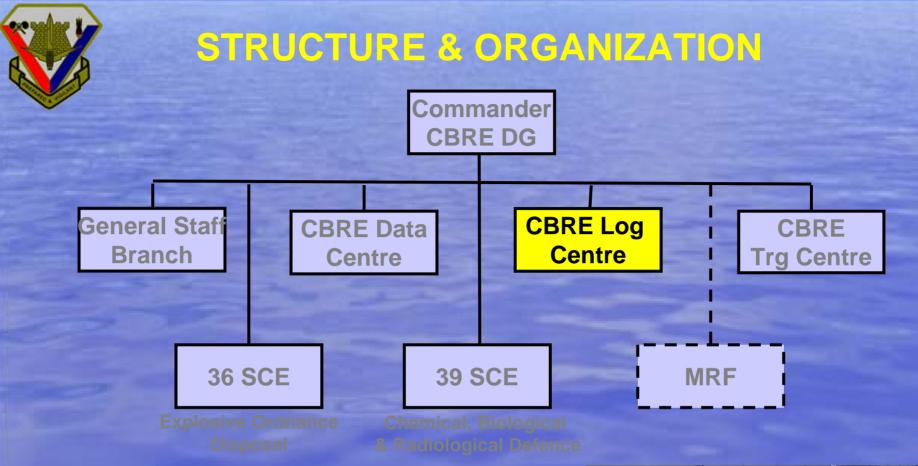
Manage MP ROA for all CBRE vocationalists





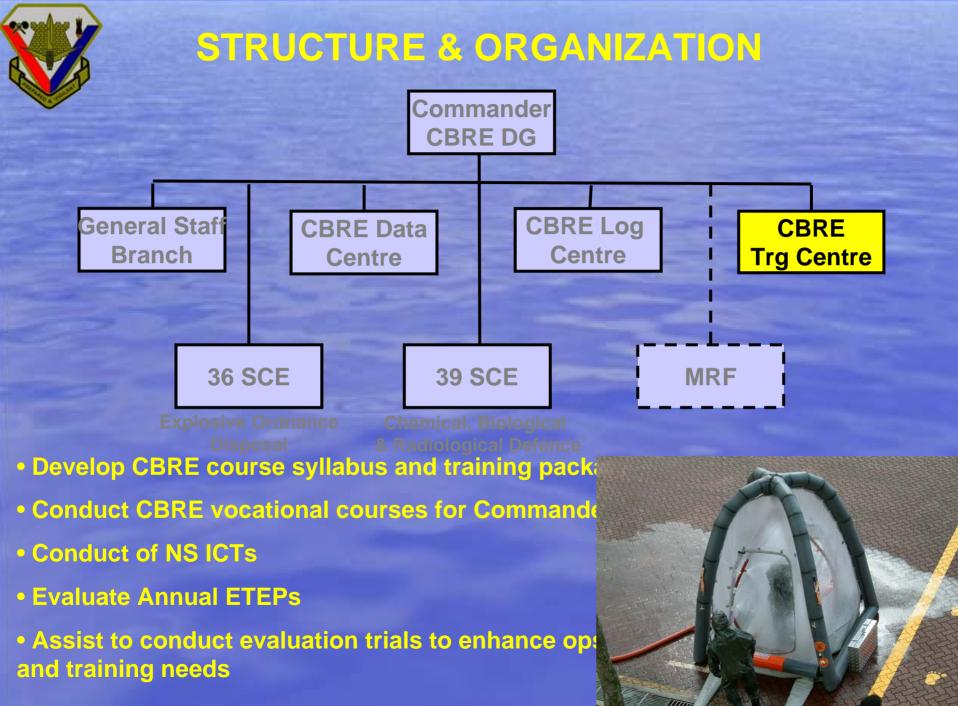
- Conduct intelligence and operational research for operational, doctrinal and capital development
- Provide both distant and on-scene CBRE intelligence support.
- Provide post CBRE incident investigation support

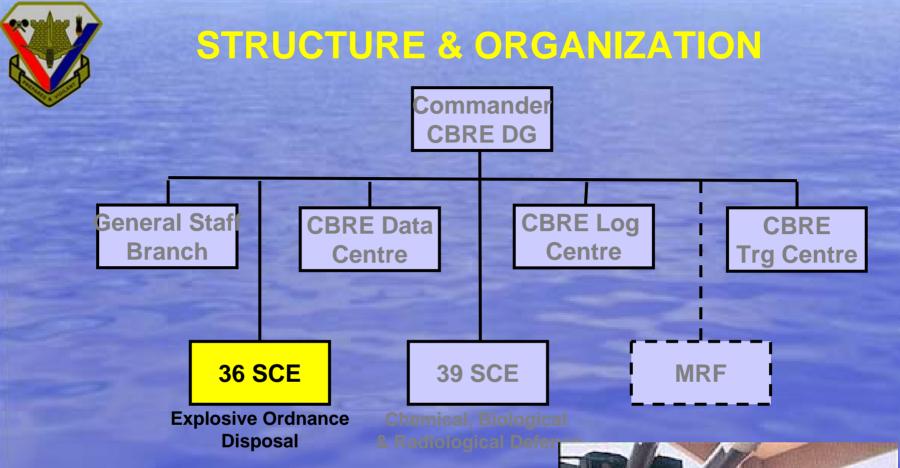




- Maintain high logistics readiness
- Oversee and manage the supply of centralised stores
- Provision of dedicated and unique maintenance for CBRE equipment
- Maintaining a 4-hr repair capability

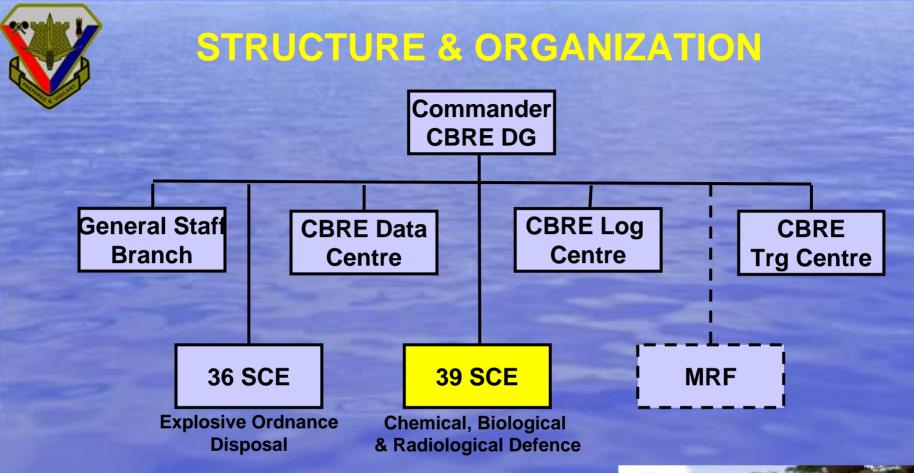






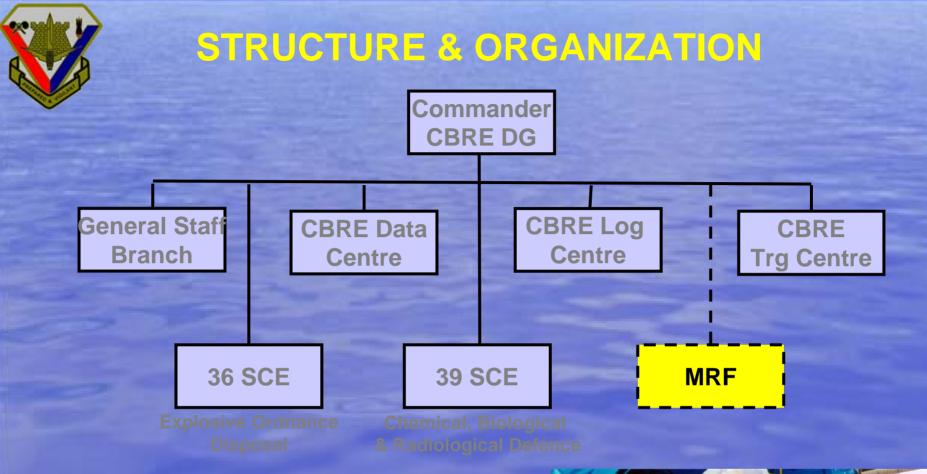
- Preventive Bomb Sweeps
- Conventional EOD Clearance
- IED Disposal Operations with CBR payloads
- Post Explosion Investigation





- Preventive CBR Sweeps
- Surveillance, Sampling, Detection
- & Identification of CBR Threats
- Decontamination Operations
- Post Incident Monitoring





- Provide on-site medical treatment for chem - bio casualties
- Evacuate casualties to hospitals





### **CBRE OPERATIONS IN SINGAPORE**

- Maintain ops response at 15min NTM
- Maintain a Step-up system if earlier section has been activated for response
- Additional assets to be placed on standby at higher THREATCON levels
- Command and Control multiple CBRE incidents





### **CBRE OPERATIONS IN SINGAPORE**

#### Recent events

- Letter Bomb at Myanmar Embassy (Oct 02)
- SARS MOH Ops Group (May 03)
- Ops FLYING EAGLE III (Jan 05)



- Chemical incident inside Changi Air Base (Apr 06)
  - CBRE Search Ops onboard MV President Adams (May 06)









### **CBRE OPERATIONS IN SINGAPORE**

#### <u>Year 2005</u>

- World Economic Forum
- IISS Asia Security Summit The Shangri-Ia Dialogue
- International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session
- National Day Parade (NDP) Preview & NDP

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#### Year 2006

- Asian Aerospace
- Singapore General Elections
- IISS Asia Security Summit The Shangri-la Dialogue
- NDP Preview
- National Day Parade
- IMF World Bank Conference (Singapore 2006)

(28 - 29 Apr 05) (3 - 5 Jun 05) (2 - 9 Jul 05) (30 Jul & 9 Aug 05)

(21 - 26 Feb 06)
(27 Apr - 6 May)
(2 - 4 Jun 06)
(29 Jul 06)
(6 - 9 Aug 06)
(12 - 20 Sep 06)



### **Enhancing CBRE DG Capabilities**

- Minimize risk exposure, integrate COTS Robots with

   CBRE Detection
   Mitigation

   Early warning, evaluate COTS standoff detection and identification for CBRE threats
- Deal with 'Dirty Bombs'
  - Render-safe
  - Containment





#### Medical Bio-Defence

Physical Countermeasures

Chemical, Biological & Radiological Defence (CBRD) Defence Medical & Environment Research Institute (DMERI) DEFENCE SCIENCE ORGANISATION - NATIONAL LABORATORIES

Medical Countermeasures -Chem

Detection & Verification



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