



IAWP and Members Receive Support from Axon During COVID-19

Police officers and other emergency responders can now use Axon Citizen to collect, manage and share community digital evidence while maintaining social distance

We are delighted that Axon, the global leader in connected public safety technologies is continuing its corporate partnership with the International Association of Women Police (IAWP) in 2020, a year that has become particularly challenging for both Law Enforcement and the companies that work with them. The support provided by Axon during these very difficult times is even more important for IAWP, helping us to survive this current crisis, enabling us to continue to provide support to our members.

We are proud to be associated with Axon, a global network of devices, apps and people that help public safety personnel become smarter and safer. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted again the risks taken by those who serve to protect local communities' day in day out, often putting their own lives at risk in doing so.

On the 26th March 2020, Axon announced that, in the interest of public health, it would be providing global access to the full feature set of [Axon Citizen](#), at no cost this year, to every agency that is not currently using the digital evidence platform. This tool allows officers to gather digital evidence from individuals during an investigation by sending a personalised link via SMS, email, directly from the Axon digital evidence management platform, [Axon Evidence](#) or the [Axon Capture](#) mobile app. This reduces the potential exposure to COVID-19 for officers.

Today, officers may interact with members of the public to collect digital evidence like photos, videos or other data. But during the current period of social distancing, these interactions for non-urgent evidence collection can put officers and citizens at risk. Axon Citizen radically simplifies evidence collection and allows officers to collect and manage community evidence from a mobile or desktop device. The intuitive interface allows critical evidence to be securely submitted into Axon Evidence in three clicks, where the software's features can be used to easily create a chain of custody and assess, catalogue and search footage.

“Our mission has always been to protect life. By enabling virtual evidence collection, we can immediately help first responders and public safety officials reduce their exposure to COVID-19,” says **Axon’s CEO and founder, Rick Smith**. “We’re providing agencies around the world open access to Axon Citizen during this crisis so officers can avoid collecting digital files in person.”

Deborah Friedl, IAWP President, “Policing through a global pandemic is bringing unique challenges to police forces across the globe. It is vitally important to have access to resources, products and innovative strategies to perform our duties while ensuring

safety. Axon has been a trusted industry leader and has truly risen during this crisis. A long-time supporter of the IAWP, we are proud to recognize Axon for their efforts”.

About Axon

Axon is a network of devices, apps and people that helps public safety personnel become smarter and safer. With a mission of protecting life, Axon technologies give customers the confidence, focus and time they need to keep their communities safe. Axon’s products impact every aspect of a public safety officer's day-to-day experience.

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Our Mission: To strengthen, unite and raise the capacity of women in policing internationally.

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

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