



2023 WEST COAST SECURITY CONFERENCE: OPENING REMARKS DAY 2

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KEY EVENTS

On November 14, 2023, Dr. John Gilmour delivered the opening remarks for the second day of this year's West Coast Security Conference. The key points discussed were the structure of the day, the value and mission of CASIS, and contemporary challenges and opportunities faced by law enforcement communities.

BACKGROUND

Dr. Gilmour stated that the conference's second day would focus on police perspectives, regarding challenges and opportunities faced by law enforcement communities in an increasingly complex environment. Dr. Gilmour recognized that the conference facilitated international dialogue between law enforcement communities, where representatives from multiple countries participated. Dr. Gilmour emphasized that the diversity of represented law enforcement communities would function to illustrate commonalities and variances in how contemporary challenges faced by law enforcement are addressed.

Dr. Gilmour stated that two panels would occur during the day: one on contemporary leadership and conflict and warfare, and the second on joint-interopability and community-based policing. Dr. Gilmour stated that presently law enforcement communities are challenged by an array of issues including those of recruitment levels, training capacity, resource stability and sustainability, the increased sophistication of the operational security of criminal elements and the overlap and merging of criminal networks and enterprises. Through informing on the latest trends, resources and best practices, Dr. Gilmour stated that CASIS Vancouver serves as a valuable resource to the law enforcement community.

KEY POINTS OF DISCUSSION

- The second day of the West Coast Security Conference centered around contemporary challenges faced by law enforcement.
- Contemporary challenges to law enforcement include issues related to recruitment, training, resources, the increased sophistication of criminal elements and the overlap and merging of criminal networks and enterprises.
- The research and activities of CASIS renders the organization as valuable to law enforcement.

FURTHER READING

Gilmour, J. (2021). Does Canada have anything in the way of a strategic warning intelligence culture (and does it need one)? *The Journal of Intelligence, Conflict, and Warfare*, 4(2), 1–15.
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