



Forensics

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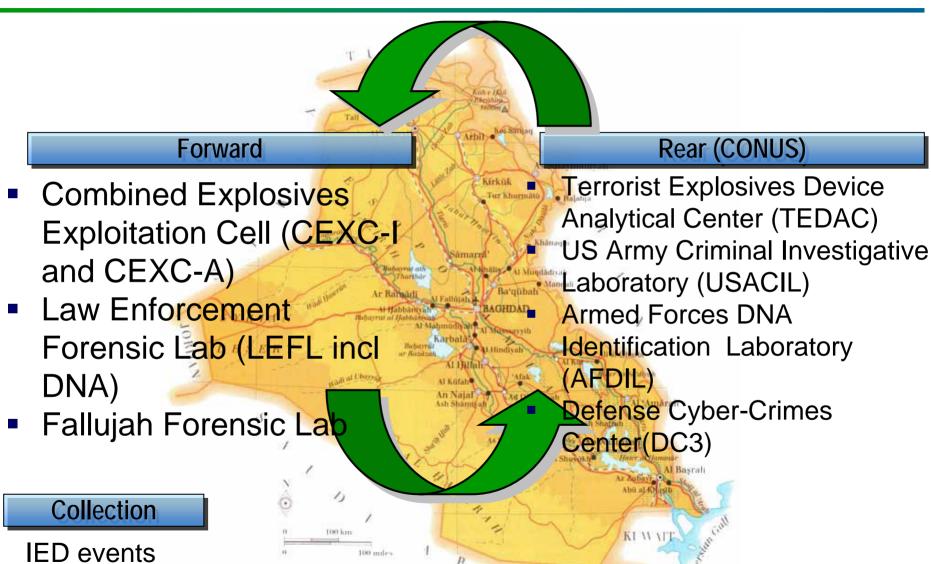
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Detention Centers

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Current Operations

- Focused Counter-IED Teams
- Forward-based CIED Forensic Labs in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Forward-based non-CIED tactical lab capability in Iraq
- First forward-deployed DNA lab in Iraq
- Used for operational targeting and potential prosecution
- Capabilities include latent print, trace, DNA, firearms examination
- Reachback to CONUS-based labs

Strategic Capability Development

- Initially managed under biometrics because of operational linkages
- Under doctrinal development as a separate DoD capability
- Considered primarily as a targeting tool with law enforcement implications
- Law enforcement community recognized as the technical experts
- Vertical integration is still formative



Vision





Spectrum of Tactical Collection

Intelligence Value

Evidentiary Value

- Primary DoD use is in tactical operations
- Distinguishing enemy from non-combatants
- Understanding "human terrain" in battlespace
- May not meet evidentiary standard but still have intelligence value

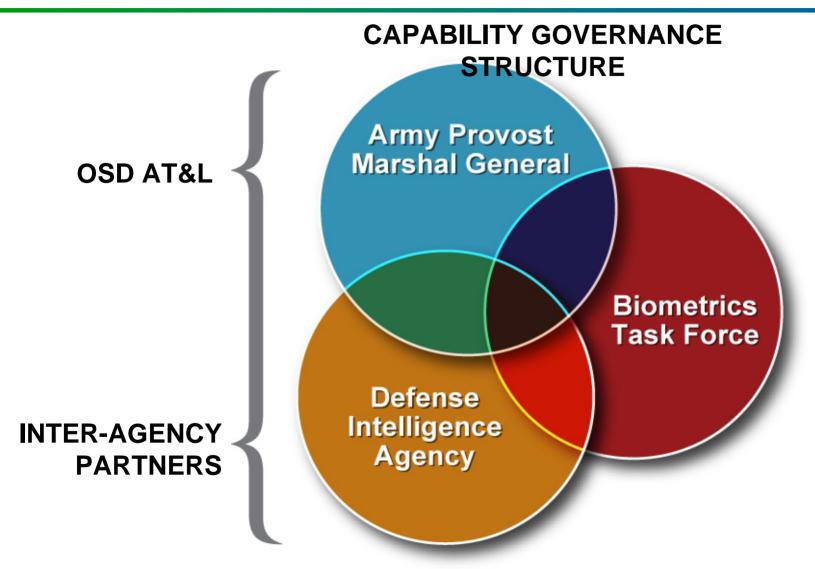
- Traditional law enforcement and...
- Gradual use in foreign courts
- Technical standards derived from LE community
- Collaboration with LE counter-terrorism efforts.

One continuous spectrum of collection quality based upon the tactical environment











DoD Strategic Leadership



Function as focal point for:

- the development of an enduring global forensics capability
- coordinating forensic support to operational commanders

Create the foundation for:

 of an enduring, holistic, globally deployable forensics capability with the forces and supporting infrastructure needed to meet the full spectrum of required forensic capabilities

Forensics includes but is not limited to:

 Latent print, DNA, trace evidence, firearms and toolmarks, forensic documents, drug chemistry, forensic anthropology, digital evidence, forensic odontology, forensic toxicology, and forensic pathology