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Joe Couto is a veteran public policy and communications professional who brings 34 years of proven government relations and communication experience. Joe is currently in his 17th year as Director of Government Relations and Communications for the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police. Prior to serving with OACP, he was Senior Consultant with Enterprise Canada Consultants Inc., one of Ontario's leading government relations and communications firms, where he developed a thorough expertise in a number of public policy areas including municipal affairs, housing, energy, and taxation and fiscal policies.

In addition to his professional work, Joe is also a Professor (part-Time) in the University of Guelph-Humber's Justice Department and Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning's School of Social and Community Services (Criminal Justice), and Associate faculty in Royal Roads University's School of Communication and Culture, where he was awarded the 2016 Outstanding New Faculty Award.

A native of Brazil, Joe holds a Master of Arts in Professional Communications degree from Royal Roads University and a Bachelor of Journalism degree from Ryerson University. Joe is currently a candidate for a Doctor of Social Sciences degree from Royal Roads University.

Joe was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for his contributions to policing and public safety in Canada in 2013 and the Serving With Pride Ally Award in 2016.