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Announce the 2007 Maritime Security Conference

“The Maritime Role in National Response to Emergencies: Concepts of Operation, Case Studies, and Capabilities.”

14 to 16 June 2007

The Scotiabank Auditorium, The Marian McCain Arts and Social Sciences Building
6135 University Ave., Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Since the advent of the new century, a wide variety of natural disasters and human conflicts have provoked emergency responses to save lives, mitigate adverse conditions, and assist with recovery efforts. Maritime capabilities have played a large part in these operations. This conference will explore the range of capabilities that government and merchant fleets can contribute in response to domestic and foreign emergencies.

Three questions will be examined during the conference:

- What have maritime professionals and emergency response agencies learned from the experience of maritime organizations in recent emergencies?
- What concepts are being (or should be) developed to enable maritime capabilities to be employed effectively in responding to future emergencies?
- What maritime capabilities are essential to Canada if it is to respond effectively to emergencies at home or abroad?

Naval and civilian subject matter experts with first hand-knowledge of the roles played by maritime organizations in recent emergencies will highlight the maritime perspective, while experts in emergency management will address the perspective of those who receive such support. The theme of discussions will focus on the unique character of maritime capabilities and their utility in emergency response.

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