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Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comments
2	DEF12 V2	Unit Descriptor updated. Application added. Minor Range Statement change. Evidence Guide updated.
1	DEF12 V1	First release

Unit Descriptor

This unit covers the competency required to undertake surveillance patrols as part of a team during land operations in the Australian Defence Force (ADF). A surveillance patrol team consists of up to 10 people (for example an infantry section).

Surveillance patrols are conducted to both maintain security and to gain information such as:

- changes in patterns of normalcy
- characteristics of infrastructure and facilities
- sign of activity
- strength and disposition of threat

Surveillance patrolling is carried out in both forward and rear areas to detect, locate, identify and report on threats and to monitor the threat environment.

No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. In a Defence context, this means that there is no civilian need to hold this unit in order to meet licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements.

Application of the Unit

This competency was developed for combat arms personnel required to deploy in an operational environment, but is applicable to any individual in this field of work.

Typically operators work independently and as part of a team under direct and/or indirect supervision, use discretion and judgement, and take responsibility for the quality of their outputs. All activities are carried out in accordance with relevant organisational policies and procedures.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not applicable.

Pre-Requisites

Not applicable.

Employability Skills Information

This unit contains employability skills.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a Unit of Competency.

Performance Criteria describe the required performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where ***bold italicised*** text is used, further information is detailed in the Range Statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the Evidence Guide.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
1. Prepare for patrolling	1.1 Operation orders are received and clarified where required. 1.2 Equipment is checked and assembled in accordance with standard procedures. 1.3 Personal preparation is carried out in accordance with patrol orders, operational requirements and standard procedures. 1.4 Patrol rehearsals are carried out in accordance with patrol orders operational requirements and standard procedures.
2. Apply patrolling techniques	2.1 Patrol is inserted and extracted in accordance with the patrol orders and standard procedures. 2.2 Patrol security is maintained in accordance with patrol orders, operational requirements and standard procedures. 2.3 Formations are adhered to in accordance with patrol requirements and standard procedures. 2.4 Patrol drills and procedures are conducted in accordance with operational requirements, orders and standard procedures. 2.5 Navigational techniques are applied in accordance with patrol requirements and standard procedures. 2.6 Sign is detected and reported in accordance with patrol requirements and standard procedures. 2.7 Threat is located, identified and monitored when present within designated areas in accordance with standard procedures.
3. Finalise patrolling activities	3.1 Post patrol activities are conducted in accordance with patrol orders and standard procedures. 3.2 Post patrol administration is conducted in accordance with patrol orders and standard procedures.

Required Skills and Knowledge

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

Required Skills

- apply administrative requirements
- apply battlecraft aggressively
- apply fieldcraft skills
- apply navigation techniques
- apply operational safety
- apply patrol drills
- apply first aid
- apply preventative health measures
- employ relevant patrol equipment
- employ weapon effects safely
- work in a team

Required Knowledge

- administrative requirements
- assimilate orders
- battlecraft
- characteristics, technical capabilities, effects, employment and limitations of patrol weapons
- characteristics, technical capabilities, effects, employment and limitations of relevant patrol equipment
- current operational environment
- fieldcraft
- first aid
- navigation techniques
- operational safety
- patrol drills
- preventative health measures
- team work

Evidence Guide

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

Assessment must confirm the ability to:

- work as part of a team
- receive and apply orders
- to prepare and use surveillance equipment
- to apply fieldcraft and battlecraft
- to conduct surveillance on a target

Consistency in performance

Competency should be demonstrated over a range of actual or simulated patrolling contexts that could be expected in the workplace.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Context of assessment

Competency should be assessed in operations or in a simulated operational environment.

Specific resources for assessment

Access to a simulated operational environment, weapons and ammunition and a variety of surveillance equipment as listed in the Range Statement.

Range Statement

The Range Statement relates to the Unit of Competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. ***Bold italicised*** wording in the Performance Criteria is detailed below.

<i>Orders</i> may include:	• deliberate orders • snap orders • warning orders • and may be: • formal or informal • written or oral
<i>Equipment</i> may include:	• ammunition • body armour • communication equipment • day and night vision equipment • encryption devices • load carrying equipment • rations • sensors • specialist equipment • weapons
<i>Checking and assembling equipment</i> may include:	• cleaning weapons • removing non-essential items • securing loose items to reduce noise • test firing weapons • testing and assembling patrol equipment
<i>Standard procedures</i> may include:	• Australian Standards • defence instructions • doctrinal pamphlets • job guides, other publications • manufacturers' handbooks, industry specifications and technical instructions • work health and safety (WHS) regulations • organisational policies and procedures • procedure manuals • reengagement procedures • relevant local government by-laws • relevant state/territory or federal legislation • routine orders • standing operating procedures • standing orders

	written and verbal orders
Personal preparation may include:	- applying camouflage - feeding - operational security - preventative health measures - resting
Patrol rehearsals may include:	- actions to achieve patrol mission - actions on unexpected incidents - actions with other organisations - drills - formations
Insertion and extraction of the patrol may include:	- air - land - sea
Patrol security may include:	- camouflage and concealment - listening - maintaining formations - methods of movement - observing arcs - protection at the halt - searching ground - weapon readiness states
Formations may include:	- arrowhead - box - diamond - open file - single file - staggered file
Patrol drills and procedures may include:	- basic drill - break contact drill - contact drill - counter ambush drills - harbour drills - insertion and extraction drills - mine incident drills - observation post routine - obstacle crossing drills - rendezvous and marry-up procedures - short halts
Navigational techniques may include:	- following compass bearings - pacing and estimating distance

	- operating global positioning systems - relating map to ground
Sign may include	- patterns of human movement - physical evidence of movement - visual evidence
Threats may include:	- hostile forces - illegal activity such as: - people, drug or weapon smuggling - exporting of protected flora and fauna - unauthorised entry - unauthorised fishing and hunting - drug cultivation or manufacture - terrorists
Post patrol activities may include:	- handing over personnel and equipment - participating in patrol debrief - posting patrol reports - preparing for debriefs - processing detainees - providing information - reviewing standard procedures
Post patrol administration may include:	- equipment cleaning - maintenance of personal hygiene - returning patrol equipment - reconstituting patrol - weapon cleaning

Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.