

The Canadian Navy and the Marine Institute celebrated as 27 new Naval Combat Technicians were welcomed into the ranks as they graduate from the Naval Combat Systems Technical Training Plan (NCSTTP) program. The graduation took place at 10:30 am, January 16 at the Canadian Forces Station St. John's Drill Hall in Pleasantville.

The Honourable John Crosbie, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, was the guest of honour for the graduation ceremony. The graduating class comes from Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, and British Columbia. This province continues its strong representation in the Navy with seven Newfoundlanders and Labradorians heading to the fleet. The graduates will be moving to Halifax, NS or Esquimalt, BC for further naval training prior to being assigned to naval ships sometime later this year.



The two-year NSCTTP program trains naval recruits to operate and maintain the wide range of shipboard electronic and combat equipment found on Canada's Navy ships. The Marine Institute awarded technician diplomas to the graduates in electronic engineering and electro-mechanical engineering.

The relationship between Department of National Defence and the Marine Institute has been an enormous success for both organizations since its establishment in 1992. With each passing year, more and more naval trainees complete their technical training at the Institute and continue on to

successful careers in the Navy. Last year, the Marine Institute's Safety and Emergency Response (SERT) Centre began offering a thirty-week program consisting of the Marine Institute's basic firefighting modules with the addition of the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) program. This program was customized to meet the needs of the DND.

On average, approximately 100 naval trainees are studying at the Marine Institute throughout the year.