

PM CCS Supports ENFORCE 2011

Members of Project Manager Close Combat Systems (PM CCS) exhibited at ENFORCE 2011 in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Hosted by the U.S. Army Engineer School, the event provided a forum for focused collaboration, information exchange and the regiment's campaign plan, priorities, professional development, and institutional updates.

Attendees had an up-close view of several of the weapons in the PM CCS arsenal against improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and anti-personnel mines. Products represented from PM CCS' divisions included Networked Munitions /Demolitions, Shoulder Launched Munitions/ Special Projects, PM IED Defeat/Protect Force and PM Countermine/EOD. Several subject matter experts provided in-depth information on networked munitions such as Spider and M18A1 Claymore, as well as IED defeat and countermine technology. Products on display included the AN/PSS-14, a hand-held standoff mine detection system; the Schonstedt Magnetic Locator, capable of detecting munitions, caches, and other metal objects in theater; and Sherlock, a mobile explosive trace detector that detects both explosives and narcotics.

PM CCS' support extended to the Regimental Council of Command Sergeants where briefings were provided on additional CCS products, including the M141 Bunker Defeat Munition (BDM), M72 Light Anti-Armor Weapon (LAW), and the M136A1 AT4 Confined Space (AT4-CS). Man-portable, these shoulder launched munitions provide increased firepower to the dismounted Soldier. Additional briefings included Anti-personnel Obstacle Breaching System (APOBS), an explosive line charge system that allows Soldiers to conduct safe breaching through enemy anti-personnel minefields and multi-strand wire obstacles; Remote Activation Systems (RAMS), which gives the Soldier the ability to remotely control demolition charges and other items through natural or man-made structures; Selectable Lightweight Attack Munition (SLAM), a multipurpose munition designed to be readily portable and hand-emplaced against lightly armored infantry vehicles, parked aircraft, and petroleum storage sites; and Rapid Wall Breaching Kit (RWBK), which provides wall breaching capability in urban and complex terrain.

As at previous conferences, ENFORCE provides a forum for junior Army engineer leaders with recent deployment experience to tell the Army Engineer Regiment's researchers, capability developers, program managers, and partners in industry what equipment works, what doesn't, and what they need for the fight, all from a clearly defined capabilities point of view.