

The Center for National Response (CNR)



"The Tunnel" - A Unique Training Resource



The Center for National Response (CNR) is a year-round, multipurpose training facility created in the Memorial Tunnel near Charleston, WV that serves as a flexible WMD training complex providing multi-scenario exercises for the military or joint operations with military and first responders. EWA GSI is a charter CNR Team Member, which is comprised of military, biological, nuclear, and chemical experts who design and conduct joint exercises tailored to meet the needs and test the skills of organizations from the local to Federal level.

The CNR trains you to meet the challenge of being immersed in a realistic scenario filled with unfamiliar and sometimes unnerving sights, sounds, and smells. At the

CNR, you can learn to manage the chaos and apply your training in a situation that prepares you for today's threat environment. The tunnel's physical configuration enhances experience at the individual, unit, and multi-organization/agency level. Each scenario is made as realistic as possible, utilizing actors, life-like wounds and other special effects. Scenarios developed at the CNR are unique, each one designed to fit an organization's training and experience objectives and response procedures. We employ numerous training venues, simulating various environments including:

- Post-Blast Rubble Area: Collapsed Building with Hazards & Vehicles
- Highway Tunnel Area: HAZMAT, Accident & Terrorist Event
- Subway Area; Train, Station & Mezzanine
- Illicit Labs: Chemical, Biological & Drug
- Confined Space Emergency Egress Trainer
- Multi-Purpose Area: Restaurant, Apartment, Office, or General Purpose Building
- Cave Area (used to train soldiers for Afghanistan)
- Plus: Over 10,000 acres of semi-wilderness surrounding the tunnel

