

Live-fire training with ANP

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PARWAN PROVINCE, Afghanistan – Paratroopers from 1st Platoon, Company B, 82nd Airborne Division Special Troops Battalion, assigned to Task Force Cyclone, conducted live-fire range training with Afghan National Policemen of the Sayed Khayl district police department at a firing range in Bagram district, Parwan province, Afghanistan, Jan. 10.

About twenty policemen came to brush up on their firing skills with the help of the Soldiers.

According to the district police chief, Col. Mohammad Aref Hamidi, marksmanship is a skill much needed in their line of work. He also indicated that the training was something enjoyed by all in his unit.

“This was very good training for us,” said Hamidi. “It’s been a long time since we came to the range to fire.”

This is the next-to-last stage of the new immersion training program standards initiated by Combine Joint Task Force – 82. The immersion training, a 30-day program, is designed to refresh and continue the policemen’s education on a wide variety of law enforcement procedures.

According to Task Force Gladius’ 1st Lt. Sam Drzewianowski, 1st Platoon leader, 82nd Airborne DSTB, the next step will be a validation process where their knowledge and skills revitalized by the training will be put to the test, and he is confident they will perform well.

“This is definitely one of my better districts as far as participation and attendance,” said Drzewianowski, a native of Northampton, Mass. “The men have been showing a great deal of discipline.”

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Drzewianoski said the training has been a great experience for his younger Soldiers of 1st Platoon.

“The younger Soldiers in my platoon have progressed a lot teaching for the classes and going over materials,” said Drzewianoski. “We take what we know and learned from American classes and put that together with what we know and learned from being over here.”

Through this unique training relationship, Drzewianoski, his fellow Paratroopers and the ANP have developed a comradeship with each other.

“My Soldiers have done really well and bonded with the ANP,” said Drzewianowski. “The police in this district have been the most vocal during the training scenarios, adding their own perspective to the training.”

Hamidi had similar thoughts on working with the Soldiers of the group.

“We appreciate the Coalition Forces, they do the training nicely. I am very happy for the team who trained my men, they are good people,” said Hamidi. “They work hard like the Army, but they behave like our friends.”

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