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## SPeD Testing Events

Redstone Arsenal  
Huntsville, Ala.  
June 20–23

Fort Hood, Texas  
June 28 and 29

Washington Navy Yard  
Washington, DC  
July 19 and 20

2011 DoD Worldwide  
Security Conference  
Lake Buena Vista, Fla.  
SPeD sessions Aug. 22 & 26

DARPA Defense Industrial  
Security Conference (DISC)  
San Diego, Calif.  
Oct. 22–29

Interested in scheduling a  
SPeD test at DSS in  
Linthicum?

Send an e-mail to  
[SPED@dss.mil](mailto:SPED@dss.mil).

## SPeD Security Fundamentals Professional Certification Conferral

Defense Security Service (DSS) appreciates the efforts of all Security Fundamentals Professional Certification (SFPC) beta participants. Those who achieved passing scores on the assessment were first to earn the SFPC. They are commended for volunteering their efforts and for blazing the trail for professionalism within the DoD security community. The SFPC is now in full production, and personnel can expect to hear more in the coming months regarding the implementation of this new program within their respective service or agency.

## DSS Conferral Ceremony

The first SFPC conferral ceremony in DoD history was held April 1, 2011, at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Va. Defense Security Service (DSS) recognized 20 employees, including Center for Development of Security Excellence instructors, course curriculum developers, and an industrial security professional from DSS Industrial Security Field Operations.



SFPC conferee Julia N. Ruffini, Field Office Chief in Linthicum, Md., receives certificate and lapel pin from Defense Security Service Director Mr. Stan Sims.

In honor of the conferees, Mr. Sims, Director, Defense Security Service, commented, “The first conferees are those who train the rest of the community. We can’t be a Center of Excellence unless we do the things we are training them [the community] to do.” Some of the conferees have been with DSS their entire careers. As a group, they represent over 400 years of security professionalism, training, and experience.

## Register Now!

SPeD Testing Sessions will be offered at the 2011 DoD Worldwide Security Conference. See page 3 for details and <https://www.2011dodwsc.com/spedsessions.html>



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### Air Force Conferral Ceremony

On April 19, 2011, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, the Air Force hosted a ceremony honoring the first 46 Air Force civilians to earn the SFPC. Hundreds gathered to support the SPeD Certification Program. According to Mr. Bill Davidson, Administrative Assistant to the SECAF, "Historically, security has been an extra duty, and in the last three years, because of the nature of what the world is all about, the necessity to have well-trained, well-educated [personnel] and a standardized way of doing that education is extremely important for us to take care of the security issues that we have in this country." The well-attended conferral ceremony illustrated the Air Force community's enthusiasm and support for SPeD.



### SFPC Conferral Ceremonies



Center for Development of Security Excellence instructors, course curriculum developers, and an industrial security professional from DSS Industrial Security Field Operations were conferred the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification.



SFPC conferee Mr. Jeffrey D. Hetzler (center) receives a certificate and lapel pin from Mr. Bill Davidson, Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force (left), during the SPeD certification ceremony at Wright Patterson Air Force Base on April 19, 2011. Mr. Stan Sims, Director, Defense Security Service, stands on the right.



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### DoD Hosts SFPC Conferral Ceremony

On April 29, 2011, at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Va., DoD hosted an SFPC conferral ceremony recognizing individuals from DSS; DoD Office of Inspector General; Defense Threat Reduction Agency; National Geo-Spatial Agency; Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; OSD, General Counsel of the Department of Defense; Office of the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation; Pentagon Force Protection Agency; United States Air Force; and Washington Headquarters Services.



An SFPC Conferral Ceremony on April 29 recognized individuals from Defense Security Service and several other DoD organizations.

Frank Wilson, DoD FACA Committee Management Officer, commented on the benefits of SPeD Certification: “To be certified as a SPeD security professional is similar to earning your CPA or a PMP Certification in Program Management. It indicates that the recipient demonstrates a particular level of proficiency in a common set of competencies. It’s a visible indication that the certified individual is a true professional in the security career field.”

### 2011 DoD Worldwide Security Conference and SPeD Sessions

As the 2011 DoD Worldwide Security Conference draws closer, the SPeD Program Management Office is opening advance registration for the following pre-conference (Monday, August 22) and post conference events (Friday, August 26). If you are interested in any of these events, please send an email to [SPEDPMO@dss.mil](mailto:SPEDPMO@dss.mil) for advance registration.

### Security Professional Education Development (SPeD) Certification Briefing: Security Fundamentals Professional Certification and Security Asset Protection Professional Certification

What are DoD and Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence expectations for security professionals? Find out in this pre-conference session on Security Professional Education Development (SPeD) Certifications.

### SPeD Information Workshops

Looking for a better understanding of information, personnel, industrial, or physical security topic areas as you prepare for Security Fundamentals Professional Certification (SFPC)? Center for Development of Security Excellence instructors will lead sessions answering questions and discussing topic areas.



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### SPeD Testing Overseas

On May 12, 2011, DSS CDSE conducted the first SFPC testing event outside the continental United States at the European Security Conference in Garmisch, Germany. More than 80 security professionals throughout the European theater took the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification (SFPC) Assessment.

### SFPC Holders Needed for Upcoming Beta Testing

The Defense Security Service (DSS) will be conducting beta testing of the Security Asset Protection Professional Certification (SAPPC) Assessment this fall. Security professionals who hold the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification (SFPC) will be eligible to take the SAPPC Beta Assessment. Beta testing will launch at the DoD Worldwide Security Conference on August 22–26, 2011, and other testing opportunities will be announced in the coming months.

DSS encourages your participation in the upcoming SAPPC beta testing. Your engagement in this effort benefits both you and the Department of Defense security community. DSS greatly appreciates your support.

### You've earned the SFPC, what next?

Once you've been conferred the SFPC, share your status and update your credentials. You can now add "SFPC" to your business card, resume, and signature line. The SFPC indicates that you are a certified security professional and part of an elite group. Be proud to show off this major achievement in your security career.

### POC Information

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- Marine Corps [SPeDPMO@usmc.mil](mailto:SPeDPMO@usmc.mil)
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- Defense Contract Management Agency [SPeDDCMA@dcma.mil](mailto:SPeDDCMA@dcma.mil)
- Defense Intelligence Agency [DACSecurityAwareness@dia.mil](mailto:DACSecurityAwareness@dia.mil)
- Defense Information Systems Agency [SPEDPMO@disa.mil](mailto:SPEDPMO@disa.mil)
- Missile Defense Agency [spedcert@mda.mil](mailto:spedcert@mda.mil)

If your organization is not listed above, check the SPeD website at [https://www.dss.mil/seta/sped/sped\\_contact.html](https://www.dss.mil/seta/sped/sped_contact.html) or send an e-mail to [SPED@dss.mil](mailto:SPED@dss.mil) and DSS will provide your organization's POC.

### Did you Know...

#### The SPeD Website has a New Look

Check out the newly redesigned SPeD website, including updates to the following:

- Links to Twitter, Facebook and YouTube.
- Updated SPeD FAQs
- Updated SPeD Resources
- SPeD Test sites
- SPeD News

Go to [http://cdse.dss.mil/seta/sped/sped\\_what.html](http://cdse.dss.mil/seta/sped/sped_what.html)

#### STEPP replaced ENROL

In May 2011, the Security Training, Education and Professionalization Portal (STEPP) replaced Electronic Network Registration On-Line Learning (ENROL). STEPP is the Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) learning management application that enables students to find training, manage learning, and track professional development.

You must have a STEPP account to access diagnostic tools and to take a SPeD Assessment. Access STEPP at

<https://stepp.dss.mil/SelfRegistration/Login.aspx>