



### **Media Release**

**International Association of Women Police  
Recognition & Scholarship Recipient  
Chief Superintendent Kerry Smith, Leicestershire Police, U.K.**

The objectives of the Recognition & Scholarship Award are:

- **To increase understanding of the roles of women officers in various countries.**
- **To encourage participation in the International Association of Women Police by all countries of the world.**
- **To promote membership in the International Association of Women Police through the recipient of this award within her region.**
- **To increase international understanding and awareness of women in law enforcement and the International Association of Women Police.**
- **To recognize the accomplishments of a woman officer from outside North America.**

Chief Superintendent Smith has 25 years policing service, is married is to a firefighter and has two children. She works within Leicestershire Police in the U.K. and currently leads a three Force specialist operations collaboration. She has a range of specialist operational command experience, working in areas that are still dominated by men. Having been one of the first female firearms officers, she became interested in the development and progression of women in policing. She attained a Masters' degree in Police Leadership and Management and completed her dissertation on Women in Firearms and the difficulties of attracting and retaining women in that area of policing.

Chief Superintendent Smith is Chair of the Women Inclusive Network within Leicestershire and has significantly developed the network over the past 3 years. The network concentrates on developing, mentoring and coaching females along with providing a key link for new policies and procedures. She is also a committee member for the British Association of Women in Policing and a District Chair for the Superintendents Association. She is keen to acknowledge the work of current and previous female officers and is passionate about helping the next generation.

Chief Superintendent Smith recently travelled to India where she visited Madhya Pradesh police. While there, she was privileged to have the opportunity to build relationships and exchange information and ideas around a variety of policing areas including the recruitment and progression of women in policing, contact management, sexual and domestic violence. She was also able to share her experiences and talk about the challenges and opportunities in policing at the Indore Training Facility. She felt that this was one of her proudest moments and made her realize the value of relationships between differing countries. On learning of her scholarship to attend the 2018 IAWP conference, she said, "I know that this will be an amazing experience and I cannot wait to meet some of our wider police family".

Chief Superintendent Smith will be honoured during the IAWP's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference due to take place between 26<sup>th</sup> and 30th August 2018, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

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