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Navy to Conduct Force Protection Exercise

Panama City, Fla. – Naval Support Activity Panama City will participate in an annual Navy-wide, anti-terrorism force protection exercise, February 1-12.

“Exercise Citadel Shield and Solid Curtain will test our ability to execute our mission and ensure the protection of our people, equipment and facilities,” NSA Panama City Commanding Officer Cmdr. Kevin Christenson said.

Citadel Shield and Solid Curtain is not in response to any specific threat. It is an annual scheduled exercise.

Since 2008, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Commander, Navy Installations Command, have held Exercise Citadel Shield-Solid Curtain on all Navy installations in the continental U.S.

The two exercises occur back-to-back and include reality-based situations. It is Navy policy not to discuss specifics of force protection measures, including exercises, so information of that nature will not be released. Citadel Shield focuses on security personnel response to simulated threats while Solid Curtain uses simulated events to test incident command and communications between units.

“These scenarios ensure we train like we fight, fight like we train. It’s important to practice these drills so we are ready to respond to real world events,” Christenson added.

Personnel and family members aboard the base should expect delays when entering, exiting or moving around the installation. Christenson stressed extreme caution while driving as first responders may be in the roadways directing traffic or responding to a scenario.

“Our neighbors, base personnel and family members may experience increased traffic along Thomas Drive or delays at the gate,” Christenson explained. “We ask for your patience and understanding during the next two weeks.”

For information about potential impacts due to the exercise, check us out on Facebook (@NSAPC). Media partners are respectfully asked to support this effort by alerting members in the local community of the exercise.

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