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Darryl Plecas, Ph.D.

Biography

Dr. Plecas holds the RCMP University Research Chair in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University College of the Fraser Valley (UCFV) where he has worked for 26 years (serving as Chair of the School for various terms over 14 of those years).

He is a recipient of UCFV's Teaching Excellence Award and in 2003 received an Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology Award at the Fourteenth International Conference on College Teaching and Learning. He has served as an Associate of the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy at the University of British Columbia, as an Expert Observer to the 10th United Nations Congress on the Prevention and Treatment of Offenders, and on three occasions as an invited participant at the annual meetings of the United Nations Scientific and Professional Advisory Committee. He also served for three years as a member of the Correctional Service of Canada's Audit Team on National Programs Accreditation, and in 2003 was appointed an Independent Chairperson for the Pacific Region.

Dr. Plecas is the book review editor for *Police Practice and Research: An International Journal*, and served as Chair of the planning committee for the 2004 International Police Executive Symposium. He is the author or co-author of more than 90 research reports, international journal articles, and other publications addressing a broad range public safety issues.

He holds two degrees in criminology from Simon Fraser University, and a doctorate in Higher Education from the University of British Columbia. In the summer of 1995, he completed the Management Development Program in the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University.

Gary D. Bass

Biography

Assistant Commissioner Bass was born in New Brunswick and joined the R.C.M.P. in November of 1971. After training, he was transferred to Newfoundland where he spent time involved in various duties including General Duty, General Investigations and acting as a police prosecutor. His duties over this period also included being a member of the Underwater Recovery Dive Team and eventually, the Sub Division Team Commander for the eastern half of the province.

In 1981, he was transferred into the National Crime Intelligence Section, responsible for investigating organized crime. From 1983 to 1989, he was in charge of National Crime Intelligence Section and National Security Investigation Section for the Province. From 1989 to 1992, he was in charge of another General Investigation Section, responsible for the investigation of major crimes, as well as targeting high-level organized crime groups operating between Montreal and the Atlantic Provinces.

In 1992, he was transferred to British Columbia as the Officer in Charge of the Provincial Serious Crime Section. Between 1992 and 1999, he directly or indirectly supervised over 400 homicide investigations, several of which involved organized crime. In 1995, he assumed oversight of the Air India bombing investigation, a position he continues in to date.

In July 2000, he was transferred to current position as the Officer in Charge of Criminal Operations in British Columbia.

He has authored or co-authored 5 Police/Crown Wiretap manuals and frequently instructs Crown and police on the interception of private communications.

He was part of the team which developed the Major Case Management programs currently taught at the Canadian Police College and received a Commissioner's Commendation for Outstanding Service for this work.

He assisted in the development of an Advanced Homicide Investigative Techniques Course currently used in British Columbia and has instructed and lectured on advanced homicide investigative techniques and drug investigations to police, prosecutors and judges in Slovakia and Colombia. He has been called as an expert witness in relation to drug investigations, outlaw motorcycle gangs and the management of major criminal investigations in courts in Newfoundland, Alberta and British Columbia.

Assistant Commissioner Bass currently sits on the Council of Investigative Excellence with the Canadian Police College, a body responsible for recommending advanced training programs for the police community served by the college.

Matthew H. Logan, Ph.D.

Biography

Dr. Matt Logan completed a Ph.D. in Counselling Psychology at the University of British Columbia with a focus on Crisis (Hostage) Negotiation and Major Criminal Conflict Management. He has been a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for 25 years serving in five communities within British Columbia and a tour of duty in Ottawa and at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia. Matt was working as a Psychologist with Correctional Services Canada (CSC) from May, 1999 to November, 2001 where he did Psychological Risk Assessments for the National Parole Board and worked in therapy with predatory sex offenders. He is currently working in Behavioural Sciences at the RCMP Pacific Region Headquarters in Vancouver.

As a Psychologist in major crime, Dr. Logan is involved as a consultant to Serious Crime Sections, Undercover Unit, Interview Team, and Crisis Negotiation Teams. Psychological Risk and Threat Assessments are provided on suspects in serious crime investigations and expert evidence is given in court on violent and deviant sexual behaviour. An FBI trained hostage negotiator, Dr. Logan is a conference speaker and facilitator specializing in Conflict and Crisis Management, Psychopathy, Risk for Violence, Sexual Predators, and Trauma.

Dr. Logan has worked with the International Association Chiefs of Police (IACP) in developing leadership programs for policing and is a visiting professor at the University of Victoria and Trinity Western University, teaching on the MA in Leadership programs. He has published articles on operational and leadership issues related to policing.

Dr. Logan was recently named to the Professional Advisory Board for North America's first Ph.D. Program in Police Psychology at Saybrook Graduate School in San Francisco, California.

Ernest Drucker, Ph.D.

Biography

Dr. Ernest Drucker is Professor of Epidemiology and Social Medicine and Professor of Psychiatry at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City. His research examines AIDS, drug use, and drug policy in the USA and in other countries. He is a licensed Clinical Psychologist in NY State and active in drug law reform and human rights.

Dr. Drucker was founding Director (from 1970 to 1990) of a 1,000 patient drug treatment program in the Bronx, and has been an NIH funded researcher of AIDS and drug addiction for 15 years. He is author of over 100 scientific articles and book chapters and Editor in Chief of the international journals *Addiction Research and Theory* and the new on-line *Harm Reduction Journal.com*.

Dr. Drucker was a founder of the International Harm Reduction Association and Chairman of Doctors of the World / USA (1993-1997). In 2004 - 2005 he is a senior Soros Justice Fellow writing a book for The New Press on a public health paradigm and mass incarceration in America.

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John Robin

Biography

Superintendent John Robin has a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Criminology) from Simon Fraser University and started his career in policing in 1984 as a Ports Police Officer. He joined the Delta Police Department in 1986.

During his career he has served in Patrol, developed the first North Delta Community Police Station, and served as the Tactical Liaison Officer of the Emergency Response Team. He has also worked extensively on the Task Force and had the opportunity to assist the Serious Crimes Section on several high profile investigations before being promoted to the officer in charge of the Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB).

In CIB he has coordinated and assisted his team members with a variety of complex investigations and has worked extensively on Joint Forces Operations to bring several cases to a successful conclusion.

John was appointed as Officer in Charge of the BC Integrated Gang Task Force (BCIGTF) in November 2004 and was involved in planning, set up and staffing of BCIGTF from January to April 2005, and began operations of the BCIGTF April 5, 2005.

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Robert M. Gordon, Ph.D.

Biography

Dr. Gordon is a Professor of Criminology and Director of the School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University.

He has conducted research in the areas of youth justice and youth crime, street gangs and criminal groups, and the law relating to children and youth, including health law issues. He was the Director of the Greater Vancouver Gang Study (1995-1998) and has authored numerous book chapters, journal articles and reports on various aspects of youth justice, youth crime, street gangs and related groups in Canada.

Dr. Gordon was a member of the British Columbia Interministry Committee on Youth Violence and Crime from 1991 until 2005.
