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Chief Superintendent Phyllis Ama Tebuah Osei, Ghana Police Service

Chief Superintendent Osei has served 13 years in the Ghana Police Service, she holds a master's degree in criminology, a master's degree in Defence and International Politics as well as a qualification in psychology. Her policing achievements are many both nationally and internationally.

From 2010 to 2017, as the commander of the Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit, which is also responsible for gender issues, she delivered reforms in the gender department, advocated against female genital mutilation (FGM) and early and forced marriage in Ghana, supported by UNFPA. She also initiated an intervention program to combat high incidences of rape and defilement of children resulting in teenage pregnancy. This initiative was a campaign against child sexual abuse run in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Tourism Society of Ghana. During the Presidential and Parliamentary elections in Ghana, Chief Superintendent Osei was appointed as the strategic coordinator/team leader of the National Joint Operations Centre, which was the information hub overseeing the elections, she completed this role without major incident.

Chief Superintendent Osei enjoys training others and was part of a team that trained over 350 senior police officers in command and leadership positions. She has been a facilitator for pre-deployment training of officers embarking on UN Peacekeeping missions. In February 2018, Chief Superintendent Osei was deployed as a female peacekeeper with the United Nations mission in Somalia (UNSOM) as a police advisor and a gender and sexual and Gender Based Violence (GBV) focal point for the Regional state of Jubaland. During her deployment she initiated an adult literacy training for 49 female national police officers who were unable to read or write in either English or Somali languages, the literacy training is now being expanded to male officers.

Chief Superintendent Osei will be honoured at a formal luncheon during the IAWP's 57th Annual Training Conference due to take place between 23rd and 27th September 2019 in Anchorage, Alaska, USA.

IAWP President Deborah Friedl, "For the past 104 years, IAWP has promoted the role of women in policing. IAWP champions change to enable women to play their full part in delivering an inclusive service to their local communities. Without our annual recognition programme many phenomenal women and men would go unrecognized for their efforts".

The **Mission** of the IAWP is: To strengthen, unite and raise the capacity of women in policing internationally.

Vision: IAWP envisions a world where police reflect the diversity of the communities they serve and where human rights are protected.

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