

# ***SEABEE CENTER NEWS***

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## **Media Release**

### **Seabee Base Prepares for Force Protection Exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield 2015**

GULFPORT, Miss., - Force Protection and Anti-Terrorism exercise Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield (SC/CS) 2015 will impact installations in the Southeast Region, including the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, from Feb. 2-13. Personnel can expect to see increased security measures and elevation of Force Protection Conditions (FPCONs) during this period.

SC-CS 2015 is conducted by Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF) and Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) on all Navy installations in the Continental United States to allow Navy security personnel to sharpen training skills and situational readiness through real life training scenarios.

The Solid Curtain portion of the exercise will focus on command, control, and communication between all echelons Navy wide. Citadel Shield emphasizes installation-level training exercises to test the ability of installation security forces during an emergency.

Military personnel, civilian employees, retirees, and family members should be prepared for traffic delays on roads near the base, as well as at installation gates. The base will totally lock down from 8 to 9 a.m., Feb. 6. The gates will be closed during that time and no entry or exit will be allowed. All movement on base will be restricted. It's recommend that people add time to their travel plans to avoid being late for appointments on board the installation. Although the Navy Exchange (NEX), Commissary and Naval Branch Health Clinic are not highly affected during most of the exercise, all facilities on board the installation, with the exception of the Navy Exchange Mini-Mart Gas Station, will be closed until 1:30 p.m. or later Feb. 12. The clinic will only have minimum manning that day, as well. Drivers will experience significant delays at Pass Road gate on the afternoon of Feb. 11 and morning of Feb. 12. Everyone must have proper identification for entry onto the base and follow all directions from installation security personnel.

All personnel should review safety and security procedures, and inform family members of the pending disruption to base services and base access.

The assistance of everyone will ensure smooth access to facilities while allowing military and civilian personnel who are actively involved in exercise events to get the most out of their training.

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**Media are invited to cover the active shooter part of the exercise, Feb. 6. Media will need to be in place by 7:45 a.m. Plan on staying for at least 1.5 hours. You will meet Senior Chief Jeff Pierce at Pass Road gate at 7:30 a.m. If you would like to attend, please contact Rob Mims, NCBC PAO at 228-871-2699.**