

Diane Alverio

Diane Alverio is the principal in [Diane Alverio & Co.](#), where she specializes in media management and presentation skills training and develops marketing and public relations strategies for corporate, government, and non-profit organizations.

A former journalist, Diane has won numerous awards for documentaries, news coverage, and promotional ads. She has published in local and national publications and has been quoted in the *NEW YORK TIMES*, *WASHINGTON POST*, and *USA TODAY*. She wrote a chapter for a book on media coverage of the Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women held in 1995 and has co-authored seven studies on Latinos and network news programs in the U.S. For two consecutive years, Diane has been named one of the "100 most influential Hispanics in the U.S." by *HISPANIC BUSINESS* magazine. Her background includes a decade as news reporter for the CBS affiliate in Hartford; Producer of a PBS magazine program for teens; visiting member of the Editorial Board of the *HARTFORD COURANT*; and Vice President and General Manager of WLAT-AM, a Spanish-language radio station in Hartford.

Melinda Tuhus

Melinda Tuhus has worked on both sides of the media -- as an award-winning radio, print and on-line journalist, and as communications director for two very different non-profits in New Haven: a public-private partnership around substance abuse issues, and a statewide environmental organization. With 25 years of experience, Melinda has reported for diverse media outlets, including *The New York Times*, *In These Times*, Free Speech Radio News and public radio stations.

Lt. J. Paul Vance

Commanding Officer, Public Information Office Connecticut State Police

A familiar face to Connecticut television viewers, Lt. J. Paul Vance has been a Connecticut State Trooper for more than 33 years.

Since his appointment in 1974, he has been assigned to Troop L in Litchfield and Troop-I in Bethany. He has also served as a State Police Instructor at the Connecticut State Police Training Academy, teaching State Police Recruits, and taught in-service training. In addition, during his career Lt. Vance was assigned as a Major Crime Detective and also served for 17 years as a Resident State Trooper in the town of Prospect.

Presently, as the commanding officer of the Public Information Office, he is the public voice and face of the Connecticut State Police. Lt Vance speaks about all major State Police criminal cases or any issues that involve the Connecticut State Police.