

Department of Energy - Oak Ridge Office
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National Nuclear Security Administration, Y-12 National Security Complex
Relationship

Since 1989, the Protective Force (PF) services for the Oak Ridge Reservation have been provided by a single contractor. In 2002, the contract model was restructured into two federal prime contracts awarded to a single PF service contractor. This model has resulted in a more streamlined operation with a stronger, more efficient and cost-effective security protection program for the government by eliminating the need for separate and distinct management, human resource and administrative structures. This consolidation is a unique situation which provides Department of Energy (DOE) and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) with program efficiencies such as a one uniform work philosophy and training program, integrated site emergency response protocols for mutual-aid and fresh pursuit support, policies and procedures, and a single command and control structure. The overhead costs to the contracts are currently shared between NNSA Y-12, and DOE Science and Environmental Management program offices. An additional benefit from this relationship is the cost savings to DOE-OR through a mutual agreement with NNSA to provide Y-12 Special Response Team capabilities for the recapture/recovery mission of the Category I DOE facility. Without this agreement, DOE would sustain a dramatic cost increase to provide this capability, to include the additional responsibility of executing oversight of the program.

A mutual agreement also exists between DOE-OR and NNSA Y-12 for the mission execution of standardized training for all DOE/NNSA PF personnel at one consolidated Central Training Facility (CTF). The CTF is located on the Oak Ridge Reservation and is under joint ownership between DOE-OR and NNSA Y-12. DOE-OR retains the land ownership rights of the CTF, and NNSA Y-12 provides the facilities and operations through contract management of the PF service provider.

Another advantage DOE and NNSA share by having one PF contractor is with providing program direction. The NNSA Act states that DOE has no authority to direct NNSA contractors which would cause an issue in respect to the Central Training Facility (CTF) which is managed through the NNSA Y-12 contract. The existence of two separate contracts held by one contractor gives DOE the flexibility to direct and manage their contract as it pertains to the CTF.