

Press Release



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Top Policewoman Backs Worldwide Bid to Stop Violence against Women

The President of the International Association of Women Police (IAWP) has spoken of her support for a global drive to end violence against women.

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is held every year on November 25.

Jane Townsley, President of the IAWP, said: "It is shocking that at least one in every three women around the world has been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in her lifetime. Usually the abuser is someone she knows.

"Police officers across the globe deal with these types of incidents every day and see the pain and suffering caused. The International Association of Women Police is proud to support the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women."

The UN General Assembly designated November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women in 1999. Governments, international organisations and NGOs are invited to organise activities on the day to raise public awareness of the problem.

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women also launches the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence, which runs through to December 10, Human Rights Day.

The IAWP has members in 58 countries across the world and its aim is to strengthen, unite and raise the profile of women working in the criminal justice system. The organisation is committed to further enhancing its members' skills through professional development, training, recognition, mentoring, networking and peer support.

To find out more about the IAWP please visit the website www.iawp.org

For further information or to arrange an interview with IAWP President, Jane Townsley, please contact Melanie Hill at Integrity PR on 07527 847423 or email mel@integritypr.co.uk

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Notes to Editors:

Jane Townsley is a serving British Transport Police chief inspector. Throughout her police career she has been involved in issues that particularly effect women within the police service and has represented the female perspective on various committees both within her own police force and nationally on behalf of the British Association for Women in Policing (BAWP), of which she is a national committee member.

In 2003 she initiated setting up a female network within British Transport Police specifically to progress the Gender Agenda in the Force.

She joined the IAWP in 1996 and became a member of the Board of Directors as the Region 13 (Europe) Coordinator four years later. She was elected President of the IAWP in 2009.

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