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### **The Deaths of PC Fiona Bone and PC Nicola Hughes of Greater Manchester Police**

Statement from Chief Inspector Jane Townsley, President of the International Association of Women Police:

“The events in Manchester today are horrifying. They are a shocking reminder of the risks police officers face every day to protect the public. Police officers are unique in that they leave home each day to go to work and never know what dangers they may face.

“I know that all members of the International Association of Women Police join with me in conveying our deepest sympathies to the officers’ family, friends, colleagues and the wider Greater Manchester Police Force. Our thoughts are also with the communities in which the officers lived and worked. When such tragic events happen they have a profound effect on many people, not only police officers.

“Each year, at the opening ceremony of our annual conference, we light a memorial candle which burns throughout the conference in tribute to fallen police women across the globe.”

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

1. The International Association of Women Police (IAWP) has members in 60 countries throughout 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.
2. Further information about the IAWP can be found at [www.iawp.org](http://www.iawp.org)
3. The President of the IAWP is Jane Townsley. She also serves as a Chief Inspector with British Transport Police.
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