RCMP Commissioner GIULIANO (ZACK) ZACCARDELLI

Current Responsibility

Giuliano Zaccardelli was installed as the 20th Commissioner of the RCMP on Sept. 2, 2000. In this role, Commissioner Zaccardelli holds responsibility for all aspects of the management and ongoing operation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and its roughly 20,000 employees.



Professional Experience

Commissioner Zaccardelli joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1970, and following recruit training at "Depot" Division in Regina, Sask., was posted to Alberta where, for the next four years, he performed a number of general policing duties. He was transferred to the Toronto Commercial Crime Section in 1974, and then in 1981 to Calgary Commercial Crime Section where as a senior investigator he was responsible for, and involved with, a number of high profile white collar crime investigations.

Commissioner Zaccardelli was commissioned in 1986 and served at RCMP Headquarters in Ottawa as the Officer in Charge (OIC), Immigration and Passport Branch. Subsequently, he was promoted to Superintendent in 1989 and appointed OIC of Criminal Operations in New Brunswick; he became a Chief Superintendent in 1993 and was appointed OIC of Criminal Operations in Quebec; promoted to Assistant Commissioner in 1995 and appointed as the Commanding Officer of RCMP Operations in Ontario. In 1998, he was promoted to the rank of Deputy Commissioner, responsible for National Headquarters.

In August 1999, Commissioner Zaccardelli assumed the then newly-created position of Deputy Commissioner, Organized Crime and Operational Policy. This position was established to ensure a clearer focus and coordination of RCMP resources at the national and international level to better respond to the changing nature of organized crime.

Personal Background

Born in Prezza, Italy, Commissioner Zaccardelli moved to Canada with his family at the age of 7 and lived in Montreal (primarily St. Léonard) until he joined the RCMP in 1970.

He is fluently trilingual in English, French and Italian and maintains strong ties to the Italian community. The Commissioner is a strong and energetic communicator, a popular and sought-after speaker and spokesperson on organized crime, globalization, cybercrime and related issues.

Commissioner Zaccardelli holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Business Administration) degree from Loyola College. He also completed the National Executive Institute Program at the FBI Academy in 1998 and graduated from the Senior Command Course at Bramshill Police Staff College, England.

An active member in government committees and police association work, the Commissioner is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police as well as a member of its Organized Crime Committee. Commissioner Zaccardelli is also the Chair of Criminal Intelligence Service Canada (CISC).

Commissioner Zaccardelli lives in Ottawa with his wife.

When he has any spare time, he enjoys team sports and golf.