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Subject: FW: Force Protection

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CAPT [redacted] here are the answers to your questions (in blue below). I was on the beach working the TLAM xdeck and just got back to see this e-mail.
v/r, [redacted]

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> Cc: [redacted] CAPT)
> Subject: FW: Force Protection

> Gentlemen, in addition to the e-mail below I have a couple
> of more
> questions: I would appreciate an answer NLT 15 Nov 00.
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> Does the staff require any qualifications prior to someone
> being assigned as
> the Group Force Protection Officer? [redacted] CDR] The
> foundation of our approach while deployed is the "team" concept under the
> direction of a full time commander. The primary requirements for team
> members are operational experience and the Commander's confidence in the
> officer's capabilities. There are no written special requirements for the
> FPO position in CCDG3. Right now, our Force Protection Team reflects a
> significant amount of operational experience from the surface and aviation
> communities, as well as significant experience in the 5th, 6th and 7th
> fleet AORs. The team also uses the Ship's Boatswain and Security Officer
> from ABE for selected issues.
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> And if so, what are the requirements? [redacted] CDR] The
> written requirements I know of are:
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> Level II Training for FPO
> Level III Training for COs/XOs
> Level IV Training for CVBG & ARG CDR/COS/N3
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> [redacted] what was the rationale for the change in FPO's for
> ABEBG?
> Again, all my best, [redacted] CDR] Prior to my
> arrival, CCDG3 had designated a post-command CAPT as FPO and sent him to

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> the schools. He was lost on short notice due to personal circumstances.
> At that point, [redacted] was assigned in time for the final FP exercise because
> he had knowledge of the subject. By the time we arrived in the 5F AOR,
> and with the heightened threat condition on our arrival in theater, it was
felt Force Protection should be given significantly increased emphasis.
The heightened threat environment also demanded more and more of LCDR [redacted]
[redacted] time as he is the only staff Cryptologist. The Group had worked
> out a deal with the Bureau to get an eight month overlap between myself
> and the person I am relieving. The Chief of Staff had planned on using me
> as a utility player while we were on deployment, to fill in as needed
> until the summer when I took over my C2W position. To strengthen our team
> for the rest of our deployment, I was assigned to Force Protection. Since
> I am much senior to [redacted] was decided that I would be the FPO, with
> [redacted] and [redacted] as my assistants. Force Protection is a primary duty for me
> as opposed to being a collateral duty as it is on battle group staffs.
> Also, even with watches, [redacted] are available at all times to
> focus our attention on force protection, field questions and address
> issues. This team concept is working out superbly. I would have assumed
> the position earlier but for the fact that I was immediately sent TAD upon
> arrival to conduct a mishap investigation on board CAMDEN.
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> > ----Original Message----
> > From: [redacted] N1)
> > Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2000 10:43 AM
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> > Gentlemen, long time no talk to. I'm back in Bahrain
[redacted] ing to finish up
> > the report. I do have a couple of questions that I did
> not ask before.
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> > What force protection pre-deployment training do you
> provide to the ships
> > in your battlegroup? [redacted] CDR] ALBG ships get
> training but we don't conduct it. Other units, such as NCIS LEPs team,
> conduct the training. Group staffs monitor by executing a C3F FP POA&M in
> which we monitor the ships' accomplishment of required training. This is
> part of the lead up to the big pre-deployment FP exercise that C3F puts us
> through. I think it is worth pointing out that the USS Cole is a MEF
> deployer and not part of the ALBG. So we're not aware of what specific
> pre-deployment training they received. But I would suspect it was similar
> fleet level training, perhaps with the GWBG.
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> > And is there any guidance that you give your ships
> regarding force
> > protection, other than to follow the instructions? [redacted]
[redacted] CDR] Guidance issued includes a FP Instruction -- COMCRUDESGRU
> THREE INST 3850.1. We also gave out lots of guidance in advance of the FP
> exercise. [redacted] should have those. I'd include some copies of those I
> think in the reply.) Of course, we gave lots of FP guidance (underway FP)
> after the Cole got hit. Also, specific guidance is given in the FPP
> approvals themselves.
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> > All my best, [redacted]

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