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## **TTF Kings Bay wins NETC Excellence in Safety Award**

NORFOLK, Va. — The Trident Training Facility (TTF) Kings Bay, Ga. was among the winners of the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) Fiscal Year 2011 Excellence in Safety Awards, presented March 12 at the Naval Safety Center's 20th annual Safety Professional Development Conference.

The awards recognize outstanding performance in the areas of safety and risk management in a training and education environment. The NETC domain overall activity excellence in safety award winner is TTF Kings Bay.

Presenting the awards at the NETC breakout session was Rear Adm. Clifford Sharpe, NETC chief operating officer.

"The key to the success of any military safety program are the people who execute it," said Sharpe. "These safety professionals ensure that good safety habits are instilled in our Sailors as they prepare to join the fleet. TTF Kings Bay and the other winners have set the standard for the NETC domain, and have made a direct, tangible, contribution to combat readiness."

The Safety and Occupational Health Manager for TTF Kings Bay is Sherry Bushey. TTF was recognized for their proactive initiatives to increase motor vehicle safety awareness, seat belt use and educate personnel on dangers of drinking and driving.

"It's gratifying to know that our safety program is appreciated by our upper echelon," said Bushey. "The importance of safety in a training command has to come from the top down; our commanding officer and department heads are extremely supportive and reinforce the safety message at every opportunity."

TTF Kings Bay Commanding Officer Capt. Ronald W. Melampy reinforced that safety is always a prime concern in all training conducted for fleet sailors.

"TTF Kings Bay has not incurred a single safety mishap during my tour as commanding officer," said Melampy. "During our instructor qualification process, we ensure that safety is covered during every aspect of our program. Our training department heads, leading chief petty officers and course supervisors take a proactive approach to ensure their instructional staff members are fully aware of all aspects of course safety before and during any training exercise. We also ensure our entire staff receives periodic safety training to remain aware of the safety hazards involved in our daily activities. My safety manager, Sherry Bushey, continues to lead the NETC domain in ensuring we remain in full compliance with all policies and rules involving both training and Navy Occupational Safety and Health (NAVOSH) safety requirements."

Donald J. Leavens, NETC special assistant for safety noted in his remarks to the safety professionals attending the conference and breakout session, that safety has become a paramount focus throughout the command.

"It's imperative that we stress the importance of safety to our Sailors early and throughout their time in the NETC domain," said Donald J. Leavens, NETC special assistant for safety. "The contributions that these safety professionals have made, both on the organizational and individual level, have greatly contributed to the present and future success of our most valuable assets, our Sailors. Their

attention to detail and willingness to adapt to a changing environment have made significant improvements in all areas of safety.”

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