Navy wide exercise may impact base access

San Diego -- Navy shore installations and activities in Navy Region Southwest will participate in Exercise Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield '09, an annual training exercise across all Navy bases in the continental United States coordinated by the Norfolk, Va based U.S. Fleet Forces Command Feb. 23-27.

The weeklong exercise is a training opportunity in which Navy security personnel will interact with base and regional commanders in a variety of security and emergency response situations. The exercise is not in response to any particular threat or natural disaster.

While disruptions to normal base and station operations will be limited, Navy and Department of Defense employees in the Navy Region Southwest area may experience some traffic delays in base access Feb. 24. Additionally, area residents may also see increased numbers of security personnel in and around Navy installations associated with the exercise.