SPēD Testing Events

**Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Sept. 7 – Oct. 26, Wednesdays
SFPC & SAPPC Beta**

**Center for Development of
Security Excellence
Linthicum, Md.
Weekdays 0900 and 1300
SFPC & SAPPC Beta**

**Pentagon Conference Center
October 11 & 12
SAPPC Beta**

**DARPA Security Conference
San Diego, Calif.
Oct. 24–28
SFPC**

**DIA SSO Conference
Orlando, Fla.
Nov. 7–10
SFPC & SAPPC Beta**

**To schedule a test at one of
these events, go to
http://go.usa.gov/0Ep
for contact information.**

Center for Development of Security Excellence

CDSE

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2011 DoD Worldwide Security Conference and SPēD Sessions

On August 22-26, 2011, DoD security professionals from across the globe converged at the Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. for the 2011 DoD Worldwide Security Conference & SPēD Sessions. The theme was Partnership for Global Security. Mr. Stan Sims, Director of the Defense Security Service and sponsor of the conference, welcomed attendees

Defense Security Service hosted more than 450 security professionals at the DoD Worldwide Security Conference. Nearly 100 security professionals took the SAPPC Beta Test at the conference.

with opening remarks. The conference offered 41 plenary and breakout sessions. Total attendance was 586, which included 484 mid‑to senior‑level security professionals. Additionally, security professionals tested their knowledge in various security disciplines by taking the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification (SFPC) Diagnostic and Assessment and the inaugural Security Asset Protection Professional Certification (SAPPC) Beta Assessment.

Register Now! Security Asset Protection Professional Certification (SAPPC) Beta Testing

Security professionals who hold the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification (SFPC) or have earned a passing score on the SFPC Assessment are eligible to take the SAPPC Beta Assessment. The SAPPC serves as a valid indicator of a security practitioner's ability to apply fundamental security concepts, principles, and practices. Begin navigating your pathway to success! Include this certification in your professional development plan. Check the list of SPēD Testing Events for a testing location near you.

Frequently Asked SPēD Questions

How do I prepare for the SFPC Assessment?
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1. See lists of topic areas in the SFPC Candidate Handbook at http://go.usa.gov/0y4

2. The following seven courses address these topic areas and have been helpful to many preparing for the assessment:
   - Introduction to Industrial Security Course IS011.16
   - Introduction to Information Security Course IF011.16
   - Introduction to Physical Security Course PY011.16
   - Introduction to Personnel Security Course PS113.16
   - Introduction to DoD Personnel Security Adjudication Course PS001.18
   - Introduction to Critical Program Information Awareness Course CI120.16
   - Special Access Program (SAP) Overview Course SA001.16

3. Access "Resources for SPēD" in STEPP and use the diagnostics to gauge your knowledge in the various security areas, then download and review the appropriate resources to increase your proficiency.

4. Access the SPēD Fundamentals Resource as a reference tool to prepare for the SFPC Assessment. It lists relevant courses and lessons in general security topics, industrial, information, personnel, and physical security. Visit http://www.dss.mil/seta/sped/documents/SPeD-Fundamentals-Resource.pdf

Department of the Navy SFPC Conferral Ceremony

On September 13, 2011, at the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes, Department of the Navy hosted a SPēD Conferral Ceremony honoring the first 45 Navy civilians to earn the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification (SFPC). Robert O. Work, Under Secretary of the Navy, commended the conferees for their participation in the beta assessment. "You volunteered, put your reputation as a security professional on the line, and did yourself and the Department of the Navy proud." The beta assessment consisted of over 350 questions spanning all security disciplines.

Robert O. Work, Under Secretary of the Navy, (center) presented certificates at the Navy SFPC Conferral Ceremony. Mark Clookie, Director, Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) is seated on the right. On the left is Carl L. Kline, Assistant for Information and Personnel Security, Headquarters NCIS Deputy Assistant Director.

The Navy SFPC Conferral Ceremony on September 13 recognized 45 security professionals who earned a passing score on the SFPC beta exam.

During the next five years, Department of the Navy and other DoD Components expect to fully implement the SPēD Program. All Navy civilian personnel billets that involve 50 percent or more security-related duties will be coded in order to determine the appropriate level of certification for each assignment. Current specialists will not need to be certified to retain their positions, but new hires and those moving to new security positions will be expected to meet applicable certification requirements.

Using SPēD Credentials

Those who have been conferred the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification (SFPC) are authorized to use the SFPC designation on business cards, resumes, and signature lines. SFPC credential holders may use this designation as long as they maintain active status.

The designation "SFPC" should appear in all capital letters after a comma following the credential holder's name. For example: John Doe, SFPC.

Those conferred the Security Asset Protection Professional Certification (SAPPC) credential are authorized to use the SAPPC designation in the same manner. Because the SFPC must be earned to obtain the SAPPC, holders need only list SAPPC. For example: John Doe, SAPPC.

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SPēD Specialty Certification

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If your organization is not listed above, check the SPēD website at http://www.dss.mil/seta/sped/sped_contact.html or
send an email to SPED@dss.mil and DSS will provide your organization's POC.

Did You Know…

Over 700 Department of Defense security professionals have achieved a passing score on the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification (SFPC) Assessment.

SPēD Testing is Open to Industry Personnel

Starting September 1, 2011, SFPC testing will be offered at DSS CDSE Linthicum and select conference events. During FY12, some Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) instructor-led courses will offer testing. If you are interested in certification testing and would like to receive further information, please e-mail SPeDcert.registration@dss.mil.