



Dr. Doug Abrahamson, MBA, Fellow, DPubPol

Key Interests: Police Information Use Outcomes; Police Organizational Planning & Research Capabilities and Applications; Risk Management in Policing

Doug Abrahamson effectively bridges the police practitioner - academic scholar divide by blending academic/scholarly rigor with 35 years of professional policing experience. Having served both with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (British Columbia & Alberta) and the Victoria Police Department (British Columbia) Doug had the opportunity to work in a wide variety of policing units and roles that included, but are not limited to: VICPD Forensic Identification Section (forensic specialist); VICPD Restorative Justice (program developer and coordinator); VICPD Planning, Research and Audit Section (policy analyst, data analyst, risk management and internal management/operations auditor); VICPD Street Crime Unit (plainclothes and undercover operations); VICPD general patrol; RCMP Emergency Response & Tactics (assault team member and sniper); RCMP Highway Patrol; RCMP Fugitive Recovery Team (re: Canada Wide Warrants); RCMP General Police Duties; and RCMP National Criminal Intelligence Branch (plainclothes intelligence operator).

He holds a Doctor of Public Policy from Charles Sturt University-Australian Graduate School of Policing & Security (Manly, Australia), a Master in Business Administration degree from Royal Roads University (Victoria, BC, Canada) and was a Senior Research Fellow with the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) in Washington, DC in 2006/2007. Additionally, he was certified as an Advanced Certified Law Enforcement Planner with the International Association of Law Enforcement Planners in 2005 and a Certified Latent Fingerprint Examiner under the Criminal Code of Canada (Ministry of Solicitor General-Canada) in 1996.

Dr. Abrahamson has served and continues to serve on a variety of Board and/or Committee Member positions, some of which include: Restorative Justice Victoria Board Member & Chair of Finance Committee (2013-Present); Safety & Security Advisory Committee Member for the province of Saskatchewan Global Transportation Hub Authority (2011-2013); Co-founder & Advisory Board Chair, Law Enforcement Organization of Planning & Research Directors' Forum (LEOPRD) (2006-2007); Editorial & Review Board Member for the Canadian Journal of Police & Security Services (2005-2006); Committee Chair, Victoria Police Department Senior Management Policy & Audit Compliance Committee (2004-2006); and student elected Board Member, Royal Roads University Board of Governors (2001-2002).

Dr. Abrahamson's advanced levels of education, training and experience in policing, business management and public policy allows him to critically reflect upon current police and security practices both in the public and private sectors and to make sound recommendations for substantive policy and practice improvements. His research interests centers around:

- Police information management policies/practices, organizational behaviors, values and norms (i.e. organizational culture) and their impact on the achievement of information use "outcomes" such as problem solving, information sharing and creating work that is beneficial to the organization and community;
- Police organizational planning and research capabilities and applications; and
- Police risk management practices.

Examples of his recent police information and knowledge sharing research are contained in the following two peer reviewed journal articles:

Abrahamson, D. E., & Goodman-Delahunty, J. (2014). Impediments to information and knowledge sharing within policing: A study of three Canadian policing organizations. *SAGE Open Journal*, 4(1). [Available at <http://sgo.sagepub.com/content/4/1/2158244013519363>]. doi: 10.1177/2158244013519363

Abrahamson, D. E., & Goodman-Delahunty, J. (2013). Organizational information culture and its impact on information use in policing: An exploratory study of three Canadian organizations. *Journal of Information Research*, 18(4), paper 598. [Available at <http://InformationR.net/ir/18-4/paper598.html>]