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Security Professional Education Development



FY12 First Quarter Newsletter

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SPeD Testing Events

CDSE, Linthicum, Md.
SFPC Mondays and Wednesdays
at 0900 and 1300;
ACP weekdays at 0900

Fort Worth, Texas
January 13, SFPC

Navy NAS Patuxent River, Md.
January 17, SFPC

Fort Carson, Colo.
January 24-26, SFPC

Fort Hood, Texas
January 27, SFPC

Air Force Space Command
Los Angeles Air Force Base
Los Angeles, Calif.
January 31-February 3, SFPC

West Melbourne, Fla.
February 7-8, SFPC

Missile Defense Agency
Dahlgren, Va.
February 8-9

Fort Hood, Texas
March 1-2, SFPC

Fort Bliss, Texas
March 14-15, SFPC

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



Get on Board for SFPC Certification!

Over 900 Department of Defense security professionals have achieved a passing score on the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification (SFPC) Assessment. We're on our way to certifying 1,000 security professionals!

Pictured to the right: Kevin Jones (left), Director, Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE), presents an SFPC certificate to Andrew Reyes, Personnel Security Instructor.



SPeD Fourth Quarter Newsletter one of 25 Most Popular Go.USA.gov Links

CDSE recently created a link through Go.USA.gov to access the SPeD Fourth Quarter Newsletter. Go.USA.gov tracks the number of clicks the site receives, allowing users to measure the impact of their outreach. After the link was distributed to the security community through e-mail and social media announcements, it has been clicked nearly 30,000 times and has garnered a position on the list of 25 most popular Go.USA.gov links. The SPeD newsletter is available at <http://go.usa.gov/9kp>.

Thank You to SAPPC Beta Testers

Between August 2011 and November 10, 2011, 271 security professionals took the Security Asset Protection Professional Certification (SAPPC) beta test. Defense Security Service (DSS) appreciates the efforts of all volunteer beta testers and personnel involved in conducting the testing. See page 4 for more details about SAPPC beta.

NEW in First Quarter 2012: Adjudicator Certification Program (ACP) Testing

DoD Personnel Security Adjudicator Certification Program (ACP) testing is offered at CDSE in Linthicum, Md., weekdays throughout FY12. Contact SPeDCert.Registration@dss.mil to sign up for a test date. See page 3 for more details about the ACP.

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Do you have a question about SPeD? Contact SPED@dss.mil

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SPeD at the 2011 Defense Industry Security Symposium

This joint symposium was hosted by Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Contractor Special Access Programs/Special Access Required Security Working Group (CSSWG), and Department of Defense (DoD) Special Access Program Central Office (SAPCO) in San Diego, Calif., on October 24–27, 2011.

The symposium provided an excellent opportunity to discuss SPeD with industry (approximately 60% of attendees) and administer SPeD testing. CDSE offered testing in two core SPeD Certifications: SFPC and SAPP beta testing. Additionally, testing was offered for one of the SPeD specialty certifications, Special Program Security Certification (SPSC). During the week-long event, 47 attendees participated in SPeD briefings and 78 tested for certifications. SPeD is gaining recognition. Approximately 70% of attendees came to the symposium with knowledge of SPeD.



Mr. Stan Sims, Director, Defense Security Service (DSS), provides an overview of DSS and SPeD at the Defense Industry Security Symposium.

Upcoming Events

2012 National Classification Management Society (NCMS) Conference

Mark your calendar for the NCMS 48th Annual Training Session, June 12-14, 2012, at Disney's Yacht and Beach Resort, Florida. NCMS is the Society of Industrial Security Professionals whose purpose is to advance the practice of classification management in the disciplines of industrial security, information security, government designated unclassified information, and intellectual property, and to foster the highest qualities of security professionalism among its members.

CDSE Outreach is supporting the event, and on June 13, 2012, Mr. Stan Sims, Director, DSS, is scheduled to present a general session on DSS.

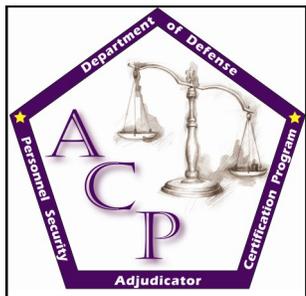
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ACP Testing (continued from page 1)



The DoD ACP is a specialty certification within the SPēD Certification Program. ACP identifies an adjudicator as qualified to perform all essential adjudicative tasks related to determining the eligibility of a government employee, military service member, or Defense contractor employee for access to classified information or for a position of trust. A candidate for the ACP must be a DoD Personnel Security Adjudicator at an approved DoD Central Adjudication Facility (CAF). The candidate also must meet the training, experience, and testing requirements for certification.

CDSE is working with CAF Chiefs and Certification CAF Representatives (CCRs) to certify 90% of eligible DoD Personnel Adjudicators. The ACP test was refined and a new version launched on September 19, 2011, at a co-located CAF on Ft. Meade. To date, 182 adjudicators have achieved a passing score. Once certified, adjudicators who perform due process actions may qualify for the additional credential of the Due Process Assessment.

Accreditation



CDSE is currently preparing documentation for submission of the SFPC for accreditation through the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). Created in 1987, the NCCA awards accreditation to professionally competent organizations. Accreditation is awarded based on the certification's processes and products rather than subject matter, and thus NCCA certification is applicable to a variety of professions. The NCCA has accredited over 200 programs for more than 100 organizations. CDSE will submit a letter of intent in January 2012 and plans to submit its application for NCCA accreditation in April 2012.

Coming Soon: Expanded SPēD Testing Opportunities

In FY12, CDSE will be offering additional locations and dates for SPēD testing:

- SFPC testing will be available following many Instructor-Led Training (ILT) courses.
- Plans for regional SFPC testing are in development.

In addition, it is now possible to register for some of the SFPC testing events through STEPP. Students participating in an ILT course can now register for the SFPC through STEPP at <https://stepp.dss.mil/selfregistration>. At the catalog under "Certification Programs," select "Security Professional Education Development," select "Security Fundamentals Professional Certification Placeholder (SPED030.SP)" and select your preferred date, time, and location.



SAPPC Beta Testing (continued from page 1)

The purpose of the SAPPC Beta Assessment is to support the final SAPPC assessment development phase and to develop a DoD baseline for setting the cut score of the assessment instrument. During the next months, DSS will use results from the beta test to develop the production version of the SAPPC and determine the passing score. Beta testers can expect to receive pass/fail results in spring 2012. The production version of the SAPPC will be available after results are released. Check the SPeD website at http://www.dss.mil/seta/sped/sped_news.html and/or follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates.

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SPeD Specialty Certification

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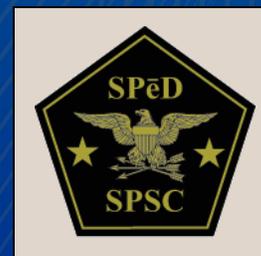
If your organization is not listed above, check the SPeD website at http://www.dss.mil/seta/sped/sped_contact.html or send an email to SPED@dss.mil and DSS will provide your organization's POC.

Did You Know...

Special Program Security Certification (SPSC) testing will be offered twice a year. Because the SPSC is based on training, it is imperative to review before taking the exam.

Contact

Pentagon_SPSC@navy.mil
to find out more about SPSC.



We're looking for your contributions! Do you have any stories/testimonials related to SPeD testing or certification that will benefit the security community? Have you heard people talking about SPeD? Any good quotes? Whether it's a full-length story or a short quote, we'd like to have your input. We encourage your feedback!