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Deadline approaching for FY15 Bystander Intervention Training

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Active duty and Reserve Sailors are reminded that the deadline for completion of Fiscal Year 2015 Bystander Intervention to the Fleet (BI2F) training is Sept. 30.

The BI2F training covers several topic areas and counts for the fraternization, hazing, physical readiness and sexual health General Military Training (GMT) requirements for FY15.

“Our goal is to significantly reduce unacceptable behaviors including fraternization, hazing, sexual harassment and sexual assault in the fleet,” said Rear Adm. Mike White, commander of Naval Education and Training Command (NETC). “BI2F provides the tools and training to equip our Sailors to recognize potentially risky situations and act appropriately to help shipmates make the right decisions; intervening if necessary.”

BI2F uses peer-to-peer training that encourages open, honest dialogue among Sailors of similar age and experience level. The training is facilitated using interactive videos and small-group peer discussion.

According to Capt. Patty Enright, , BI2F Task Force chief of staff, the new BI2F training was based on Sailor feedback and lessons learned from earlier Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) efforts.

“BI2F reinforces the Navy’s core values, especially courage – the courage to do the right thing before an assault or mishap occurs,” said Enright. “The skills-based, peer-led training is designed to prevent destructive behaviors and promote an environment of professionalism, respect, and trust for everyone.”

Specific BI2F training details are spelled out in NAVADMIN 275/14 and commands may access BI2F training information, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), via the Navy Personnel Command 21st Century Sailor webpage at http://www.npc.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/21st_Century_Sailor/Pages/default.aspx.

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