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HSV-SPS NCIS Continue Subject Matter Expert Exchange in Peru

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CALLAO, Peru (NNS) -- A Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) team embarked on High Speed Vessel Swift (HSV 2) as HSV-Southern Partnership Station 2012 (HSV-SPS 12) began the second iteration of its subject matter expert exchange (SMEE) in Callao, Peru, Jan. 30.

The three-person military and civilian NCIS team aboard Swift was invited to Callao Naval base to hold two weekly discussions covering security techniques with Peruvian naval officers and enlisted personnel during Swift's three-week port visit.

"Security concerns are universal," said Cmdr. Garry Wright, HSV-SPS 12 mission commander. "Through working with our partners, like the Peruvians, we can increase education and the effectiveness of our operations."

The Swift NCIS team is working with 18 Peruvian navy personnel for the exchange. During Swift's three-week port visit in Peru, more than 40 Peruvian navy police and security personnel are scheduled to partner with the Swift NCIS team. The exchange details the history of terrorism and the importance of installation surveillance.

"The reason why we have these exchanges is because studies in history have determined that the failure of our ability to detect and report suspicious activities results in a weak force protection posture," said Lt. j.g. Dylan Harmon, NCIS team member.

The discussion topics covered organizing surveillance detection teams and conducting target and route analysis. The group reviewed the steps involved in the breaking the threat surveillance cycle and the necessary reporting procedures. The participants will use the knowledge gained in the exchange to proficiently evaluate observation points in and around military installations.

The exchange culminates in a practical exercise, where participants attempt to identify risky behavior in role-players. The security agents must describe the behavior and appearance of suspicious individuals.

The NCIS partnership is one of many SMEEs occurring in Callao as part of HSV-SPS 12. Service members from each of the armed services are working with the host nation partners, exchanging information regarding medical and veterinary practices, small unit leadership, port security and construction.

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