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International awards for police women open for nominations

The prestigious International Association of Women Police (IAWP) Awards 2014 is now open for nominations.

These highly respected awards recognise women police officers who, through their overall service and accomplishments, have distinguished themselves in areas of leadership, community service, bravery, mentoring and excellence in performance.

Nominations from throughout the world are submitted to the annual IAWP awards and this year's recipients will be invited to receive their recognition at a glittering ceremony held at the association's training conference in Winnipeg, Canada, in September.

Mylan Masson, IAWP Awards Chairperson, said: "These awards celebrate the achievements of police women from across the world who truly excel in their roles, be it through their continued dedication and commitment or an act of outstanding bravery. It is always an honour to read the nominations that come through to us each year and learn about the tremendous achievements of police officers from so many different countries who all share a common bond of serving and protecting their communities."

The International Association of Women Police (IAWP) was established in the USA in 1915 to provide support, networking and training opportunities to women police officers. Its mission is to strengthen, unite and raise the profile of women working in the criminal justice system.

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The association now has members in 67 countries across the world and members of its Board of Directors regularly travel internationally to speak at conferences and advise on gender issues within a law enforcement setting.

The deadline for nominations is April 28, 2014. Nominations must be submitted electronically and the nomination form can be found at <http://www.iawp.org/awardsform.htm>

For further information and interview requests please contact Melanie Hill at Integrity PR on mel@integritypr.co.uk or tweet at @integritypruk

BACKGROUND

Nomination Requirements

- The recipient of the 'Officer of the Year' award must be the winner of an affiliate association's 'Officer of the Year' award for that year, or, IAWP regional coordinators may submit candidates from within their regions
- The IAWP will make a presentation at their annual training conference to each of the award recipients present
- The award recipients will receive the 2014 IAWP annual training conference registration fee and one year's membership for free
- This award programme is only for those individuals who go above and beyond the high level of performance expected in law enforcement and for individuals whose exemplary performance is so unique and distinguishable as to warrant the highest level of international recognition.

General Procedures

Only supervisors or a higher-level management official can nominate a female police officer in any of these categories. Self-nominations cannot be accepted and will be returned without action. A nominee can only be submitted for a single category. A nominee submitted in duplicate categories will not be processed in any category.

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Award Categories

These Awards are to be presented to women police officers (licensed and commissioned), who have distinguished themselves in the following categories:

Officer of the Year

Awarded to an officer who, by her overall service and accomplishments throughout her career, distinguishes herself in the four areas of leadership, community service, mentoring and excellence in performance.

Excellence in Performance

Awarded to an officer who distinguishes herself through superior attention to duty or outstanding investigative effort, which leads to the identification, location, or arrest of a major criminal or criminal activity.

IAWP Leadership

Awarded to an officer who distinguishes herself by superior accomplishments or continuing, long term involvement, using leadership skills that encompass but are not limited to problem solving, planning, organisational, communication and/or administrative which make a significant contribution within the agency or the law enforcement mission.

Mentoring

Awarded to an officer, who distinguishes herself with her support and assistance to women in law enforcement, development of programmes or policies favourable to women, serving on committees or organisations that review women's issues.

Medal of Valor

An act of bravery or heroism, at risk of her own personal safety or in the face of great danger, above and beyond the call of duty. The Medal of Valor may be awarded to as many nominated officers as qualify.

Community Service

Awarded to an officer who distinguishes herself by superior accomplishments through developing, designing, implementing and participating in programmes involving communities, which include neighbourhoods, schools, community meetings, and businesses.

Civilian Achievement Award

Awarded for outstanding achievement by a civilian woman that has gone above and beyond to support, promote and enhance the criminal justice profession.

Notes: Awards must be submitted electronically. We do not accept photographs, letters, newspaper articles or similar items. Nominations which do not comply will be automatically rejected and not considered under the Awards Programme

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