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### **For Immediate Release**

The International Foundation for Protection Officers (IFPO) proudly announces inclusion of three of its security certification training programs in the Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) program, an award-winning Navy workforce professionalization tool designed to make sailors better at their current jobs while also giving them opportunities in the civilian world when they leave the service.

The Certified Protection Officer (CPO), Certified Protection Officer Instructor (CPOI) and Certified in Security Supervision and Management (CSSM) certification programs were approved for inclusion and all three exams are now fully funded by Navy COOL. They are included in the Master-At-Arms area of the COOL site at <https://www.cool.navy.mil/enlisted/ma.htm>

The certification programs are currently available only to active duty and reserve enlisted sailors, but Navy officers will follow in the near future. The programs are limited to Master-At-Arms- and security/protection-affiliated personnel.

Navy COOL is one of several Navy-wide programs that helped propel the Navy to No. 17 on *Training* magazine's "Training Top 125" for 2010. The list, now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, is issued annually and honors corporations and organizations that offer outstanding employer-sponsored workforce training and development. This year's list was announced on Feb. 1 at a Training Top 125 event held as part of the Training Conference and Expo in San Diego.

The IFPO was established in 1988 to facilitate the training and certification of protection officers and security supervisors from both the commercial and proprietary sectors. See the IFPO Web site at <http://www.ifpo.org> for more information about the training opportunities offered by the organization.

"We are so very pleased to welcome Navy COOL to our training and honored to be selected to provide training for all the hard-working sailors who seek to better themselves through education and training. We look forward to working with them to ensure they get the most out of their training," said Sandi Davies, Executive Director of the IFPO.

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