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## Christopher Thomas Dwyer



### **Superintendent, Space Systems Development Department Naval Research Laboratory**

Christopher Dwyer is the Superintendent of the Naval Research Laboratory's (NRL) Space Systems Development Department (SSDD). The department is the space and ground systems development organization of the Naval Center for Space Technology. As Superintendent Mr. Dwyer leads a highly skilled team of scientists, engineers and technicians and is responsible for the executive level leadership of a broad spectrum of highly sophisticated research and development programs in the areas of advanced mission and concept development and overall system engineering for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance systems for the space, near-space and other environments. In this position he is responsible for directing the financial, personnel, programmatic and facilities of the SSDD, including obtaining the funding for the execution of SSDD's Research and Development efforts.

Mr. Dwyer entered the Senior Executive Service in March of 2009. He has been at NRL since he became a member of the Civilian Service in July 1985.

Mr. Dwyer served as the Head of SSDD's Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence Branch from March 2004 to March 2009. As the Branch head Mr. Dwyer lead research and development efforts communications systems, data collection processing systems, information dissemination systems, mobile command and control systems, and spacecraft tracking, telemetry and control systems. He was named Acting Superintendent of the Space Systems Development Department in October 2008.

Mr. Dwyer earned bachelor's of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Virginia in 1985.

From 2006 until 2009 Mr. Dwyer led the technical execution of two Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) Joint Capability Technology Demonstrations (JCTDs), Comprehensive Maritime Awareness (CMA) and Maritime Automated Supertrack Enhanced Reporting (MASTER). CMA and MASTER were awarded the 2008 JCTD Team of the Year award. For his MDA research and development leadership, Mr. Dwyer was named a finalist for the Partnership for Public Service's 2009 National Security & International Affairs Medal.