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## **Hampton Roads Naval Installations Participate in Nationwide Exercise -- May cause traffic delays into area bases**

**Norfolk, Va.** -- Exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield 2012 will be conducted next week (March 19-24) at all Hampton Roads Naval bases and at Navy installations throughout the continental United States, Hawaii and Guam. Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield is the largest anti-terrorism and force protection exercise conducted nation-wide.

The exercise may cause increased traffic around bases or delays in base access. Area residents may also see increased security activity associated with the exercise.

Motorists driving to and from area Naval installations should be prepared for possible delays during the five-day long exercise, particularly on Friday, March 23.

The exercise is designed to enhance the training and readiness of Navy personnel to respond to threats to installations and units.

Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield 2012 is not in response to any specific threat, but is a regularly scheduled exercise.

The annual exercise is coordinated by U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk and the Navy Installations Command in Washington, D.C.

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