



Bad Moon Rising

Creedence Clearwater Revival

*Looks like we're in for nasty weather, One eye is taken for an eye
Don't go around tonight, Well, It's bound to take your life
There's a bad moon on the rise*

Welcome to the first year anniversary edition (#5 Fall, 2007) of the website element of Project White Horse 084640 <http://www.projectwhitehorse.com/index.htm> Thanks to all the readers who have stuck with *the Horse*. Your comments and insight have been most welcome and invaluable.

Throughout this year overall intent has remained constant – learning about time critical/team-knowledge-required decision making in worst case disasters. But, this last year has brought on growing recognition that in extreme outlier- edge of the envelope -situations, where infrastructure, communication, planning, first responder trained-for action become rapidly disappearing images in the rear view mirror, *normal* emergency training and response process is certainly necessary but not sufficient. Extrapolation to these worst case events is questionable. Worst cases are, indeed, a different species. The thought that emerges is that to be a **resilient community**, indeed a community that survives, requires that the remnants of first responders (think Katrina) AND citizens must come together to gain situational awareness, re-orient themselves to the mission at hand, and adapt in real time to effect their own survival. Pre thought/learning on dealing with the unthinkable is most probably a necessary thing.

The intent of this website is to be a learning travelogue as we move through the early days of the 21st Century – not a boring ‘slides of my vacation’ to never-never land, but rather a lens through which to view unexplored areas and prisms to break visible aspects into understandable context.

This edition is single focused on Fourth Generation Warfare (4GW), offered as a lens for viewing not only war in the far reaches of the planet, but potential war on your doorstep, and in fact all aspects of community security. For readers who catch on the word *warfare* and may think this means a military or war in Iraq/Afghanistan focus, I ask you to explore further. This edition certainly addresses aspects of today’s threat environment related to terrorism and insurgency, but it also is extremely relevant to school security, and overall disaster preparedness and response. It is most assuredly pointed at educators, managers interested in continuity of business, first responders, leaders of all types of organizations, those who are interested in the knowledge base of those running for the presidency of this country, indeed, I suggest, all who want to reside in a self reliant, resilient community.

How you think about the future determines what you do in the future. I ask you to look at the future through the lens of Fourth Generation Warfare. I suggest you may never see things in the same way again. Consider that on the last day of military presence in Iraq, it will just be another day for drug cartels in South America, Muslim extremists will still seek to destroy the western world footprint of globalization, the FBI will still be looking to find ties between terrorists and gangs like Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13), gangs with former Mexican special forces troops will still own the streets of Nuevo Laredo on our Texas border, and National Guard units needed for homeland security will still be augmenting our military forces in the war on terrorism. It will just be one more day for non-state warriors, those who mode of operation can be described as *fourth generation*. It may be an old thought, but no matter your interest in war, war is still most interested in you - here where you live. Are you living in a resilient community?

Creedence had it right:

“ There’s a bad moon on the rise”

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