

# An Interview With Malika DeRios

## ***What motivated you to enlist in the Navy?***

I wanted to experience something new. I had attended college for 2 years and was looking to explore the world.

## ***How long have you served?***

I have been on active duty for 10 years.

## ***What is your current rank and where are you stationed?***

I am an E-7 (MAC) stationed with the Naval Base Guam Security Department.

## ***What are your responsibilities?***

I am currently an Operations Leading Chief Petty Officer responsible for the management of 35 Sailors and 20 DON Police Officers in all aspects of Law Enforcement, Physical Security, Training, and Force Protection.

## ***How did you hear about the CHS program?***

NKO has a portal for Navy COOL.

## ***What led you to join and what effect has the CHS credential had on your professional development?***

I enjoy a challenge and like to lead from the front! Now I can speak intelligently on all areas of Disaster Preparedness, Incident Awareness, Response, and Terrorism.

## ***You played an instrumental role in getting the CHS training course to the base in Guam. What did it take to put it all together?***

I processed all applications and coordinated all course enrollments through the Navy COOL Office for Naval Base Guam and Commander Naval Region Joint Region Marianas.

## ***What was the certification class like?***

The CHS Level IV and V courses were phenomenal! I liked the dynamics of the course. It was not your typical instructor/student course. It was real world. The instructors/facilitators were very enthusiastic about each and every topic, which led to a success story!

## ***What feedback did you receive from others in the course?***

The participants range from junior to senior enlisted personnel and up and down the ranks I received nothing but positive feedback. I was also asked to coordinate another class for the newly motivated CHS level I-III certified personnel.

## ***How do you anticipate the certification will contribute to the Navy?***

For the Master-at-Arms rating, CHS Levels I-IV will help tremendously in the event that we have a man-made disaster or act of terrorism on or off the job.

## ***How will the information benefit the individual sailors?***

You can never obtain enough information/education. The information provided in these courses can prepare them and their families for disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and September 11th.

## ***Will the credential advance their careers in the future?***

I can tell you that CHS Levels I-IV are a standard for Sailors at Naval Base Guam! We have a saying "Are you CHS Navy COOL?" If not, you better get there!