

The Unexploded Ordnance Center of Excellence (UXOCOE)

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When the UXOCOE was stood up in 1997 as a consequence of the realization, that a variety of UXO based DoD funded programs were partly duplicative, insular and uncoordinated, and hardly sharing information, it was determined that the way to eliminate those shortcomings, to leverage the technological capabilities, and to effectively manage those different DoD programs or mission areas, was to create an organization, whose components were assigned to deal with the existing problems. This paper gives an overview of the organizational structure, mission and focus, and the functions of the UXOCOE. The Joint UXO Coordination Office (JUXOCO) is one of the components of the UXOCOE, which are described in detail in the paper. The author is a member and the Director of the JUXOCO. The JUXOCO is a coordination office, not a programs office. Therefore, this paper is not a technical paper, but rather falls into the category of policy execution of this DoD organization UXOCOE.