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## NCBC learns to bring order from chaos

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Representatives from organizations throughout the Naval Construction Battalion Center assembled for a three-day Incident Management Team class in the Emergency Operations Center on board NCBC, Sept. 13-15.

Visiting instructors with an IMT Mobile Training Team assigned to the Commander Navy Installations Headquarters, arrived to train EOC representatives to refine their skills while responding to a hazard that would threaten base assets and population.

"We teach installation EOC incident management teams watch standers how to bring order out of chaos through established incident command system processes that support our mission to support the fleet, family and fighter," said Mike Crockett, lead IMT instructor.

The three-day course is formatted into two sections, a lecture/learning phase and a hands on practical phase.

"In the morning, we train with lectures and tabletop exercises and small-group projects," said Crockett. "The afternoons are practical hands on exercises to implement the information learned in the morning to flex and stress the team with real-world like scenarios," he said.

The topics covered in the class involved a wide range of topics including defining EOC organization's staff and functions, the role and function of mass warnings and notifications, communication and information operations regarding crisis events from severe weather to



**Mike Crockett explains the importance of effective communication to Naval Construction Battalion Center staff during a three-day Incident Management Team training in the Emergency Operations Center, Sept. 13-15.** (U.S. Navy photo by Brian Lamar)

active shooter incidents.

"It trains and exercises the team members in an environment that is controlled and provides basic tools that would be used in any type of emergency," said Lewis Fountain, the NCBC emergency management and EOC director.

As the scenarios were laid out for the participants, members from various tenant units found themselves being tasked with anything from coordinating a response, to ensuring communication was flowing easily. Some trainees felt that this approach to training prepped them to handle many different possible outcomes in an emergency.

"The standardized approach to the operations of an EOC will better enable us to be more effective at the local level, also be able to support another installation, or if ever called on to do so, could act as a liaison to a community EOC, said Jean Sammons, the individual support coordinator for the Fleet and Family Support Center.

The trainees wrapped up the three-day training after a hands-on evaluation designed to test the trainee's knowledge and apply lessons learned throughout the course. The training evaluation focused on decision making and communication.

## 5k with Tinian locals during Vailiant Shield



Sailors assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 and Marines assigned to Marine Air Control Group 18, run a 5k with Tinian locals during Exercise Valiant Shield 2016 in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Sept. 17, 2016. (U.S. Navy Combat Camera photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Benjamin A. Lewis/Released)

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# NEX rewards students for good grades

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The Naval Exchange Service Command has begun its annual A-OK student reward program and students can now sign up to receive prizes for earning good grades.

Most students have received their first progress reports of the new school year from teachers. For some, it was a happy occasion filled with phrases like "good job, way to go and we knew you could do it." Now, there are new phrases that students from the Naval Construction Battalion Center population could here like, "Here is a free soda, you've been entered into a drawing to win up a savings bond up to \$2,500."

The program, which has been around since 1997 has rewarded

more than half a million dollars in EE type savings bonds and other monetary awards to students who have shown academic excellence.

"This program is just one of the Navy Exchanges ways of being able to give back to the local community of active duty, reserve, retired or spouses," said Brandy Asher, the NEX general manager.

According to a published memo by the NEXCOM operations group, the program prizes are broken into two major categories. The first category of prizes is monetary, which are given out each quarter. More than \$22,000 each year is given out nationwide. The second category of prizes are coupons on a punch card booklet. The Punch card coupons can be redeemed at the customer service counter at the Naval Exchange. Items range from freebies

of soda and potato chips to discounts on larger items.

All students who qualify and enroll in the program will automatically be enrolled in the quarterly monetary drawing. The four awards are: \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500 savings bonds.

To qualify for eligibility, students must hold a "B" average or equivalent. Once the students show their progress reports or report cards to the customer service staff at the NEX for verification, they will be enrolled in the program. Every time a student gets a new progress report, they get a new punch card, according to Asher.

"The program is great because it encourages students to get good grades by giving them a little incentive," said Asher.



**Builder 2nd Class Joshua Johnson, Utilities Constructionman Jesus Cedillo and Builder 2nd Class Thomas Rambo, all assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133, fit waste pipes for the showers, sinks and toilets of a new latrine building, Sept. 18. NMCB 133 is in Cartagena, Colombia constructing the new latrine for the Cabildo Indigena Zenu community, once completed the community will no longer rely on outhouse style facilities. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Kimberly Clifford/Released)**

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