

SUE O’SULLIVAN – Chair INVICTM

Throughout her career, Sue O’Sullivan has been an advocate for safe and healthy communities and for increased services to victims. Ms. O’Sullivan began her distinguished career in policing in 1981, holding numerous leadership positions throughout her 30 years of service until retiring as Deputy Chief of Police (Ottawa). Continuing forward with her work, and drawing on her background and interest in assisting those affected by crime, Ms. O’Sullivan began an appointed term as Canada's Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime on August 16, 2010 and completed her term on November 15th, 2017. During her time as Ombudsman, Ms. O’Sullivan continually placed a strong emphasis on ensuring that victims’ voices were heard at the federal level and pushed for positive change for victims of crime in Canada, including making recommendations to the Government of Canada on legislative and policy amendments.

She is currently the Chair of the International Network Supporting Victims of Terrorism and Mass Violence and the CACP National Working Group Supporting Victims of Terrorism and Mass Violence, a founding member of Victim Support Asia, a member of the International Victims Focus Group for Operation Kenova, a member of the Counter Terrorism Preparedness Network - Humanitarian Assistance and Psychosocial Subgroup and the ICRC Missing Persons Global Community. Sue is also a past president of the Leadership in Counter Terrorism Alumni Association and a current member of the Executive Advisory Board. Sue was appointed to the National DNA Data Bank Advisory Committee in 2018. She has received several prestigious awards and recognitions, including the 2022 World Society of Victimology's 'Irene Melup Certificate of Appreciation'.