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Navy to Conduct Hurricane Preparedness/Disaster Response Exercise

NORFOLK, Va. - Navy Region Mid-Atlantic will participate in an annual hurricane preparedness and recovery exercise, April 22, 2024 – May 3, 2024.

HURRICANE EXERCISE/CITADEL GALE (HURREX/CG) 2024 is an annual hurricane preparedness/disaster response and recovery exercise conducted by Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFFC) and Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC). All Navy regions and installations on the eastern seaboard and the Gulf will be actively participating in the exercise.

“This exercise provides the opportunity for all stakeholders to practice coordination in a controlled environment so that response protocols and procedures can be smoothly executed in the event of a damaging hurricane,” said Rear Admiral Wesley McCall, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic. “This is also an opportune time for Sailors and their families to consider their personal readiness – make sure they have an emergency plan, a kit with enough essentials for three days and are familiar with what Navy emergency resources could be available to them.”

HURREX/CG 2024 is designed to train and enhance shore and afloat commands destructive weather preparedness and recovery plans prior to the onset of hurricane season. The exercise also creates opportunities for fleet and installation teams to practice their external coordination processes, strengthening relationships with local/state authorities and partners so that the Navy is ready to support during what has been predicted to be an active 2024 hurricane season.

Measures have been taken to minimize disruptions within local communities and to normal base operations, but there may be times when the exercise causes increased traffic around bases or delays in base access.

For information about potential impacts due to the exercise, please follow us at www.facebook.com/cnrma.pao.

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