

## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **LUCIANO BENTENUTO**

Recipient of the Exemplary Service Medal from the Governor General of Canada and Commissioner's Commendation for his work with Law Enforcement Agencies, locally, nationally, and internationally, Mr. Bentenuto is also a Criminologist by profession. In addition, he adds to his repertoire of Past President of the Professional Criminologist Association for the province of Quebec.

Currently, Mr. Bentenuto is a member of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP), the International Association of Chief of Police (IACP), the Chief Security Officer Program of ASIS International and the Chair of the Security Committee for the Railway Association Canada (RAC).

Throughout his 38-year career within the realm of law enforcement with the Federal Public Service of Canada he worked on local, regional, national, and international projects dealing with Organized Criminal Groups, including Street Gangs and Terrorist Organizations. He represented Canada on matters of transnational Organized Crime within the Organization of Americas States (OAS) and at the G8 Summit on matters regarding Radicalization and National Security. Today he is the Director of Corporate Security & Intelligence within the VIA Rail Canada Police & Corporate Security Services. His experience includes Chief Security Officer for the Courts Administration Service and Security Manager for the House of Commons.

Operationally, Mr. Bentenuto led various units during his career which gave him the opportunity to collaborate with dozens of multi-jurisdictional units such as the Criminal Intelligence Service of Canada (CISC) to lead a National Portfolio on Street Gangs. He also led National portfolios such as International Fugitives, Drug Dog Interdiction Programs, Human Source Management and Witness Protection within the Correctional Realm.

Certified as a Gang Specialist with the National Gang Research Institute in Chicago, Mr. Bentenuto has been recognized by several courts in Canada as a subject matter expert and has lectured to a myriad of stakeholders within the law enforcement community; including Interpol, National Major Gang Task Force, Canadian American Law Enforcement Organization (CALEO), Biker Enforcement Unit (BEU) as well as various universities (Simon Fraser, Ottawa University, Queens University, University of Toronto & Western University).

Finally, Mr. Bentenuto has also lectured in Police Academies across the country including (Summerside P.E.I., Ontario Police College (Aylmer), Canadian Police College, RCMP Depot, Police Academy in Chilliwack B.C. and Nicolet in Quebec. Currently, Mr. Bentenuto represents Canada at RAILPOL organization within the Counterterrorism Working Group and the Crisis Management Working Group.