

Plans Announced For New Air Force EOD Range

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Dayton, Ohio The Air Force announced plans to build a new EOD range at Wright-Patterson AFB to support increased training needs associated with IED response training. EOD currently trains in a small wooded area of the base with low amounts of explosives. The new EOD range would have a net explosive weight limit of 5 lbs and include a 6-foot tall concrete barrier with a 500 foot exclusion zone and a surrounding fence for security purposes. The range would also be used for disposal purposes for ordnance or explosive recovered within or near the installation. The 88th Air Base Wing, which operates the base, anticipates that the new EOD range once built would be used three days per week to support as many as eight detonations per day after EOD expands to 17 members from the current 12 person unit.