



Press Release

International Association of Women Police Announce New Male Annual Award - in support of UNWomen's 'HeForShe' campaign

Following their commitment at the UN Commission for the Status of Women (CSW) 60 to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the IAWP announces a new category in their Annual Recognition Program, a male award in support of UNWomen's 'HeForShe' campaign.

The 'HeForShe' campaign is the UN's 'Solidarity Movement for Gender Equality' bringing together one half of humanity in support of the other half of humanity, for the benefit of all', <http://www.heforshe.org>. The movement and campaign hinge on the premise that gender equality is not just a women's issue but a human rights issue that requires participation from both women *and* men.

The new IAWP award will be included as part of the IAWP's Annual Recognition program for the first time in 2017. It will recognise a male officer or male civilian employed by a Law Enforcement Agency or Police Force, who has made a significant contribution and commitment to the advancement of women in policing.

The IAWP recognises the important role men play in improving policing for women officers and/or civilian employees, such as implementing employment policies and practices, recruitment or training in order to redress gender discrimination, or the active advancement of women in policing.

IAWP President Margaret Shorter, "IAWP has, for the past 100 years, promoted the role of women in policing, championing change to enable women to play their full part in delivering an inclusive service to local communities. Our belief is that in order for women to be recognised for their contribution, they need not only the support of their female colleagues, but male colleagues too, and there are many men who actively support women in policing, themselves often going unrecognized for their efforts. By creating this new award, IAWP hopes to inspire other men to play an

active role in developing truly representative law enforcement and policing organisations”.

IAWP accepts men as full members and currently there are a number of men who are life members of I.A.W.P., demonstrating their commitment to diversity and, in support of their female colleagues. Two male members have previously served on the IAWP Board of Directors.

For more information about IAWP visit www.iawp.org

(Award Title – Male award ‘in support of HeForShe’).

For more information about the UN HeForShe campaign visit http://www.heforshe.org/-/media/heforshe/files/our%20mission/heforshe_overview_brief.pdf