

Leadership Lessons from the Frontline

16:00 - 18:00 | 03/10/2024 | Pomme d'Or Hotel, Liberation Square

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Chief of States of Jersey Police, Robin Smith, shares his experiences of leading in a crisis, discussing both successes and failures.



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Join Leadership Jersey for an inspiring event with Robin Smith, a seasoned law enforcement leader with over 30 years of experience. Robin's journey began in the mid-80s when he applied to Sussex Police, not knowing where Sussex was. At 18½, he travelled from Cambridgeshire to "Police HQ in Loo's," only to be kindly corrected by the ticket office lady, "I think you mean Lewes, love."

Event Details

- **Title:** Leadership Lessons from the Frontline
- **Date:** Thursday, 3rd October 2024
- **Time:** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

- **Location:** Pomme d'Or

Speaker Profile

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Starting his career at Brighton Police Station, Robin's early roles included the Drug Squad and Special Branch before his first taste of leadership as a Sergeant—a rank he fondly recalls as the best in the police service. Over the next two decades, Robin ascended to Chief Officer, leading through numerous high-profile incidents requiring exceptional crisis management.

His experiences include handling the tragic Shoreham air crash in 2015, the Greenwich Tube bomb, and the Croydon Tram crash. Robin also played critical roles during the Westminster Bridge and London Bridge terrorist incidents and the Manchester Arena attack.

Appointed Chief Officer for the States of Jersey Police in 2020, Robin was soon navigating the challenges of the Covid pandemic. He led responses to the Haut du Mont tragedy and Storm Ciaran and managed one of the largest operations for the Royal Visit of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

Affectionately nicknamed 'Jonah' by colleagues, Robin's career has been marked by being in the wrong place at the wrong time—turning adversity into a testament to resilience and leadership.

Event Highlights

Robin will share his experiences of leading in a crisis, discussing both successes and failures. He will highlight the importance of learning from mistakes, the role of public expectation, and setting the right 'battle rhythm' for effective responses. From a Jersey perspective, Robin will emphasise the significance of community leadership, particularly after a tragedy.

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Networking

Networking will be starting at 4:00 PM with a complimentary welcome drink before the start of the talk at 4:30 PM.

Reserve Your Spot Now!

This Leadership Jersey's last event of 2024 - why not grab a ticket for yourself, your team members, and your clients? Or support a charity or school to come with you. We can't wait to see you there for our last event of the year!

Tickets

- General Admission - £29.50
- Student & Charity Ticket - £17.50
- Table of ten - £225.00

All ticket prices are inclusive of Eventbrite's Booking Fee.

Grab your tickets now and join Leadership Jersey to gain practical leadership lessons from the frontline and support a great cause!

Who's presenting?

Robin Smith

Chief Officer, SOJP