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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE EAST  
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COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA  
COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE SUPPORT COMMAND

SUBJECT: Navy Medicine Use of the Term CODE DELTA

Reference: (a) DODINST 2000.12.H  
(b) DODINST 2000.16

This memorandum provides specific guidance on Force Protection Condition (FPCON) Delta and its implementation by Navy Medicine in accordance with references (a) and (b). The Department of Defense (DoD) and Navy FPCON system progressively increases mandatory protective measures in anticipation of, or in response to, the threat of terrorist activity. FPCON Delta applies to the immediate area of a terrorist attack or when intelligence has been received that terrorist action against a specific location or person is imminent.

Some Military Treatment Facilities have used the term Code Delta for emergency response to internal security related incidents within the Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) or its controlled property. This internal use of Code Delta has inadvertently activated FPCON Delta measures at adjacent installations or regions outside Navy Medicine. Line commanders and combatant commanders have expressed confusion and concern over MTF internal use of Code Delta.

The use of the term "Delta" in any fashion other than its intended use as applied within the DoD FPCON system is not authorized and shall not be used under any alternative circumstance.

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