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Emergency Dispatchers Expedite Help

Story and photographs by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Matthew R. White, NSA Philadelphia Public Affairs

NSA Philadelphia is much like a small city within a city. It has its own mayor (the commanding officer) public works department (NAVFAC), recreation facilities (MWR), even a couple places to have a meal or an after work drink. NSA also has its own emergency dispatchers that get help to where it's needed.

The big difference be-

delphia's dispatchers. They facilitate the police, fire, or EMT through the gates without delay and get them to the emergency situation.

"If someone calls 911 directly then our gate guards get no advance warning that emergency vehicles are coming to the base. And because of security concerns following September 11th, the guards

"When an emergency takes place, the people who are there should designate one person to call 3333 instead of having multiple people call. It's also important to give us a specific

location of where help is needed," said dispatcher Gregory Davidson. "The person who calls us should also stay on the phone and follow the dispatcher's directions," he said.

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-Toland

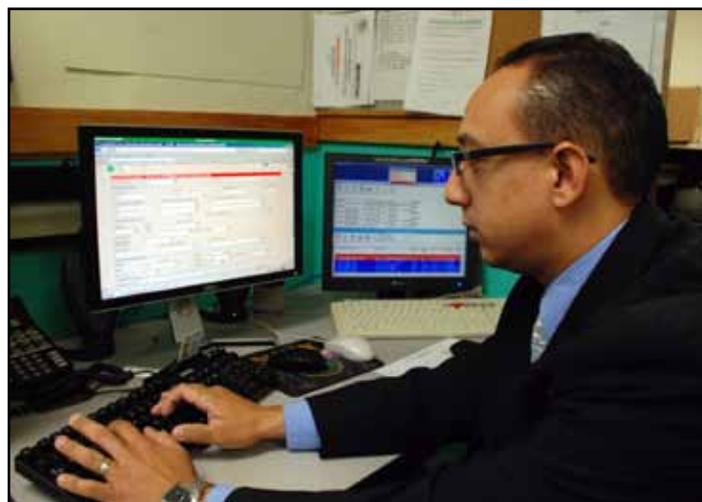
tween a city and NSA is that the quickest way to get help is not 911, rather it is 215-697-3333.

"It's very important that people dial 3333 instead of 911 directly because calling 911 will severely delay help getting where it needs to be," said Ed Toland, Emergency Management Dispatch Supervisor.

The emergency dispatchers at NSA and the Philadelphia Navy Yard (PNY) are in direct contact with the city of Phila-

have to stop them from coming on base until we can locate the emergency and confirm that they are who they say they are," Toland said. "If they call 3333 in an emergency, our dispatchers will inform the guards that emergency help is on the way, we are told the specific police or fire unit that's coming, and can get them to the emergency situation without any delays," he added.

Besides calling 3333 instead of 911, reporting an emergency to base emergency management is very similar to calling the city's emergency dispatchers.



Top: Dispatcher Gregory Davidson checks on an alarm on the Fire Control Panel.

Bottom: Dispatcher Ernesto Rivera enters information into the Consolidated Law Enforcement Operations Center (CLEOC)



H O N O R I N G

Old Glory



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NSA Philadelphia's Veterans Committee held a flag retirement ceremony on the ball fields, Oct. 26, 2011.

"The Veterans Committee instituted the Unserviceable Flag Disposal Program after 9/11/01," said Bill Eves, Chairman of the Philadelphia Compound Veterans Committee. "We have three mail boxes on the compound painted Red, White & Blue to collect the flags and due to the large amount of disposed flags, have been doing one or two ceremonies each year," he added.

The necessity for a flag retirement ceremony is called for in the United States Code, which is the official, subject matter order, compilation of the Federal laws of a general and permanent nature that are currently in force.

According to the United States Code, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

Philadelphia's Frankford High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets conducted the ceremony.

"A flag may be a flimsy bit of printed gauze or a beautiful banner of finest silk," said Col. Siegfried Honig, Veteran Guard 3rd Regiment Infantry, Pa. National Guard. "Its intrinsic value may be trifling or great but its real value is beyond price, for it is a precious symbol of all that our country stands for."

The command to retire the flags was then given to the cadets.

"Let these faded flags of our country be retired and destroyed with respectful and honorable rites," said Honig.

Eves said that approximately 1,000 flags, some large and some small, were retired during the ceremony.



CPOA Sponsors Base Cleanup

Story and photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class
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The NSA Philadelphia Chief Petty Officer Association (CPOA) sponsored a base clean-up, Oct. 26.

The clean-up came about when the topic of trash on base was brought up at a staff meeting.

“The Chiefs were seeing a lot of trash around buildings and asked if the base was going to hold a base clean up. Then, the OIC asked if we would stand it up,” said Chief Mineman Douglas Warren.

The CPOA passed out trash bags and gloves to the volunteers, who collected a large amount of trash of all varieties during the clean-up.

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to car parts and housing items.”

-Warren

“We did not count the number of bags collected but we had a truck and half full of trash by then end of the day,” Warren said, adding “from candy and paper trash to car parts and housing items.”

Nearly 30 people volunteered their time to improve the look of the NSA grounds.



Sailors assigned to the Funeral Honors division pick up trash in the parking lot along Tabor Avenue.

“We were very pleased with the number of people that came out to help. I would like to say thank you for all the help and we are already thinking about how to have an even stronger turnout next year,” said Warren.

The base also regularly holds a clean-up day on Earth Day in the spring.

This was the first event sponsored by the newly established NSA Philadelphia CPOA.

Volunteers

David Adams, NSA Philadelphia; Lee Adams, NSA Philadelphia; Jake Barron, NAVSUP WSS; Jeff Cmar, NSA Philadelphia; Dennis Cook, DLA Troop Support; Julio Franjul, NAVSUP WSS; Adrienne Glenn, DLA Troop Support; Amanda Hunter, NAVSUP WSS; Scott Jensen, NSA Philadelphia; Ryan Johnson, NSA Philadelphia; Zoekia Keller, NSA Philadelphia; Mark Kochanowitz, SPAWAR; Don Kratz, NSA Philadelphia; Steve Lage, NAVSUP WSS; Josh Mangum, SPAWAR;

Saleel Mikail, NSA Philadelphia; Tom Nolan, NAVSUP WSS; Manuel Perez, NAVSUP WSS; Joseph Phillips, NAVSUP WSS; Ronald Quinto, NAVSUP WSS; Eleanor Robbins, DLA Troop Support; Jason Roberts, NSA Philadelphia; Rick Schoeniger, DLA Troop Support; Darryl Shinault, NAVSUP WSS; Ed Toland, NSA Philadelphia; Steve Tomlinson, NAVSUP WSS; Howe Wang, NAVSUP WSS; Phillip Wilson, NAVSUP WSS

Fitness Center Update

The Building 8 Fitness Center roof replacement project is ongoing. The project is currently in the design phase, which includes planning both the roof replacement and the movement of the gym to a temporary location. The tentative schedule is as follows:

- January 2012: Commence work in Building 27;
- April 2012: Transition Fitness Center operations to Building 27 (Current proposed duration of Fitness Center operations outage associated with transition is 7 days.);
- Fitness Center operations will be in Building 27 for approximately 7 months;
- Late October 2012: Transition Fitness Center operations back to Building 8.

Active Duty Military members assigned to NSA or PNY may use The Aquatic & Fitness Center, located at 3600 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19114. Phone 215-677-0400. All facilities within this location, including the indoor pool, are available to all active duty military stationed aboard NSA Philadelphia/PNY Annex at no cost. Military ID is all that is required to enter the center. <http://www.afcfitness.com/philadelphia-index.php>



The temporary support structure still occupies the convertible tennis/soccer court in the Building 8 Fitness Center.



SafePractices

Keep Your Cool in the Cold

The brisk weather of fall and winter is here. Use the following checklists, from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, to stay safe at home and on the road this winter.

Home Safety

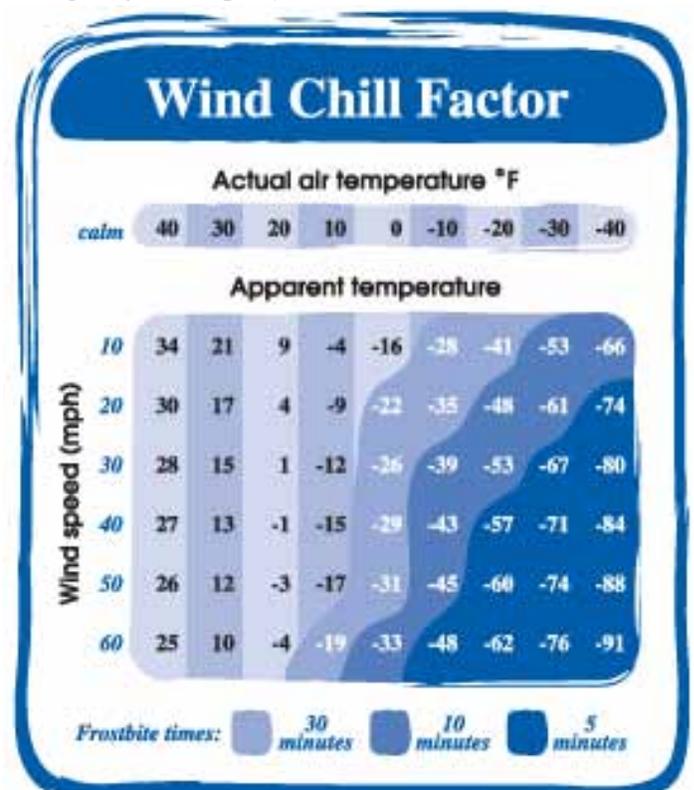
Keep several days' supply of these items:

- food that needs no cooking or refrigeration, such as bread, crackers, cereal, canned foods, and dried fruits. Remember baby food and formula if you have young children
- water stored in clean containers, or purchased bottled water (5 gallons per person) in case your water pipes freeze and rupture
- medicines that any family member may need
- an alternate way to heat your home during a power failure:
 - dry firewood for a fireplace or wood stove, or
 - kerosene for a kerosene heater
- furnace fuel (coal, propane, or oil)
- electric space heater with automatic shut-off switch and non-glowing elements
- blankets
- matches
- multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher
- first aid kit and instruction manual
- flashlight or battery-powered lantern
- battery-powered radio
- battery-powered clock or watch
- extra batteries
- non-electric can opener
- snow shovel
- rock salt
- special needs items (diapers, hearing aid batteries, medications, etc.)

Car Safety

Keep these items in your car:

- blankets (brightly colored for dual use as a signal)
- first aid kit
- a can of waterproof matches (to melt snow for water)
- windshield scraper
- road maps
- mobile phone
- tool kit (boster cables, compass, tow rope, etc.)
- paper towels
- bag of sand or cat litter (for traction on ice or snow)
- collapsible shovel
- container of water and high-calorie canned or dried foods and a can opener
- flashlight and extra batteries
- canned compressed air with sealant (for emergency tire repair)



National Weather Service (NWS) Wind Chill Chart adapted May 2004 from <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/windchill/>

Employee Spotlight Ernesto Rivera

Ernesto Rivera started working as an Emergency Management dispatcher at NSA Philadelphia in May of 2011.

Originally from Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, Rivera moved to the United States just one day prior to his first day at NSA.

Before taking the dispatcher job, Rivera worked with the Puerto Rico Emergency Management Service for 14 years. He began as a paramedic in 1996 and was transferred to the regional dispatch center in 2002.

Rivera left Puerto Rico and took the job in Philadelphia because it offered him a better job environment along with a better economy. But Rivera said that isn't why he likes his job.

"I get to help people who are having an emergency. I like being able to coordinate

with the city, the MAs (Master-at-Arms) and the chain of command and get help where it is needed" he said. "I also like all the people I work with, my supervisor, and the everyday environment," Rivera added.

When not at work, Rivera enjoys relaxing with his family at home, taking his nine-year-old daughter bowling, or shopping with his wife and daughter.

"I am a very family oriented person," he said.

"Ernesto is a hard worker and always willing to help out when it is needed," said Ed Toland, Emergency Management Supervisor. "He volunteers for the late shifts if we are having a hard time covering them and is happy to help teach others how to use our system if they are having trouble with it," he added.



"I'm impressed with Ernesto," said Toland. "He took a leap of faith by moving here and improve the lives of himself and his family."

Around the Base



Left: A Pearl Harbor survivor salutes the flag during the Veterans Day ceremony. Below: Veterans honor the flag during the 236th USMC birthday celebration. (Photos by MC2 Matthew White)



Above: Dawn Morgan-Moore sings the national anthem during the USMC birthday Celebration. Right: Lt. Col. Steve Kelly, USMC (Ret.) gives remarks during the Veterans Day ceremony.



NSA Classifieds

For Sale:

SCUBAPRO EverDry4 DrySuit,
under 3 dives. Women's XL - hose,
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\$750. Call 215-820-6006



Free Classified Ads

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Send submissions to MC2 Matthew White at matthew.r.white2@navy.mil.

MWR/ITT Information

The Turkey Trot 5K will be Tuesday, November 29. It begins at 11:30. Meeting point is at the Fitness Center. For more information contact Joe Malak, MWR Fitness Manager, at 215-697-2069 or joe.malak.ctr@navy.mil.

The MWR ITT Office invites you to travel to Washington, DC on December 8, to watch a performance of "A Christmas Carol" at the historic Ford's Theater. While in DC, you'll also have an opportunity to visit other popular sites, such as the Smithsonian Institute. Cost is \$83 per person and includes: theater admission (rear orchestra seating), free time in the Mall/Smithsonian Institute area, and roundtrip private motor coach transportation. The trip departs from NSA Philadelphia at 8:00 a.m. and returns at approximately 8:00 p.m. Please stop by the MWR ITT office (Bldg. 15) to sign-up and pay for this wonderful trip. ITT is open Monday - Friday from 0900-1300 and 1400-1600. For more information contact Bernie Curran, MWR ITT Manager, at 215-697-9092 or Bernard.curran@navy.mil.

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