
PREFACE

On April 13–14, 1999, the RAND Arroyo Center, Marine Corps Warfighting Lab (MCWL), and J8 Urban Working Group (UWG) co-hosted a conference on military urban operations in the Joint Military Intelligence College auditorium, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. The conference sought to provide a forum for information exchange and debate on the complete range of possible operations in urban areas likely to challenge U.S. national interests in the next generation. Such activities could include:

- Operations at the strategic, operational, and tactical levels of war
- Domestic and international events
- Combat, stability, and support missions
- Service, joint, multinational, and interagency concerns
- Homeland defense and WMD issues

Approximately two hundred individuals attended the conference. They included representatives from the U.S. academic, media, commercial, and public service communities, all four armed services, and several joint agencies. Military personnel from Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, and the United Kingdom were also in attendance. The agenda with a list of all speakers and panel members appears in Appendix A.

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This summary of proceedings will be of interest to government and commercial sector personnel whose responsibilities include policy design, funding, planning, preparation, or the development of technologies for, or the conduct of operations in, urban environments.