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## Hampton Roads Naval Installations Participate in Nationwide Exercise

**Norfolk, Va.** -- Exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield 2012 will be conducted next week 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 is designed to enhance Navy personnel's training and readiness to prepare for and respond to terrorist threats. The following training evolutions are open to media outlets to cover:

- **Monday, March 19**
  - Joint Expeditionary Base (JEB) Little Creek-Fort Story Integrated Training Team (ITT) will evaluate the base emergency response personnel's ability to respond to active shooter scenarios and small boat attack at the JEBLC Harbor. This quick reaction, scenario-driven exercise is designed to train and evaluate the ITT, which includes the Anti-Terrorism, Emergency Management, Fire & Emergency Services, Family Readiness, Facility Support, Environmental and Safety. USCG personnel will also participate in the training. Media outlets interested in covering the drill should contact JEB Public Affairs by 8 a.m., Monday, March 19, by calling 757-462-8425/8423/2640.
  
- **Wednesday, March 21**
  - Naval Station Norfolk will execute an "Active Shooter" force protection drill. The drill is a quick reaction event designed to exercise Navy security forces' ability to quickly respond, locate and neutralize a threat. Additionally, this exercise will allow building occupants to practice pre-planned self-protection steps during an Active Shooter incident. Media outlets interested in covering the drill should contact Naval Station Norfolk Public Affairs by 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, by calling 757-322-2576.
  
  - Sailors at Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana will report to medical with simulated flu-like symptoms. Branch health clinic capacity will be exceeded and Sailors will be sent to Princess Anne Emergency Room. These Sailors will have been victims of a simulated anthrax attack. For media interested in covering, they should be at the Princess Anne Emergency Room on March 21 at 8 a.m. CAPT. Bob Geis, NAS Oceana's Commanding Officer, and a spokesperson from Sentara will be available for interviews.

- **Thursday, March 22**

- JEB Little Creek-Fort Story will evaluate the base emergency response personnel's ability to respond to a Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) incident that develops into a hostage rescue scenario at Fort Story. This quick reaction, scenario-driven exercise is designed to train and evaluate the ITT, which includes the Anti-Terrorism, Emergency Management, Fire & Emergency Services, Family Readiness, Facility Support, Environmental and Safety, in rapid assessment and response. Virginia Beach Police Department and SWAT personnel will also participate in the training. Media outlets interested in covering the drill should contact JEB Public Affairs by 8 a.m., Thursday, March 22 by calling 757-462-8425/8423/2640.

The exercise may periodically cause increased traffic around bases, or base access delays. 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.

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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