

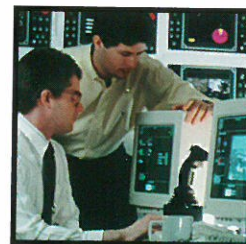
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Terrorism has become all too familiar these days and it is taking special training to effectively respond to this modern-day plague. As Weapons of Mass Destruction become a greater concern to civil authorities and defense officials, the Guard has formed rapid reaction teams around the country which are receiving hazardous materials training.

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