

**Protection Condition 16-4.01-K**

KNOW the following terrorist force protection conditions, as presented in the E-PME Study Guide.

- FPCON Normal
- FPCON Alpha
- FPCON Bravo
- FPCON Charlie
- FPCON Delta

***Definitions of  
Terrorist Force  
Protection  
Conditions***

Terrorist Force Protection Conditions—or FPCONs—are a set of measures that are taken in military installations in the presence of different levels of terrorist activities.

While there is no direct correlation between threat information, (e.g., Intelligence Summaries, Warning Reports, and Spot Reports), and FPCONs, these assessments provide information to assist commanders in determining the appropriate FPCON to declare. The five levels are:

- FPCON Normal
- FPCON Alpha
- FPCON Bravo
- FPCON Charlie
- FPCON Delta

Only Coast Guard leaders within their area of responsibility set FPCONs. For instance, an area commander can set an area-wide FPCON for his area, but not others. The Commandant can set the FPCON for the entire Coast Guard.

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***FPCON Normal***

This condition applies when a general threat of possible terrorist activity exists but warrants only routine security posture.

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*FPCON Alpha*

This condition applies when there is a general threat of possible terrorist activity directed against units and personnel, the nature and extent of which are unpredictable. The circumstances do not justify full implementation of the measures of FPCON BRAVO.

However, it may be necessary to implement certain selected measures from FPCON BRAVO as a result of intelligence received or as a deterrent. The measures in this FPCON must be capable of being maintained indefinitely.

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*FPCON Bravo*

This condition applies when an increased and more predictable threat of terrorist activity exists. The measures in this FPCON must be capable of being maintained for weeks without:

- Causing undue hardship
- Affecting operational capability
- Aggravating relations with local authorities

All previous measures remain in effect.

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*FPCON Charlie*

This condition applies when an incident occurs or when intelligence is received indicating that some form of terrorist action against units and personnel is imminent.

Implementation of this measure for more than a short period will probably create hardship and will affect the peacetime activities of the unit and its personnel.

All previous measures remain in effect.

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*FPCON Delta*

This condition applies in the immediate area where a terrorist attack has occurred or when intelligence has been received that terrorist action against a specific location is likely.

Normally, this FPCON is declared as a localized warning.

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*Additional  
Untestable  
Information*

Additional **untestable information** is in the Physical Security and Force Protection Program, Chapter 5, Section G found on the Coast Guard Intranet site COMDTINST M5530.1C, Standards of Ethical Conduct at:

[http://cgweb.uscg.mil/g-c/g-ccs/g-cit/gcim/directives/CIM/CIM\\_5530\\_1C.pdf](http://cgweb.uscg.mil/g-c/g-ccs/g-cit/gcim/directives/CIM/CIM_5530_1C.pdf)

If you don't have access to the Coast Guard Intranet, locate your unit's paper-based version, check out the reference, and read the content on Antiterrorism Force Protection Conditions.

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