



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 412TH TEST WING (AFMC)
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA**

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MEMORANDUM FOR 412 TW

FROM: 412 TW/CC/CV

SUBJECT: DESERT WIND 21-03 (DW 21-03) Special Instructions (SPINS)

1. The 412th Test Wing (412 TW) will participate in DW 21-03 on 10 August 2021.
2. Critical Guidance:
 - a) DW 21-03 will consist of an active shooter exercise on 10 August 2021. All personnel should prepare to adhere to directives disseminated via the Emergency Mass Notification System (Giant Voice and/or At Hoc messages). As a minimum, this could entail: lockdown, personnel accountability and movements from Disaster Response Forces. Additionally, if directed to temporarily close installation gates, Security Forces will close down gates for no longer than five minutes to demonstrate capability. **Exempted units/locations are listed in paragraph 6.**
 - b) Due to current Covid-19 restrictions, this exercise will be executed while observing health and safety precautions as outlined by the 412 TW/CC.
3. Exercise Intent:
 - a) DW 21-03 is a functional mission assurance exercise that will validate the effectiveness of 412 TW units to respond to an active shooter. DW 21-03 provides participating personnel opportunities to train and assess capabilities to validate task-level, functional and C2 performance.
 - b) The exercise is expected to last 3-4 hours. The 412 TW/Installation Exercise Planning Office (IEPO) will maintain the exercise timing schedule, and determine any PAUSEX. The IEPO will determine (ENDEX) with 412 TW/CC/CV concurrences. Exercise is expected to terminate (ENDEX) NLT 1630 on 10 August 2021.
 - c) The 412 TW/CC has not authorized overtime/compensatory time for key/essential civilian employees tasked by wing plans to support these operations during a real world event. Contractor employees shall comply with all base disaster preparedness exercises.
4. Standard Exercise Ground Rules
 - a) Any and all Use of Force actions will be SIMULATED ONLY. No action will be taken that may result in physical injury. In the event response forces require the need to

demonstrate Use of Force actions involving physical contact during the exercise, they will SIMULATE such action.

b) Organization personnel are to carry out exercise tasks in as realistic manner as possible, given available resources and the organization's specific responsibilities. Use simulations where necessary to demonstrate mission capability without requiring the inappropriate use of resources or the unsuitable restriction of real-world operations. Simulations will be kept to a minimum. Exercise exemptions, limiting factors (LIMFACs) or special interest items must be referred to the IEPO by commanders prior to exercise start (STARTEX) for approval by 412 TW/CC/CV.

c) Aggressive behavior will not be tolerated during the exercise. Examples of aggressive behavior may include excessive speeding; use of defense products (e.g., pepper spray, tasers, batons); forceful use of operational response equipment, use of physical apprehension techniques or tools that could cause injury to exercise participants, role players or IG personnel.

d) The exercise team will not attempt to mislead organization personnel.

e) When wearing Inspector General (IG)/Wing Inspection Team (WIT) badges, vests and/or hats, IG/WIT members may cross cordon lines and bypass entry control points to validate predesignated objectives. Moreover, IG/WIT members may carry briefcases or packages without submitting them for search. 412 TW IG members are identified by black vests, WITs by red vests, Safety Office personnel by green vests and exercise observers by yellow vests.

f) Spouses, family members and military retirees will take appropriate protective actions during applicable exercise scenarios long enough to demonstrate capability. Personnel (including spouses, family members and retirees) with scheduled off base appointments/travel (e.g., medical, dental, plane and train etc.), will be allowed to move during protective actions to report for these appointments.

5. Event Control/Communications

a) Safety and security in the event of a real world emergency will take precedence over exercise play. In the event of a safety or security incident, the exercise will be placed in (PAUSEX) by the IEPO and/or the 412 TW/CC/CV will determine when and if the exercise will resume. At any time, if an unsafe act or security violation occurs anyone may call "KNOCK IT OFF" and the exercise will be suspended until the situation can be evaluated. The IEPO will be informed of the situation and act accordingly. Safety will not be compromised at any time. Anyone has the ability to halt any unsafe practice or act and immediately notify a WIT member or the IEPO at extension 7-4888/7-0602 or over the issued Land Mobile Radio (LMR).

b) Exercise participants and WIT members must obey normal speed limits and traffic control devices when responding to exercises.

c) The 412 TW Crisis Action Team (CAT)/Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Threat Working Group (TWG) may convene as directed by the 412 TW/CC/CV. All

issues will be elevated through normal chains of command to the CAT/EOC. Specialized teams and response elements may be required to demonstrate proficiency in response to actions required in instructions, directives, checklists or plans or as otherwise directed by 412 TW/CC/CV.

d) All exercise written and oral communications will be prefaced with the words, “EXERCISE-EXERCISE-EXERCISE.” Participants WILL NOT exercise any scenarios not published on the TW Master Scenario Events List (MSEL).

e) Personnel will not route requests for higher headquarters or off-base agency support, unless prior coordination has been established. The “White Cell” will act as those agencies unless otherwise tasked by the WIT or IEPO to validate a process.

6. Exercise Exemptions: All EAFB personnel and facilities are subject to involvement in exercises with exceptions listed below:

- a) Real-world flying operations and/or test missions (only those actively involved in sorties, i.e., pilots, tower personnel and airfield management).
- b) Classrooms or facilities where promotion testing is being conducted.
- c) Military court facilities when court is in session.
- d) Portions of medical functions providing real-world patient care and/or those areas that have been specifically exempted by the Medical Treatment Facility commander.
- e) Facilities where religious services are being conducted.
- f) AAFES/DECA/NAF business activities: BX, Commissary, Post Offices, Museum, Chapels, Dining Facilities, Child Development Center, School Age Annex, Outdoor Recreation, Library, Bowling Center, Youth and Teen Centers.
- g) Physical Training Leaders administering physical fitness testing and members being tested.
- h) Education Center/FTAC conducting in session classes, Engineer Development Classes (Bldg 1400), Kern County District Schools, STARBASE, Airman Leadership School (ALS) and Honor Guard (if involved in official capacity).
- i) Military Family Housing area and all occupied dormitories.
- j) The Inspector General Office building (Bldg 2850) due to WIT personnel transitions, reporting requirements and exercise command and control functions.

Note: Although generally exempted from exercise play, some of the above functions may have pre-coordinated with the IEPO to fully or partially participate in order to validate a process or as directed by the 412 TW/CC/CV.

Note: Additional units/facilities may be exempted due to Covid-19 health and safety precautions. Exemptions will be coordinated with the IEPO and approved by 412 TW/CC/CV ahead of exercise execution.

7. 412 TW IG/ WIT personnel serve as inspectors and exercise controllers for this event to evaluate mission assurance of the 412 TW IAW AFI 90-201, Attachment A2.1, AFI 10-2501; *Air Force Emergency Management (EM) Program Planning and Operations* and 412 TW Installation Emergency Management Plan (IEMP) 10-2. All involved WIT personnel are subordinated to the 412 TW IG throughout the exercise process and will report to the IEPO for the period specified IAW 412 TW Commanders Inspection Program (CCIP) Guide, para. 3.1.1.2.

Any additional simulations or deviations to the exercise not previously indicated must be coordinated and approved through the IEPO.

8. Please direct any questions concerning these SPINS or this event to 412 TW/IEPO at 277-4888/0602/8843.

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