

**International Association of Women Police  
Bereavement Notice from Chaplain Dow  
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**Greetings IAWP family,**

Our centenary year is in full swing and our annual training conference is right around the corner.

Next month we will meet in Cardiff, Wales for great training and a fun filled celebration of 100 years of IAWP.

As part of our opening ceremony we will honor those law enforcement officers that have gone from this earth before us. They blazed the trail that we all proudly walk carrying the torch they passed on to us.

I would like to recognized a few that have recently passed away:

[Chief Deputy Alexandria Magness](#)

Sacramento County Sheriff Department (California, USA)

Alexandria started as a clerk in 1963 and retired as a Chief Deputy in 1992.

[Chief Carol Mehrling](#)

Montgomery County Maryland (USA)

First female Chief of the second largest police agency in the U.S.

[Police Officer Lillian Strand](#)

Erie Police Department (USA )

Erie's first female police officer. She joined the Police Department in 1958 and retired in 1988.

[Police Officer Thelma Harris](#)

Miami-Dade Police Officer (Florida, USA)

Thelma was Miami-Dade's first black female officer. She was very well educated holding a Master's Degree in Human Resources and was nicknamed "Officer Friendly".

[Alice Bachison](#)

Yakima Police Department (Washington, USA)

Alice joined her agency in 1951 as their first female officer and was a strong advocate for police women on her agency. She retired in 1983 yet still remained a presence and voice for the women of her agency.

Please go to our website and look at the memorial listing for these and other women warriors who have passed away.

I hope to see many of you in Cardiff. I wish everyone safety and wisdom as you carry out your daily work. Peace and protection for you, your families and colleagues.

Blessings,  
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