



Press release

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Countdown is on to IAWP's 2015 Conference in Cardiff

Hundreds of police women from around the world will be joining together in Cardiff, Wales, in August for the annual training conference of the International Association of Women Police (IAWP).

The event is being held in a milestone year for women in policing: not only is 2015 the centenary year of the IAWP, it is also 100th anniversary of the first women joining the British Police.

The organisation's annual training conferences draw female police officers and support staff from all over the world. South Wales Police and the British Association for Women in Policing (BAWP) are very proud to jointly host the IAWP's conference which will be held from August 23rd – 27th.

The IAWP was established in Los Angeles, USA in 1915 by the first American policewomen as an international organisation to provide professional development, mentoring, training, networking and recognition for female law enforcement officers and civilian support staff, as well as increase the numbers of women in policing. Now, 100 years later, it has members in more than 60 countries and continues in the same traditions established by the founders.

A packed training agenda has been organised for the conference with many key speakers from Britain and overseas. These include Greater Manchester Police Chief Superintendent Nick Adderley (UK, Borough Commander when PCs Nicola Bone & Fiona Hughes were murdered); San Diego Deputy District Attorney Paul Greenwood (USA, world authority on Elder Abuse); former Detective Chief Inspector Metropolitan Police Jackie Malton (UK, role model for Prime Suspect TV series); Lt. Colonel (retired) Cindy Shain (USA, Interim Director of the Southern Police Institute); and, IAWP President Jane Townsley (UK, Chief Inspector (retired) with the British Transport Police). Other topics covered include leadership, Domestic Violence, Counter Terrorism, Strategic Planning, the Gender Agenda, body worn cameras and personal development.

The IAWP annual award recipients will be announced during the conference and there will also be a historic exhibition celebrating the first 100 years of British policewomen.

IAWP President Jane Townsley, said: "The IAWP annual training conferences are always inspiring events, bringing together police women from across the globe to share their experiences of policing and to further enhance their skills through world class training and expert speakers. This year's event will be very special because it is being held in a year of double celebrations for women in policing – 100 years of the IAWP and the first 100 years of British women in policing."

The official conference web site, www.iawp2015.org contains further information. For information about the IAWP and how to join, go to www.iawp.org. For further information and interviews please contact Conference Directors:

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