

## ***Security posture at Belvoir is at 'Bravo' force protection level***

**FORT BELVOIR, Va., May 2, 2011** -- Fort Belvoir and all U.S. military installations have changed their security posture to Force Protection Condition (FPCON) "Bravo" in the wake of the death of Osama bin Laden over the weekend.

The FPCON System describes progressive levels of security measures for response to threats to U.S. Army personnel, information, and critical resources. FPCON Bravo applies when an increased or more predictable threat of terrorist activity exists.

There is no specific threat against Fort Belvoir, and, there is no change to the normal operating hours of Fort Belvoir facilities and services. Duty status of the Soldiers and Employees of the Garrison are unchanged. Personnel of Fort Belvoir's Tenant organizations should check with their supervisor if there is the slightest doubt as to duty status.

Persons entering Fort Belvoir may notice that entry takes a little bit longer under FPCON Bravo, particularly during the morning rush hour. Drivers can help by allowing extra time, being patient, and remembering to have photo ID ready for everyone in the vehicle as they approach the gate.

Everyone should observe good situational awareness and personal security at all times as they go about their daily business. Be aware of your surroundings; *report suspicious activity* to prevent a terrorist attack. Be alert to activities like:

**Surveillance** - Anyone recording or monitoring activities, taking notes, using cameras, maps, or binoculars?

**Suspicious questioning** - Anyone attempting to gain information in person, by phone, mail, e-mail, regarding a key facility or its personnel?

**Suspicious persons** - Anyone who does not appear to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, or in or near a facility?

**Mapping of scenarios** - Any behavior that appears to be preparation for terrorist activity, like mapping routes, watching key facilities, timing traffic lights or traffic flow, or other suspicious activities?

Additionally, keep in mind these tips provided by the Department of Homeland Security:

- Have a family communications plan
- Move or leave if you feel uncomfortable or if something does not seem right.
- Take precautions when traveling. Be aware of conspicuous or unusual behavior.
- Do not accept packages from strangers and do not leave luggage unattended.
- Learn where emergency exits are located in buildings you frequent. Plan how to get out in the event of an emergency.
- Stay calm, be patient and think before you act.

Report suspicious activity to the Fort Belvoir Police Desk at (703) 806-3104. Suspicious activity can also be reported through the "Operation Eagle Watch" link at Belvoir Online, [www.belvoir.army.mil](http://www.belvoir.army.mil).

Changes to Fort Belvoir's posture are reported across various media, to include external media when appropriate. The most readily updated info source is the information hotline at (703) 805-3030. Information is also recorded at the post's emergency announcement system at AM radio station 1610, and, posted to the post's Facebook and Twitter pages.