

Inspector Lance Valcour Profile

Inspector Lance Valcour is a 32-year veteran of the Ottawa Police Service and is currently seconded to the Canadian Police Research Centre where he leads the national interoperability program, spearheaded by the Canadian Interoperability Technology Interest Group (CITIG).

Having been a member of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police prestigious Informatics Committee for over a decade, he has broad experience working with Chief Executive Officers from a wide range of public safety, government, non-government and industry organizations in providing strategic advice, building consensus and implementing agreed upon policy and operational directions. In addition, he has widespread familiarity with governance issues both in the government and volunteer worlds, having sat on numerous Boards, Committees and Councils both in Canada and the United States.

Inspector Valcour has extensive Incident Command, Leadership, Strategic Planning and Technology Program/Project Management experience at the national and international levels. He has managed numerous major events including Canada Day celebrations, the 2004 Bush Presidential Visit, public order events, tactical incidents and natural disaster responses in the National Capital Region. He has worked cooperatively with various national strategic organizations such as the Canadian Associations' of Chiefs of Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Industry Canada and Public Safety Canada, to name a few, to effectively plan, lead, support and foster major projects, primarily in the information sharing and interoperability fields.

Working closely with partner agencies in the United States, including the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice, Inspector Valcour also sits on various sub-committees and leadership groups including the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council Board of Directors, Emergency Response Council, National Emergency Communications Plan Working Group and the Leadership & Coordination Action Team, a project of the Office of Emergency Communications, Department of Homeland Security.

Having commanded up to 2,000 officers at major incidents and been the Officer in Charge of Patrol Operations in Central Division with approximately 150 direct and indirect reports with a budget of over \$12 million, Inspector Valcour has broad experience in both strategic and day to day human resource management issues that come with leading a diverse, dynamic and operationally intensive organization.

While on a leave of absence a number of years ago, he was the General Manager of a Canadian based software company, commercialized out of a project he led in partnership with the Canadian Police Research Centre and the National Research Council with clients in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom.

He has traveled extensively across Canada, the United States, United Kingdom, Australia and Caribbean where he has conducted research into various public safety issues and is a highly sought after speaker on these topics. Inspector Valcour has long-standing and wide-ranging experience in media relations, both in English and French.

He has a long list of publications, papers and articles published in Canada, the US and UK on various topics ranging from operations to the creations of an artificial intelligence expert system for the analysis of break and enters (*"The Investigator's Notebook,"* refereed and published in the Proceedings of the British Computer Society Specialist Group on Expert Systems, 1994)

Lance was recently named to represent the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police on the newly formed IACP/DHS Data Sharing Project where he is joined by leading police and public safety experts from across the United States. Their task is to support both these organizations in identifying current data sharing trends and to identify potential S&T gaps to be exploited by the strategic use of S&T research.

He provides advice and guidance to governments, public safety associations, academia, industry groups and individual companies from micro to multi nationals in the area of public safety, interoperability, situational awareness, common operating pictures and general security related fields.

In addition to various awards and honours over his career, including the Board of Commissioners' Certificate of Bravery in 1979, on behalf of CITIG he accepted the 2008 National Award for Public Safety by the Canadian Wireless and Telecommunications Association. Later that year he received the International Association of Chiefs of Police Award of Excellence in Technology for "Superior achievement and innovation in the field of communication and information technology."

Inspector Valcour is a graduate of numerous public safety / public administration / incident command related programs including national level leadership courses. He was an advisor to the Algonquin College Emergency Management Program and has extensive speaking experience at the college and university levels, including Masters level programs. He successfully completed the rigorous Canadian Securities Course from the Canadian Securities Institute (1994).

He has a long history of involvement with community organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa, Hopewell and the Gloucester Rangers Minor Hockey Association. Lance has been a long time runner but recently ran his first half marathon, the Canada Army Run, and is in training for the National Capital Marathon in May 2009. He is married with three children, the youngest now a member of the Canadian Forces Reserves with the Governor General's Foot Guard.