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IAWP Welcomes New Historian

The International Association of Women Police (IAWP) has welcomed a new Historian to its Board of Directors.

Inspector Cheryl F. Brasil works in the Consumer and Environmental Protection Division for the Alameda County District Attorney's Office in California, USA.

She said she was very much looking forward to being the IAWP's Historian, a role which she will fulfil alongside her position at the Alameda County DA's Office.

"I feel very privileged to accept the position as IAWP Historian and look forward to holding the office with dignity and high regard while honouring the organisation's mission, vision and guiding values," she said. "The IAWP is a fantastic organisation bringing together a network of police officers from across the world and I'm very proud to be a part of it."

Founded in 1915 the IAWP has a long history in supporting, and raising the profile, of the important role women play in law enforcement around the world.

In more recent years, as the membership has grown to include police officers in over 60 countries, the IAWP's annual training conferences have become forums for research conducted by universities and professional organisations. The seminars have also attracted experts in diverse fields of criminal justice who share their views and disseminate important information to the members. Meeting for five days, women and men assemble from all over the world to broaden their knowledge through workshops and through lectures in a formal classroom setting.

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The recent upsurge in the numbers of female law-enforcement officers around the world has enhanced the IAWP. The Association now spans the globe with 18 regions. Members in countries, states and provinces, cities and counties have formed affiliate chapters to provide support and training to officers who cannot attend the IAWP training conferences.

Although the IAWP was established primarily to benefit women, it was recognized that a healthy criminal justice system requires that cohesiveness, professionalism and communication exist between men and women. Since 1976 male officers have been IAWP members.

The IAWP provides a strong network of support and training for every woman and man in the criminal justice system. For further information visit www.iawp.org

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