



USE CASE



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TYPE OF EVENT

Explosion, Public Safety and Environmental Threat

SCENARIO

In October 2012, an **explosion** at Camp Minden – a former military base just outside of the town of Doyline, Louisiana – sent an estimated **7,000-foot mushroom cloud** into the sky. The explosion rattled homes as far away as Arkansas and forced the evacuation of Doyline with involvement from the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office. During a follow-up inspection, **Louisiana State Police Emergency Services Unit Technicians** discovered a large amount of *improperly* stored **Black Powder M6 Propellant**.

State police investigators obtained a search warrant and served **Explo Systems, Inc.** – a **munitions recycling company**. The search warrant gave investigators authority to inspect where the company was storing **15 million pounds** of **toxic military explosives** on-site — with some in paper sacks, cardboard boxes and even outside.

To reduce the risk of an explosion caused by a fire or a lightning strike, the company at the direction of State officials, moved the **M6 Propellant** into serviceable bunkers **Louisiana National Guard** (LANG) made available on the base.

IMPORTANCE OF DATA COMMUNICATIONS

With the **absence** of a **dedicated network**, communications was *limited* to existing commercial communications resources. Evacuees and a large influx of first responders used the same limited resource. Solutions that are available for first responders – such as drones with streaming video and air monitoring capability – *could* be utilized if the drones and air monitoring capability have a robust network over which to operate. Remote monitoring from a command post, or secure location could be provided over the secure FirstNet broadband network.

ACTIVELY INVOLVED AGENCIES

- Webster Parish Sheriff's Office
- Louisiana State Police (LSP)
- Louisiana National Guard (LANG)
- Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 - Federal On-Scene Coordinators
 - Criminal Investigation Division
 - Enforcement
- U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)
 - Program Executive Officer
 - Defense Contract Management Agency
 - Joint Munitions Command
 - Defense Criminal Investigative Service
 - Army Criminal Investigation Command
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
- U.S. Attorney's Office

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