

CENTRAL UNIT



FUNCTIONS

Technical and operational area

- Intervention in case of explosive devices or CRBN agents in support of groups deployed throughout the territory.
- Technical support in investigations related to terrorist crimes.
- Technical and expert reports.

Research and development

- Design of new material resources for CRBN deactivation and intervention.
- Permanent assessment and improvement of procedures.

Teaching

- Training of new specialists.
- Permanent retraining.
- Knowledge and technique exchange with agencies from other countries.



OBJECTIVES



Nowadays, threats are more diverse and less predictable.



From this perspective, the Special Unit of Explosive and CRBN Disposal pursues the following main goals:

- Improving efficiency.
- Adapting and improving procedures.
- Promoting knowledge management.



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BOMB DISPOSAL



TEDAX CRBN



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BACKGROUND



In 1975, in the light of the increasing threat posed by terrorism, the Special Unit of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician (TEDAX in Spanish) was created. In December 2004, responsibilities in the field of CRBN incidents were included and the post of CRBN specialist created. It comes under the Police Intelligence Unit [Comisaría General de Información], which is the body responsible for fighting terrorism.



MISSION OF THE SPECIAL UNIT



Intervention and action in case of actual presence or detection of suspected explosive and incendiary devices or any kind of CBRN agents, as well as collection, transport, analysis and research on mechanisms, elements and residues of such devices and CRBN substances.



TERRITORIAL PRESENCE



This Special Unit operates nationwide, with groups strategically distributed in big cities, allowing a quick and effective response to the risk posed by explosive devices and CRBN agents throughout the Spanish territory.



350,000

Throughout its history, the Tedax-CRBN Unit of the National Police has dealt with more than 350,000 bombs or CRBN related incidents.

RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING



RECRUITMENT

Recruitment is made among members of the National Police with more than two years of active service and good professional record. Candidates must succeed different psychological, physical as well as knowledge tests in the field of chemistry, physics, biology and electronics.

SKILLS

- Emotional stability and control.
- Willingness for permanent training and improvement
- Ability to concentrate, observe, analyse and take decisions.
- Marked sense of discipline and full commitment to the service.
- Teamwork skills.

TRAINING

- One course of more than 1,500 hours over 16 months.
- 50% of the classes consist of practical training.
- One month on-the-job training with task forces.



The motto of TEDAX-CRBN training and permanent updating courses is: "THE FIRST MISTAKE IS THE LAST ONE".