

Interactive, timely training now “on-air” & available command wide

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-- In a move that achieves several objectives at once, Air Force Space Command has installed a real-time, television broadcast studio at Peterson AFB. While utilizing the studio, subject-matter experts can conduct classes that reach all the bases within the command with the potential to reach audiences throughout the Air Force.

The studio at Peterson will be the hub for training broadcasts with connectivity to the education centers at all AFSPC bases. Individuals who need training can access the community-of-practice -- or CoP -- site on the Air Force Knowledge-Now Network from their workstation, check the posted class offerings, and sign up for the classes that fit their schedules. They will also be able to download class materials before the class begins and later their diplomas once their attendance has been confirmed via the CoP. The education centers will each have a dedicated classroom to facilitate direct interaction with the instructors in the Peterson broadcast studio.

"The classes will be held at every AFSPC installation's local base education center beginning in July with more course offerings available this fall," said Margaret Waldie, directorate of Manpower, Personnel and Services, or A1, project manager for this initiative.

The whole concept of the studio was born of the need to devise a robust sustainment training program, particularly recurring training on the National Security Personnel System, for the entire AFSPC workforce. A modest investment by the command along with utilizing existing Air Force Institute of Technology resources resulted in an estimated \$678,000 initial cost avoidance with greater cost savings expected as studio usage increases.

"New supervisors and employees new to NSPS can be trained 'just in time,' with interactive training at a distance despite class sizes and at minimal cost," said Cathi Rios, also of the A1, who assisted in initiating this project.

"This is an extraordinary partnership between the Air Technology Network, Team Peterson, and Headquarters, Air Force Space Command," said Maj. Gen. Thomas Deppe, vice-commander, Air Force Space Command during a recent ribbon cutting ceremony officially opening the facility.

"This really is convenient for our workforce," said Col. Kathleen Pivarsky, A1 Director, HQ AFSPC. "It is local, immediately available and literally just one click away."

The facility's multi-dimensional role begins with the National Security Personnel System training and other supervisory training courses but can expand into other areas very quickly.



PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo., -- Jeff Kiddy, production specialist in the new studio at Air Force Space Command monitors Maj. Gen. Thomas Deppe, Air Force Space Command vice-commander, as he presents the opening remarks at a recent ribbon cutting ceremony. The facility will allow the command to save money, provide required training without the need for travel, and is open for any command elements to use for specialized training as well. (U.S. Air Force photo by Duncan Wood)

"It is important to spread the word that the broadcast studio is available to meet a variety of other training requirements, based on scheduling," said Colonel Pivarsky. "This is a win-win for the command. We will be able to meet DoD mandated training goals in a timely manner, and by opening the facility to the Air Force Space Command community we are maximizing the capability to support overall Air Force Space Command needs," she added.

General Deppe added, "This facility is readily available no matter where you are, and it's one of our priorities -- taking care of our people. I encourage you to pursue potential training opportunities and add this venue to your tool box."

For more information on available training, visit the Air Force Space Command NSPS Training Community of Practice available on Air Force Portal.

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