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# **Counter-Rocket, Artillery, Mortar (C-RAM) Delivers on Promises and Saves Lives**

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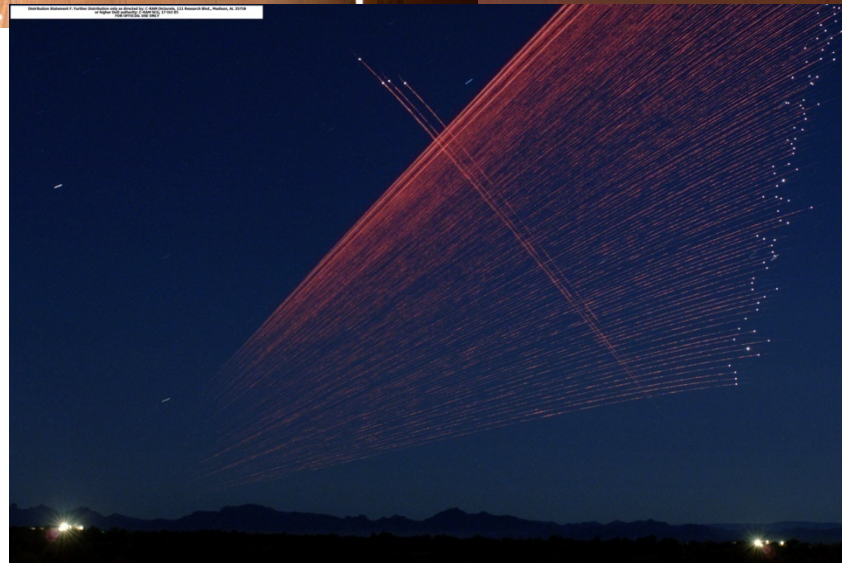
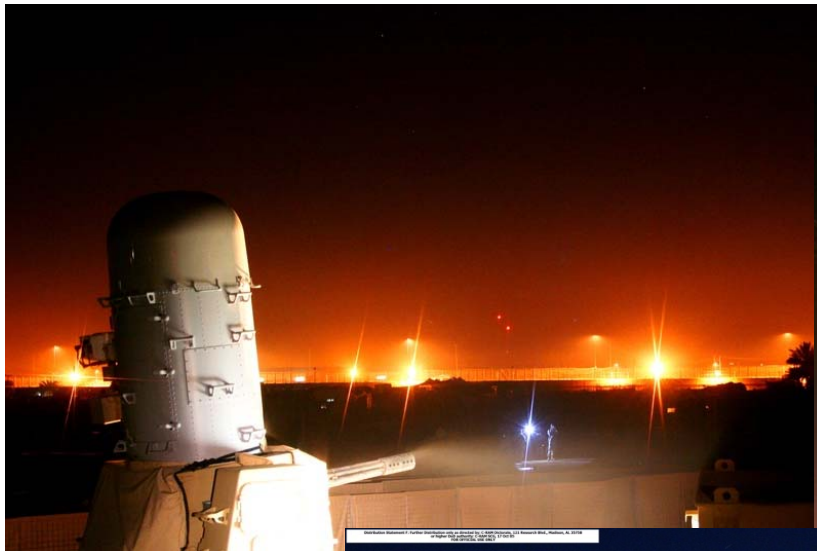


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# Operational Environment



- Indirect fire is and will remain a staple of combat
- Weapons of choice for conventional & irregular foes, worldwide:
  - Mortars
    - Rapidly employed and used, acceptably accurate, difficult to locate
  - Rockets (all calibers and types)
    - Remote or delayed firing options, difficult to locate
  - Some possible use of lighter artillery (75mm-105mm)
    - More accurate, easier to move, easier to locate
- Present and future threats will exploit vulnerabilities of US/Coalition fixed sites, especially large bases, by indirect fire attacks





# Current Operational Requirement



## HQDA Validated OIF Operational Needs Statements (ONS)

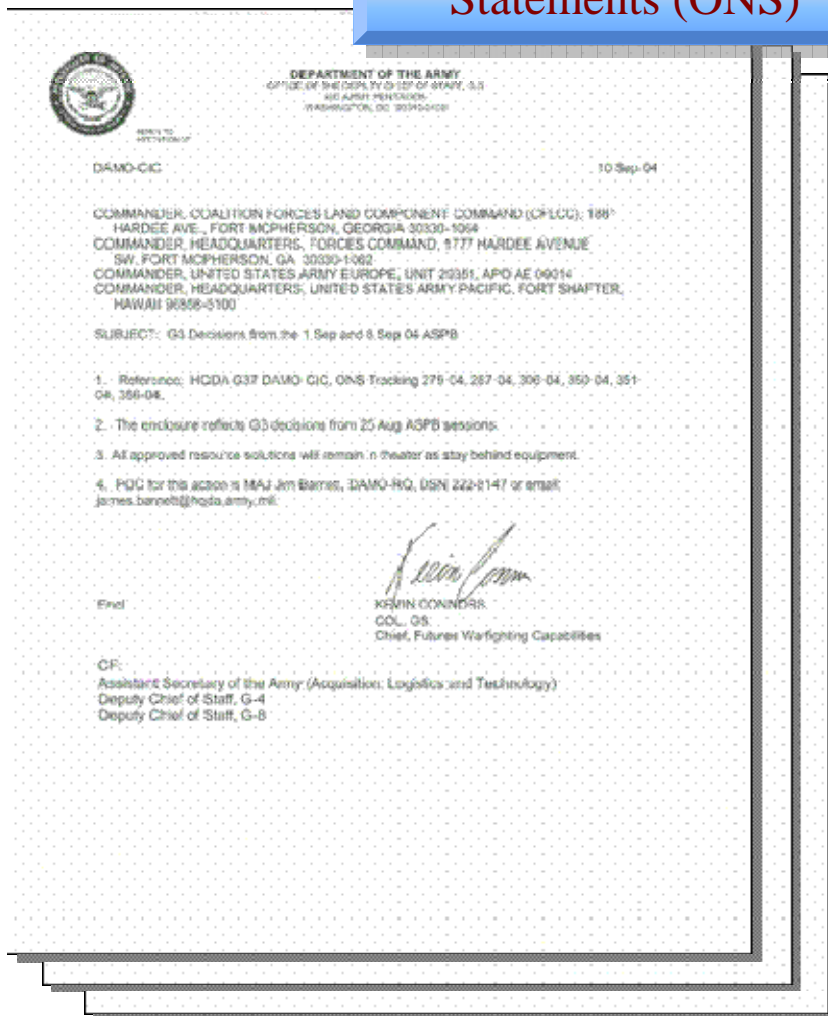
*Operational requirement for Integrated Force Protection based on Theater needs:*

✓ 10 Sep 04 Army Strategic Planning Board Validated Theater ONS 306-04 for a Counter Rocket and Mortar Intercept and Destroy Capability



➤ Supports a Mar 05 HQDA G3-validated Theater ONS (260-4) for Sensor Interoperability to Digital Battle Command Systems

➤ Supports a Aug 05 HQDA G3-validated Theater ONS (05-466) for an Integrated Base Defense Security System capability





# C-RAM Requirement / Background

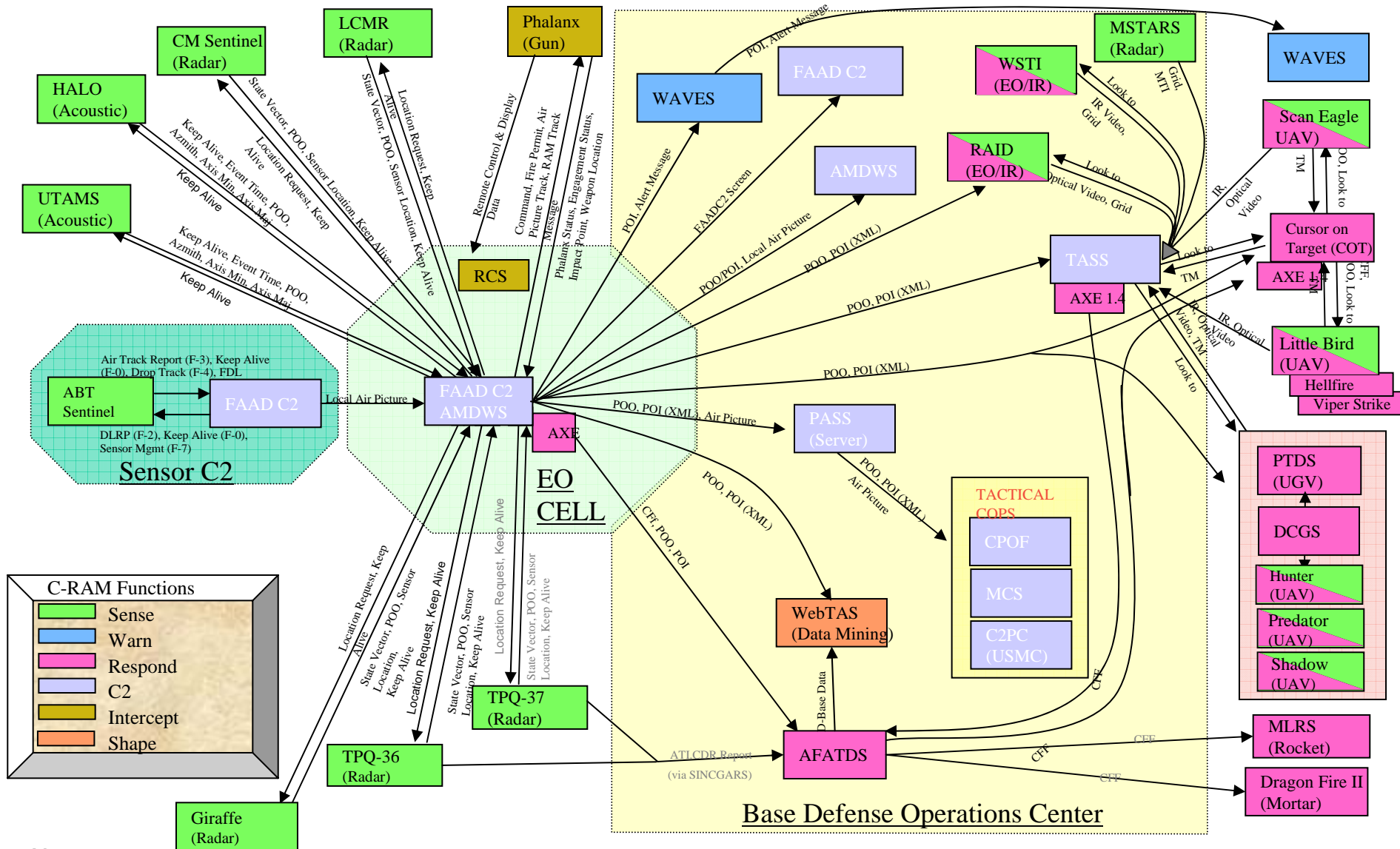


- **C-RAM Requirement**
  - Jun 2004 – Theater submitted Operational Need Statement (ONS 306-04) for a system to destroy Mortar rounds
  - Sep 2004 – The ASPB validated theater ONS and directed ABO fund C-RAM Proof-of-Principle Test
  - Jan 2005 – Results of C-RAM POP test briefed to VCSA, SecNav, and Dep SecDef
- **C-RAM Capability**
  - Feb 2005 – Sense and Warn capability validated and initial fielding begins
  - Apr 2005 – Intercept capability validated and initial fielding begins
  - Jul 2005 – IOC of Sense, Warn, and Respond capability at FOB 1
  - Sep 05 – C-RAM supported successful attack of 2 insurgent mortar teams – 11 KIA, 5 captured
  - Mar 06 – FOC declared at FOB 1 and first combat intercept (first ever for a Phalanx system)
- **FMS and Lease Cases approved 2QFY06**
  - May 06 – First Coalition FOB fielded
- **IBDSoS funded 2QFY06 and fieldings begin in support of C-RAM Enhanced Response capabilities and ONS 05-466**

*C-RAM Sense and Warn capability fielded to 15 FOBs, 3 of which have Intercept capability, and IBDSoS is installed at 10 FOBs*



# C-RAM / Unit Protection Architecture







# Lessons Learned

## System-of-Systems Integration



- **Lesson Learned: System-of-Systems (SoS) PM must retain and execute integration responsibility for the SoS**
  - **SoS PM must conduct all trades in selection of component systems**
    - Avoids corporate biases
  - **All DoD Program of Record (POR) systems should be assessed**
    - Avoids service biases
  - **SoS PM must ensure support of the component system's PM for any necessary modifications**
    - SoS PM must assess risk and cost for these modifications
  - **When a suitable system is not available, selection of an S&T initiative or a COTS item may be appropriate**
    - SoS PM must ensure any S&T or COTS item has been adequately tested and is supportable

**The Government Stakeholders Must be Bound to “Specified Time”  
to Avoid Schedule Slips and Cost Increases**



# Lessons Learned

## SoS Capability Development



- **Lesson Learned: To ensure requirements are met, work with independent test agency throughout system development**
  - **C-RAM Program Office successfully integrated Army, Air Force, USMC, and Navy Program of Record (POR) systems into the C-RAM SoS and fielded a SoS that meets requirement just 6 months after funding**
    - Required working closely with Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) in all tests, beginning with the very first proof-of-principle test in Nov 04
      - ATEC has been a partner in the C-RAM program
        - » They supported development of all test and data collection plans to ensure adequate data would be available to prepare a Capabilities and Limitations report
        - » No modifications were fielded without an ATEC Capabilities and Limitations Report

**C-RAM SoS Capability Development Approach Enabled Accelerated Fielding and Continuous Improvement of a Force Multiplier in a Combat Zone**



# Lessons Learned

## SoS Capability Development



- **Lesson Learned: To reduce risk and ensure supportability, fund component system PORs to implement all changes to their systems.**
  - **Multiple changes were required in the C-RAM's POR component systems**
    - All such changes were agreed to between the C-RAM and POR PMs; developed by the POR PMs; funded by C-RAM; and then jointly tested
    - When there were conflicts between the POR system's requirements and C-RAM requirements, the Combat Developer helped define courses of action

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# Lessons Learned Training



- **Lesson Learned. SoS PMs need to focus on Collective Training**
  - **Development of CONOPs, TTPs, and crew drills**
    - PM C-RAM provided Fires Center of Excellence (COE) tactical equipment to enable development of these essential operational procedures
  - **Individual Training**
    - Provided equipment to Fires COE and trained-the-trainers to enable individual training
    - Supported annual Mobile Training Team visits to theater to assess training and identify requirements for changes in both training and CONOPS/TTP
  - **Collective Training**
    - Provided Fires COE tactical suite of equipment to support collective training of deploying C-RAM units and supported conduct of their Mission Readiness Exercises
    - Fielded C-RAM equipment to Army and USMC Combat Training Centers (CTCs) to enable training of units rotating to theater
    - Developed stimulation capability to support on-site unit training to maintain proficiency and to train for new threats
  - **Warfighter Feedback**
    - PM C-RAM conducts weekly Secure VTCs with theater to provide Warfighter a direct link to C-RAM staff, the combat developer, and PMs of other component systems

**Close Coordination with Combat Developer Has Ensured C-RAM Units are Prepared for Combat, and Identified Additional Changes Required in C-RAM**



# Lessons Learned

## Responsive Support for the Warfighter

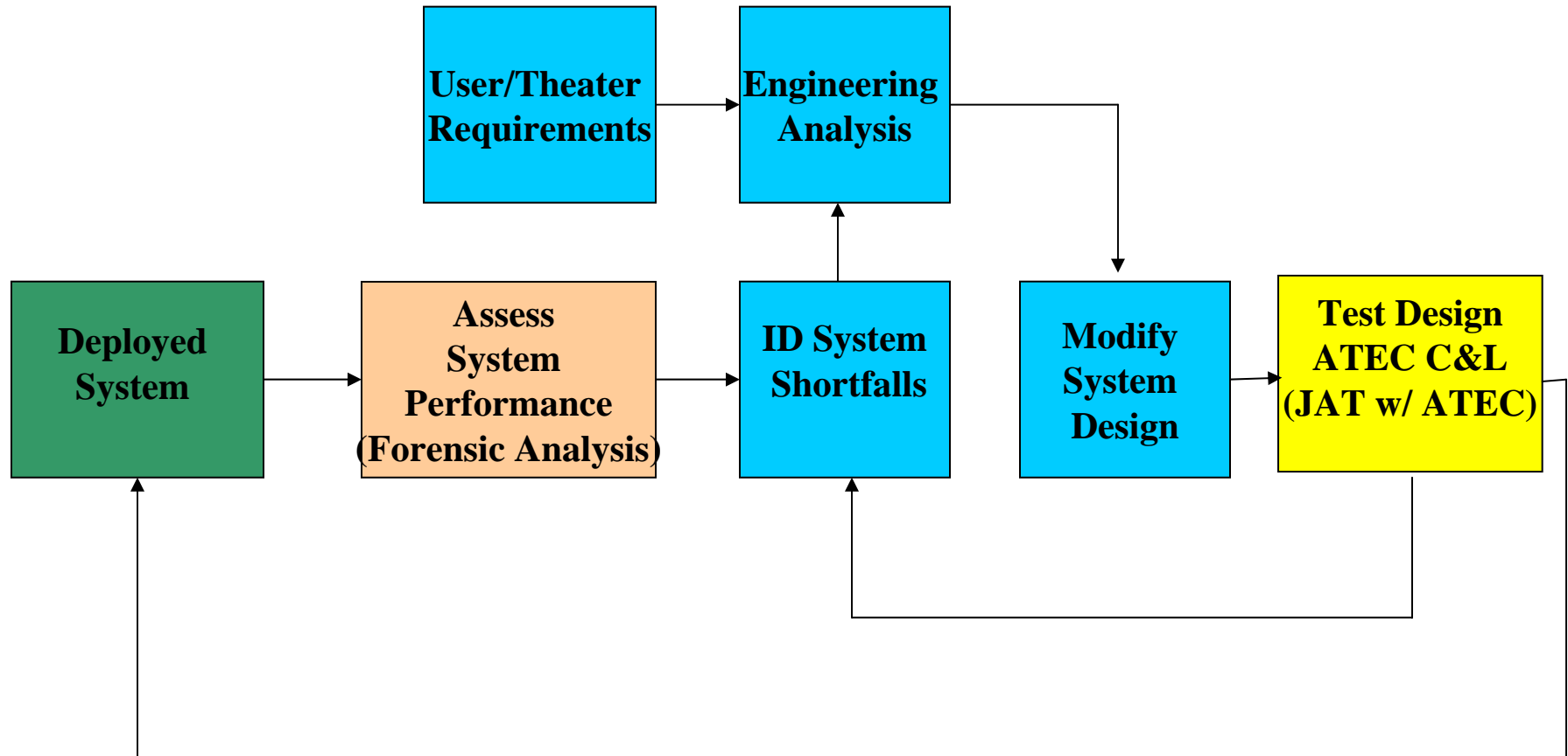


- **Lesson Learned. PMs must plan for and be prepared to support urgent Warfighter changes**
  - “No plan survives first contact”
  - **C-RAM provides a personal PM representative on MNC-I staff to coordinate and respond to:**
    - Multiple changes in fielding locations and priorities
    - Requirement to relocate / reinstall C-RAM capability from one FOB to another
    - Changes in threat tactics
    - Expansion of capabilities to support tracking of insurgent crews by integration and cuing of EO/IR sensors
    - Additional available sensors at FOBs by integrating them (UTAMS, Shadow)
- **Lesson Learned. PMs need to include collection and analysis of data on system performance concurrent with their fielding to enable rapid identification and localization of performance issues**
  - **C-RAM provides Warfighter:**
    - 24/7 forensics analysis team to analyze ALL events - successes and failures
      - Analysis is normally completed within 24 hours for major events
    - Secure commercial SATCOM links back to C-RAM Program Office in Huntsville to enable immediate transmission of all classified forensics data

**PM's and TRADOC Should be Funded to do this in Peace-Time**

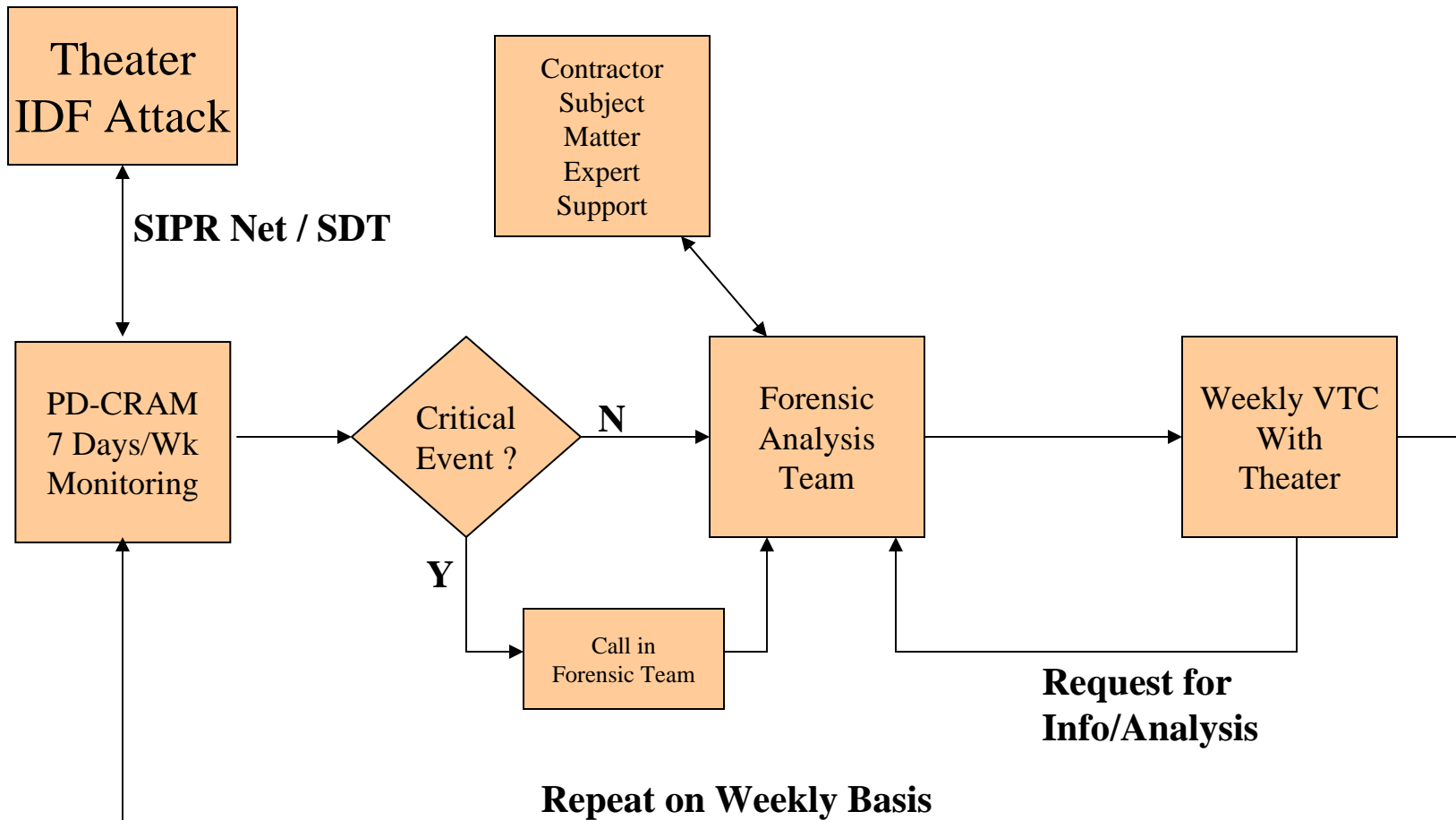


# Systems Engineering with Embedded Forensics Process (U)





# Forensic Data Process (U)





## SUMMARY

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- **Through judicious out-of-the-box thinking from the gitgo, PD C-RAM has taken a real-time, current warfighter threat and turned it into a long-term solution that addresses not only today's tactical theater of operations, but many diverse ones in the future.**
- **The Counter-Rocket, Artillery, Mortar Program: continuing to deliver on its promises and saving warfighter lives TODAY.**