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**SC-CS16 Puts NSA PC to the Test  
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**Panama City Beach, Fla.** - Naval Support Activity Panama City (NSA PC) will undergo a series of exercises known as “Solid Curtain Citadel Shield 2016 (SC-CS16)” in order to test and evaluate the Navy’s security personnel.

SC-CS16 is a Force Protection (FP) exercise conducted by Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF) and Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) on all continental United States Navy installations, and is taking place the first two weeks of February.

“SC-CS16 is designed to exercise and assess the Navy's Anti-Terrorism (AT) Command and Control capabilities and evaluate the readiness and effectiveness of our security and emergency response forces as well our cooperation with local first responders,” said Cmdr. Douglas Huggan, commanding officer of NSA PC.

SC-CS is not in response to any specific threat, but is a regularly scheduled exercise using realistic scenarios to ensure U.S. Navy security forces maintain a high level of readiness to respond to changing and dynamic threats.

“In today's environment, there are many different types and emerging threats that pose dangers to our installations,” said Martin Gray, NSA PC’s security director. “It's very important within our department and the installation that we place high emphasis and focus on continuous training all year to ensure we are properly prepared to combat these threats.”

With a recent increase of home grown terrorist threats and attacks emerging, it is important that we evolve our training to counteract these possible threats, Gray emphasized.

Along with testing U.S. Navy security forces, all personnel aboard play an active role in responding to the scenarios that will be provided to the command by USFF and CNIC.

“Ultimately, everyone aboard the installation will be included in the exercise,” said Ensign Nicole Stegall, NSA PC’s Meteorology and Oceanography officer (METOC) and Emergency manager (EM). “NSA PC coordinates with all of the departments, such as housing, fleet logistics and administration as well as others, to respond to an incident with a unified team effort.”

But it’s not just the workforce aboard the installation that has a stake in the exercise.

“It’s important that all personnel aboard, including families in the base housing and tenant activities, pay attention to base wide notifications and appropriately respond in the event of an emergency situation,” Stegall added.

The Navy will be conducting training events focusing on waterfront threats, active shooters and attempts to gain unauthorized base access.

“It is our responsibility to ensure the safety of our equipment, and more importantly, our Sailors and their families, as well as other service members, Navy civilians and contractors throughout NSA PC,” said Huggan.

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