

Sir David Veness

Principal



Areas of Focus:

- Counterterrorism and counter-proliferation threat analysis
- Critical infrastructure risk assessments
- Crisis and risk management

Selected Professional Experience

- Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security, Department of Safety and Security, United Nations (2005 – 2009)
- Assistant Commissioner, Specialist Operations, New Scotland Yard (1994 – 2005)

Sir David Veness served as Under-Secretary-General of the UN Department of Safety and Security from its creation in 2005 until June 2009. This role carries responsibility for UN operations globally. Prior to this appointment, he was Assistant Commissioner (Specialist Operations) New Scotland Yard from 1994-2005.

He joined the Metropolitan Police as a cadet in 1964 and as a constable in 1966. In the course of his police career he specialized in crisis management, serious crime investigations, hostage negotiation and counter-terrorism. Sir David was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge (MA, LL.M) and attended the Royal College of Defence Studies 1990.

Sir David was awarded Queen's Police Medal in 1994, appointed CBE in 2000, and was Knighted in 2004.