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Stephen Thatcher is the Principal Consultant at Afortiori Consulting Group Inc. (ACGI), where he provides strategic advisory services to governments and organizations in support of their public safety mandates.

Stephen founded ACGI following his tenure as the Vice President, Operations of Emergency Communications for British Columbia Incorporated. Known as E-Comm, it handles some two million 9-1-1 calls a year, provides dispatch services for various police and fire departments, and operates a tri-service wide-area radio network used by police, fire and ambulance personnel throughout Metro Vancouver and parts of the Fraser Valley.

Prior to that, Stephen enjoyed a 29-year career with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), during which he served at various ranks in a variety of operational, operational support and administrative roles. He retired as the Assistant Commissioner in charge of the Lower Mainland District, with responsibility for the delivery of front-line and specialized policing services to approximately two million citizens living in 28 diverse communities.

A lawyer with corporate and criminal law experience, Stephen has developed and presented training on a variety of law enforcement and legal topics, notably the intersection of law and technology. In addition to delivering in-house training sessions for the RCMP, he has also instructed at the Pacific Region Training Centre, the British Columbia Institute of Technology, and the University of British Columbia. He has addressed audiences in North America, the United Kingdom, Europe, and Asia, and is a long-time supporter of the Society for the Policing of Cyberspace.

Stephen has a BA from the University of Toronto, an LL.B. from the University of British Columbia and is a member of the Law Society of British Columbia. During his service with the RCMP he was awarded a Commanding Officer's Commendation and a Commissioner's Commendation. He is also the recipient of a Meritorious Service Award from the Province of British Columbia and is a Member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces.