THE ARCHANGEL STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE: PLATOON RAID

VERSION 1

Basic Military Elements

$\emptyset$	**Team or Crew**
●	**Squad**
●●●	**Platoon**
I	**Company**
II	**Battalion**
III	**Regiment/Group**
X	**Brigade**
XX	**Division**

Platoon Raid

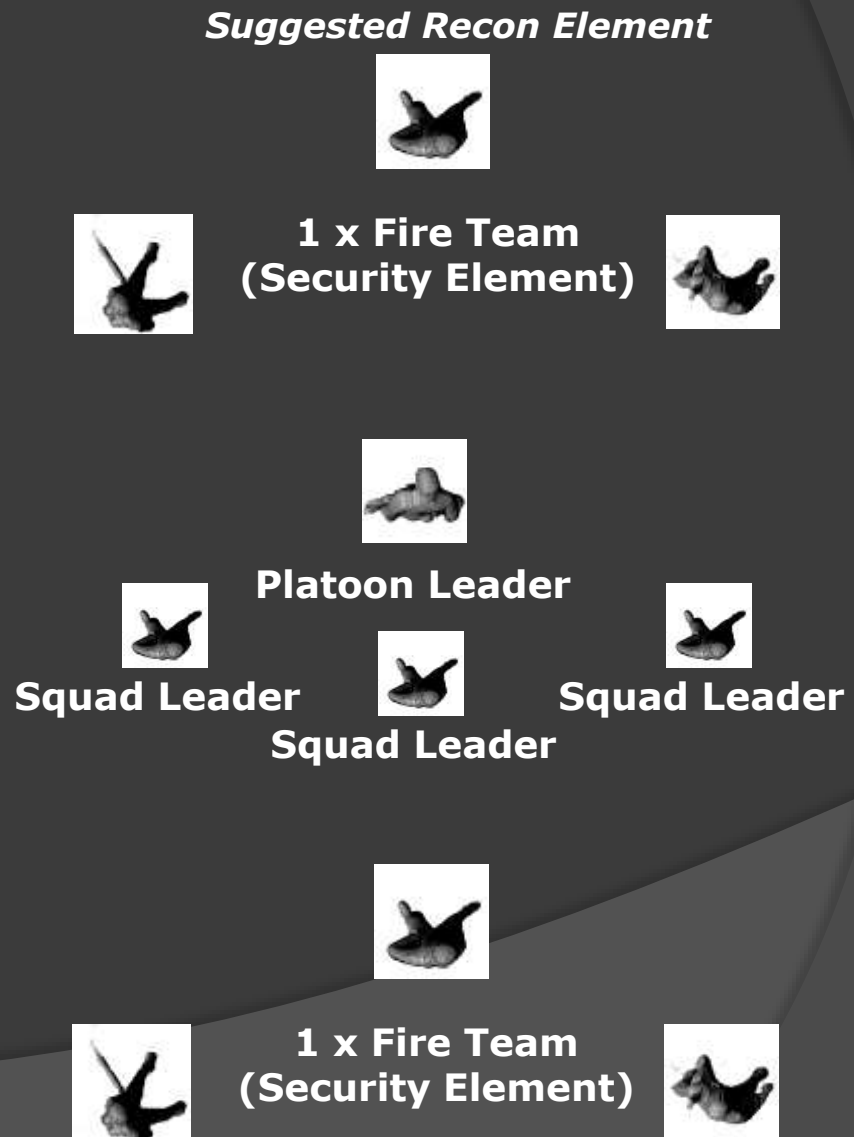- Task/Organization for an Ambush

  - Security Element – 1 x Squad (4-8 personnel)

  - Support Element – 1 x WPNs Squad (4-8 personnel)

  - 2 x Assault Elements – 1 x Squad each (6-8 personnel each)

- Leadership Locations

  - Platoon Leader is positioned behind the Assault Squads

  - Platoon Sergeant is positioned with the WPNs Squad

  - All Squad Leaders are positioned with their Squads
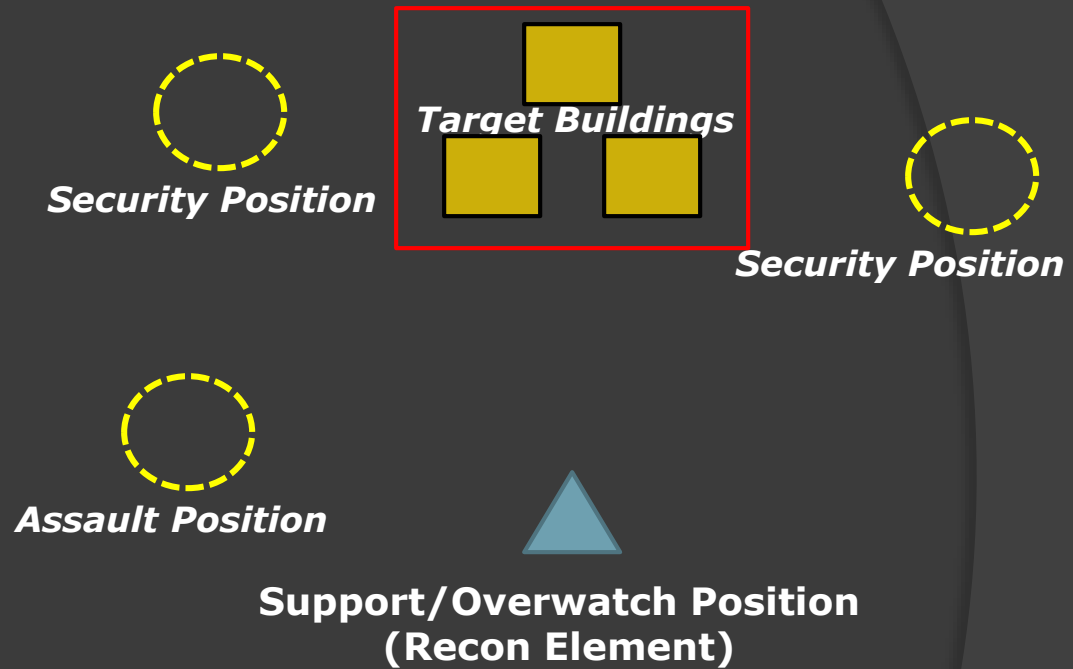
STEP 1: Leader's Recon

- Vital to determine best location for all elements and confirm location of the raid
- Confirmation: ensure the ENY or Intel, likely or suspected, is at the correct location.
- Platoon Leader must move forward of the Platoon with a small group to do necessary Recon

Suggested Recon Element

1 x Fire Team (Security Element)

Platoon Leader

Squad Leader   **Squad Leader**

Squad Leader
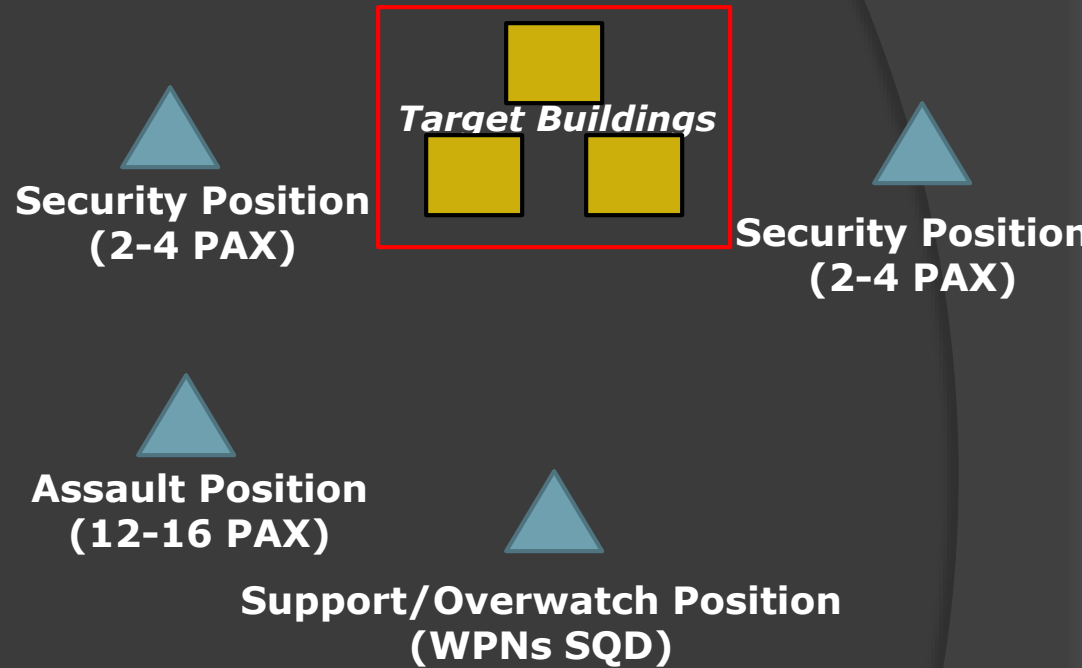
1 x Fire Team (Security Element)

STEP 2: Occupy Support/Overwatch Position

- Locate and occupy Support/Overwatch position
- Confirm Target Buildings/Location
- Determine where the Security and Assault Elements need to be placed
- Call forward remainder of platoon

Target Buildings

Security Position

Security Position

Assault Position

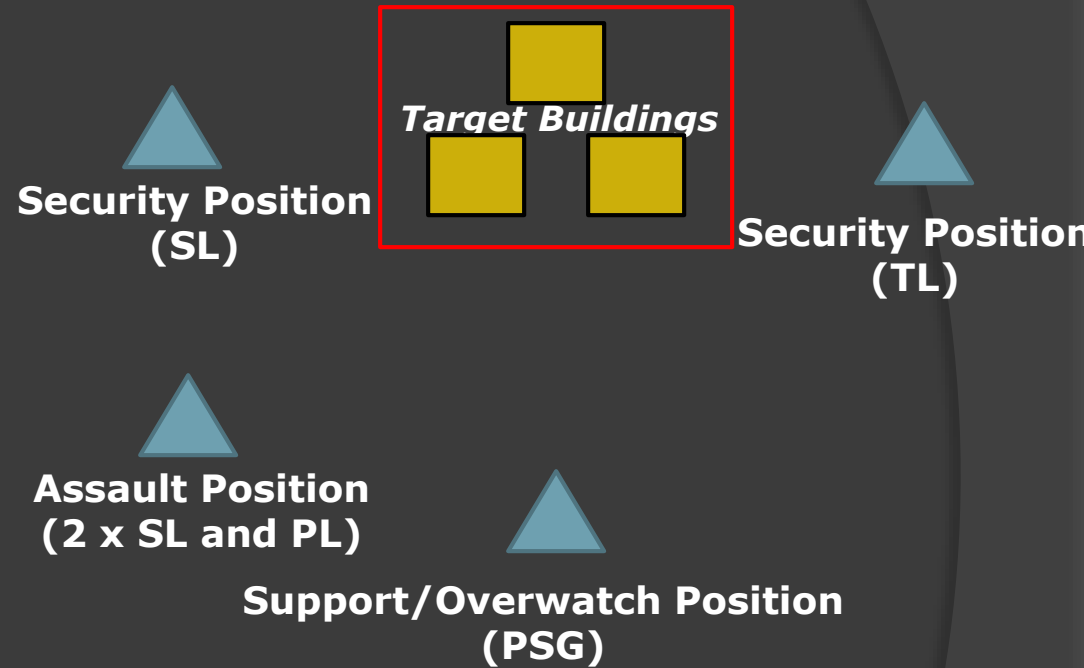**Support/Overwatch Position (Recon Element)**

STEP 3: Occupy Security and Assault Positions

- Move Security Element into the two Security Positions
- Move the remainder of the WPNs SQD into Support/Overwatch Position
- Move Assault Element into Assault Position (Note: Assault positions can be in separate locations if need be)

Target Buildings

Security Position (2-4 PAX)

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Assault Position (12-16 PAX)

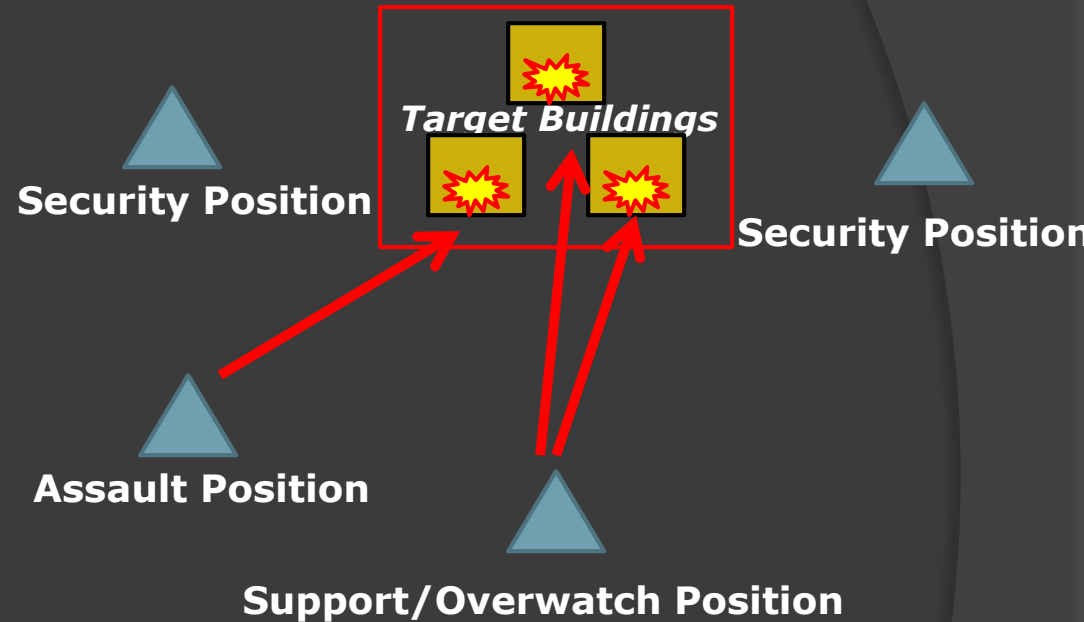**Support/Overwatch Position (WPNs SQD)**

STEP 4: Leaders Position with Elements

- Platoon Leader moves to Assault Position
- Platoon Sergeant moves to Support Position
- Squad Leaders located with Squads
  - Note: Security Element will require a Team Leader to be with the other position

Target Buildings

Security Position (SL)

Security Position (TL)

Assault Position (2 x SL and PL)

Support/Overwatch Position (PSG)
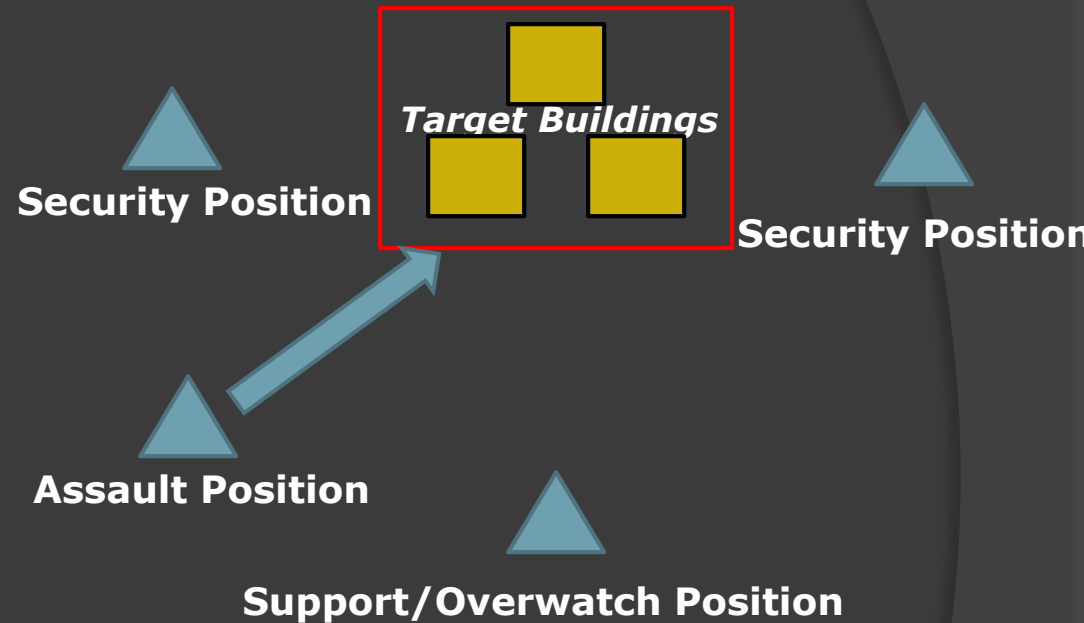
STEP 5: Initiate Raid

- Platoon Leader designates where each position will direct their fires
- Platoon Leader initiates the fires with determined signal
- Support and Assault Positions fire on enemy for 1 minute, wait 30 seconds, and fire for another 30 seconds

Target Buildings

Security Position

Security Position

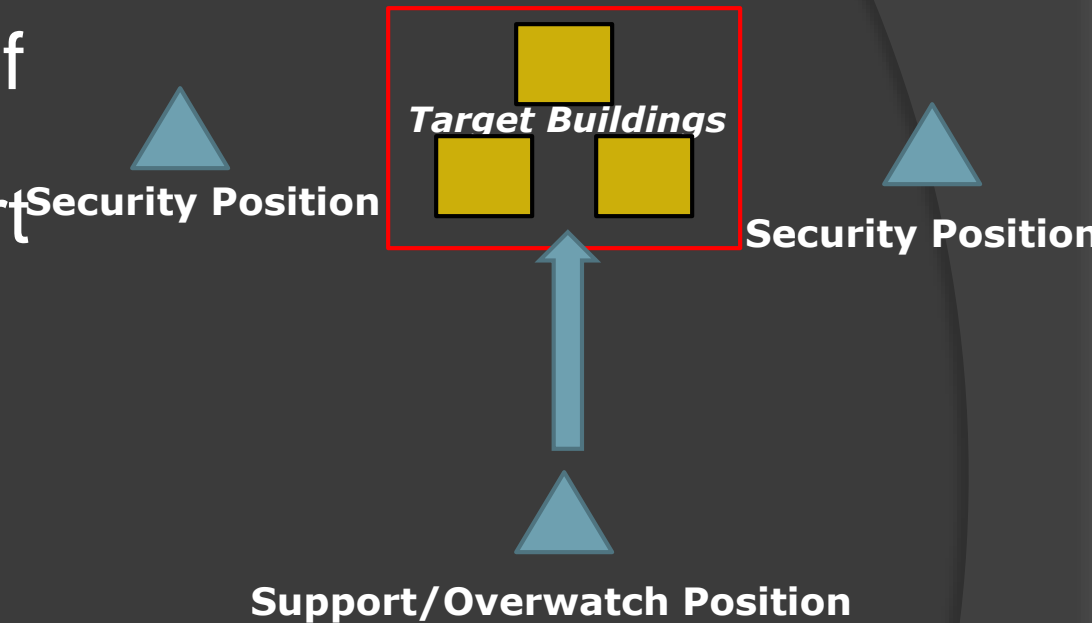Assault Position

Support/Overwatch Position

STEP 6: Assault the Objective

- One Assault Element picks up and moves through Kill Zone
- Assault establishes foothold in the building
- Second Assault Element picks up and clears building
- The Assault Elements continue to leap frog through buildings

Target Buildings

Security Position

Security Position

Assault Position

Support/Overwatch Position

STEP 7: Reconsolidation

- Once buildings declared cleared or if more personnel are required, the Support position moves onto the Objective

- The Security positions stays set and prepares to repeal reinforcements

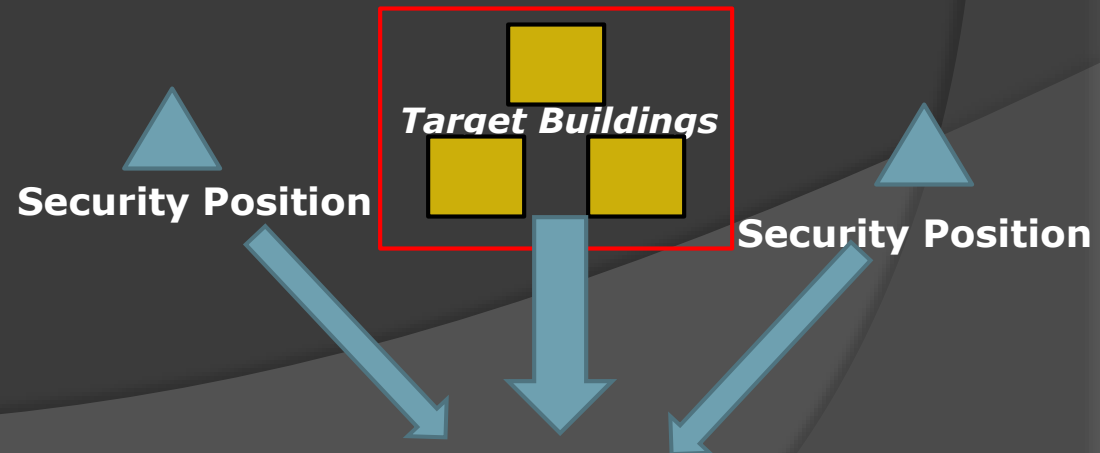- Medic creates Casualty Collection Point (CCP) and treats casualties

Target Buildings

Security Position

Security Position

Support/Overwatch Position

STEP 8: Defense or EXFIL

- If the Platoon is tasked with defense, Security positions move onto the objective

Target Buildings

Security Position

Security Position

OR

- If the Platoon is tasked to EXFIL and conduct a new mission, Security positions pick up as the Platoon leaves objective area

Target Buildings

Security Position

Security Position

Platoon Raid Tips:

- Communication plan is vital for success. Use multiple signals in case of radios failure (e.g. whistle, hand signal, voice, etc)

- Always in place the Support/Overwatch Position first

- Listen for noises of movement when conducting the initiation cease fire (30 seconds). This will help pin point ENY personnel when engaging again

- The foothold is the most important part of the Raid. Without establishing one, the clearance of the Objective will not occur