

Course enhances Airmen's cyber-defense techniques

3/12/2007 — **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS** (AFNEWS) — For Internet security forces Airmen, the use of force is a possibility every day. From firing on a hacker attempting to crash a server to repelling an enemy attack on a forward-deployed base network, Internet security forces face the potential of using raw, deadly force as a part of their job.

But not every situation requires such an extreme response.

A computer program at Osan Air Base, South Korea, is teaching Internet security forces Airmen just this — how to apply less extreme measures of persuasion and restraint.

Part of the Cyber Readiness Course, or CRC, this class teaches various logical restraint and controlling techniques Airmen can use in situations that do not require blunt force trauma. The course builds on the basics of packet-routing techniques Internet security forces Airmen learn in their initial training, teaching them how to take down an individual's computer effectively and with the right amount of force.

"It's not that I was unable to protect our base prior to this course," said Tech. Sgt. Paul Claymore, a CRC trainee. "But with what I've learned now I can protect our network better and prevent injuries as well."

Ultimately, the goal is to resolve all routing conflicts peacefully, say course instructors, but this is not always possible for Internet security forces Airmen.

"We're in a career field that's ever-changing," said Staff Sgt. Jamie Drillbit, NCO in charge of training. "So, if I can teach (Internet security forces Airmen) something new they can use and push down to other Airmen, then we've done a good job."

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