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**BASE REPOSITIONS JETS IN PREPARATION FOR HURRICANE MATTHEW**

**SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, N.C.** – Seymour Johnson Air Force Base is repositioning 41 F-15E Strike Eagles from the 4th Fighter Wing and six KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft from the 916th Air Refueling Wing today to Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.

The repositioning is a precautionary measure to avoid potential damage to resources as a result of Hurricane Matthew. Airmen will also prepare Dare County Bomb Range and the Fort Fisher Air Force Recreation Area for the anticipated impacts of Matthew.

Several Seymour Johnson personnel are being mobilized to assist with the relocation.

“We are always ready to respond to whatever challenges are presented and adapt to any situation,” said Col. Christopher Sage, 4th Fighter Wing Commander. “The quick and professional response by our Airmen to Hurricane Matthew exemplifies our flexibility and preparedness.”

For the most up-to-date information on the status of Seymour Johnson AFB, check the website at [www.seymourjohnson.af.mil](http://www.seymourjohnson.af.mil), as well as our social media to include Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SeymourJohnsonAirForceBase](https://www.facebook.com/SeymourJohnsonAirForceBase) and Twitter @SJAFB.

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