

Base Service Spotlight: Base Auxiliary Security Force

How many people form the Base Auxiliary Security Force?

The Base Auxiliary Security Force (BASF) consists of 105 personnel from CFB Halifax integral and lodger units. BASF is a secondary duty for these individuals.

What are the responsibilities of the Base Auxiliary Security Force?

As per the Defence Controlled Access Area Regulations and Joint Force Protection doctrine, the purpose of BASF is to augment and complement the Base Security Force by executing physical security missions and tasks assigned by the Base Commander.

How does the Base Auxiliary Security Force support CAF members and/or operations?

BASF is equipped to provide a transitory, short-term response through augmentation of Military Police, Duty Watch, and Commissionaires. BASF assists in the implementation of Force Protection Measures related to the Base's ordered Force Protection Level.

Where is the Base Auxiliary Security Force located and how can I contact them?

As BASF is a secondary duty, the group is only stood up and deployed on missions and tasks as required. Questions regarding BASF can be directed to Lt(N) Hutchings, the Base Operations Emergency Response Officer, at Ian.Hutchings@forces.gc.ca.

Are there any noteworthy achievements or interesting facts to share about the Base Auxiliary Security Force?

BASF facilitated a Base-wide security exercise during Security Week 2026 (February 9 to 13). The team had not done a continuous exercise in several years and it was a significant feat, sustaining security operations for 48 hours concurrently with day-to-day operations. These exercises help educate CAF/DND members as well as civilian contractors on existing regulations and are necessary to evaluate CFB Halifax's security posture.