

# Emergency Preparedness and Response & CBRNE Counter-Terrorism Response

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## Development and Execution of Exercise Initial Thunder (ExIT-08) for The Chemical, Biological, Radiological-Nuclear Research and Technology Initiative (CRTI)



The Chemical, Biological, Radiological-Nuclear & Explosives (CBRNE) Research & Technology Initiative (CRTI) is led by Defence Research and Development Canada's (DRDC) Centre for Security Science (CSS). CRTI was established following the terrorist events of 9/11 with the aim of enhancing Canada's ability to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from a CBRNE event.

### Services:

ISR was tasked to be the lead organization for the development and delivery of Exercise Initial Thunder (ExIT-08).

Held in Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia ExIT-08 involved a series of carefully constructed simulated scenario-based events surrounding a fictitious conference. ExIT-08 was designed to test interoperability among responders at all levels, exercise new CBRNE and emergency preparedness/response science and technology, protocols and tools, as well as allow participating departments to exercise and incorporate their own objectives and expectations.

ExIT-08 was the largest CBRNE exercise ever held in Canada at the time of its delivery. It involved the participation of more than 500 responders from organizations at the federal, provincial and regional levels, with the focus being the federal organizations. The exercise involved both live play at multiple sites and table top play.



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