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Gib Port officers complete successful VTS supervisor training in UK

Officers at the Gibraltar Port Authority have recently achieved further success at a training course for Vessel Traffic Services Supervisors held at South Tyneside College in Newcastle.

The initiative is part of the Gibraltar Government's drive to continue enhancing the already stringent safety protocols applied to maritime traffic in BGTW.

VTS operators Tyrone Moreno and Iain Undery completed the two weeks of study in management, emergency procedures and effective supervision in the VTS operations room.

The two officers were able to use a VTS simulator and were taught how to deal with supervising vessel traffic management and emergency situations.

The Minister for the Port said that the GSLP-Liberal administration would continue to invest material, technical and human resources to ensure the Rock retained its position as the leading bunkering port in the Mediterranean.

The Minister also added: "Gibraltar's deserved reputation as an international hub and centre of maritime excellence is something we take very seriously. It is something we are constantly striving to maintain and a source of satisfaction that we should have achieved the highest standards of navigational safety within the busy waters of the port. Furthermore our commitment to staff training is critical to our strategy as we seek to deliver ever increasing quality in professional services to customers."

And as part of the Gibraltar Government's strong commitment to navigational safety, the Port Authority has also confirmed it has recruited a new VTS Operator who will be undertaking appropriate training for this role.