

Michigan Home Guard
Communication - Computers - Information Division (C2I)

Every organization and activity in the modern world is increasingly influenced by information - gathering, protecting, organizing, analyzing, and disseminating. MHG is no exception and the C2I Division is MHG's response to the ever increasing need to manage information in all forms and across all platforms.

Communication - Traditionally communications specialists in MHG have more accurately been radio operators. The art and science of amateur radio is still vital to the communication specialist. But in reality we more often communicate with smart phones and computers. Our communications plans will reflect those platforms when they are available and appropriate. Our communications specialists will also assist and train members communicating on multiple platforms. Finally, communications specialists will increase their personal knowledge of and will teach other members about effective communication techniques (radio protocols, salute reports, etc.) and communication security methods (brevmats, one time pads, book codes, encryption, etc).

Computers - On a day to day basis our organization communicates on various technology platforms (a web site, social media, chat apps, etc). Our computer specialists will implement, oversee, manage, and secure these systems. They will also develop their personal knowledge and abilities relating to information security and train other members in this area.

Information - Information specialists are primarily responsible for collection, analysis, and dissemination of information relating to MHG operations. They will monitor appropriate information/intelligence sources for their area of responsibility, collect relevant information in a manageable format, analyze the collected information into a meaningful intelligence product, and distribute their intelligence product to the relevant MHG personnel. They will also independently develop their own knowledge and abilities relating to OSINT, area studies, battle tracking, counter intelligence, and related fields and train other MHG members in these areas as appropriate.

C2I Division and Leadership- Theoretically each of these three areas is separate from the others. In practice they are each heavily dependent on the others and occasionally impossible to distinguish. If a C2I specialist uses a laptop computer connected to an HF radio to send an encrypted digital signal containing a finished intelligence product to command staff, all three areas have impacted this one action. For this reason the C2I Division will be led by 3 subject matter specialists, one for each field. They will be selected for their technical abilities, their ability to train others in their field, and their ability to coordinate with the other two subject matter leads. Each subject matter lead will have the rank of Sergeant while reporting to the XO and ultimately the CO on C2I matters.

C2I Specialty Paths - The specific requirements for information specialists and computer specialists are yet to be developed. They will be based in principle on the requirements for

RTOs or admin specialists (ie, they will be expected to maintain basic personal survival and self defense gear as well as the gear required to perform their mission and if they are attached to a rifle team they will be expected to carry and qualify with the minimum gear of the rifle team). Additionally, cross training and qualification is to be strongly encouraged among these paths.

C2I Initial Leadership - The C2I Division will be launched with the following staff: Communication Sgt Steve Hampton, Computer Sgt Perry Thompson, Information Sgt Missi Martineau. These positions are appointed by the CO and will be replaced by the CO as necessary.

C2I District, Sector, and County Specialist - The communications plan already calls for communications specialists available as the primary person responsible for radio training and activities in each of the local subdivisions of the organization. Similarly Computer and Information specialists will be selected for each District, Sector, and County from among those who select the relevant specialty path. The specialists for the Districts will be the highest priority and other positions will be filled as the need arises and personnel are available.