

**Level Three Anti-Terrorism Warfare Training Conducted
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EWIANT, NAB Little Creek, Va. – The Navy is piloting a new level of Anti-Terrorism Warfare (ATW) training for commanding officers (CO) in an effort to further integrate ATW into the day-to-day command management. The course, conducted at Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Atlantic facilities, Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Va., focuses on providing COs the necessary tools to better manage their command's anti-terrorism program.

“Anti-Terrorism Warfare must be a primary consideration of all members of the Navy, especially in light of the recent events in Yemen and then in New York and Washington,” said Cmdr. Matthew Bobola, Task Force EXCEL Anti-Terrorism Warfare Project Lead.

“This course is designed to assist commanding officers in developing and managing a program that involves every Sailor in their command by providing them with a bigger picture. Additionally, it is the first step in developing the hard outer shell necessary for improved force protection.”

Students of the three-day course sample state-of-the-art scenario trainers such as GAMA Corporation's DVD-based Fleet Protection Range, and Advanced Interactive System's Professional Range Instruction Simulator. Both systems reflect the Navy's desire to integrate advanced technologies and alternative educational delivery systems in an effort to revolutionize Navy training and education.

“This is what the Revolution in Training is all about,” said Rear Adm. Harry Ulrich, Task Force EXCEL director. “Industry leaders like the New York City Police Department and the FBI [Federal Bureau of Investigations], are already using this kind of technology to

increase their agents' proficiencies. We are looking for solutions that already exist, to improve the Navy's training system.-Particularly in the area of ATW, it is crucial that we find solutions quickly, to avoid scenes like we had in Yemen. These simulations fill a much needed void in training our Sailors in critical decision-making processes.”

While the Fleet Protection Range program targets duty section level decision making, the Professional Range Instruction Simulator focuses on individual sentry level judgment training. Both systems incorporate branching technology, the ability to create scenarios with multiple outcomes, based on the student's decisions, and are capable of scoring the trainee.

There are four levels of Navy training. Level one is required for all Sailors, those on watch on the piers and on the ships; level two is for a command's Anti-Terrorism Officer (ATO), who is responsible for creating the anti-terrorism program and developing a sound security plan; and, level three is for commanding officers, who are responsible for ensuring higher authority requirements are met by the ATO in the creation of the program. Finally, level four training is for fleet and force commanders, who are responsible for the bigger mission area analysis.

“Obviously, for the system to work we must have seamless integration between all levels of authority, from the petty officer of the watch to the commanding officer to the fleet and force commanders,” said Bobola. “The higher you go in the chain of command, the greater the scope of visibility required, but that really doesn't relieve anyone from having at least an understanding of how they fit into the big picture.”

Training programs incorporating the best industry has to offer, which utilizes advanced educational methodologies, such as the commanding officer's course is the focus of the

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