# 40-MM GRENADE LAUNCHER, M203

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PREFACE

This manual provides technical information, training techniques, and combat techniques of the M203 grenade launcher. Intended users include leaders and designated grenadiers, who will use this information to successfully integrate the M203 into their combat operations. This manual discusses gunnery training and train-the-trainer, and includes an appendix on the M79 40-mm grenade launcher.

The tactical positions shown in this manual were drawn to enhance the reader’s understanding of related subject material and are not tactically correct.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

This chapter discusses the training strategy and combat conditions for the 40-mm grenade launcher, M203. The M79 model is discussed in Appendix A.

1-1. TRAINING STRATEGY
An effective overall training strategy produces well-trained grenadiers and trainers by integrating resources into an effective year-round training program. This program trains and sustains the individual and collective skills needed to perform the wartime mission, beginning with IET and continuing in other institutions (NCOES, IOBC, and IOAC) and in the unit. Both institutional and unit training programs implement specific training strategies; supporting training strategies are implemented through use of other resources such as publications, ranges, ammunition, training aids, devices, simulators, and simulations. The year-round program includes periodic preliminary marksmanship training followed by zeroing and range qualification firing. Other key elements of the program are training for the trainers and refresher training for nonfiring skills. Figure 1-1 provides an example that shows the flow of unit sustainment training.