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### International Association of Women Police – Excellence in Performance Award, 2020 Detective Constable Emma Bee, Leicestershire Police, UK

Detective Constable Bee joined Leicestershire Police on the 25th of February 1999 with the intention of becoming a Detective Constable, and on the 3rd of March 2003 achieved this ambition. She is married to an officer and after becoming a mum worked part time until very recently. She is even more proud of her career achievements as she has been able to perform to a high standard as well as trying to manage a busy home with young children. DC Bee has worked in various Force and regional departments, is rape trained, surveillance trained and has worked as an area detective, Serious Crime, Complex Investigation, OPERATION SPARTAN to tackle guns and Organised Crime, and the Murder Investigation Team, both when this was a force unit and now regionally as part of the East Midlands Special Operations Unit.

Between April 2015 and April 2019, Emma worked tirelessly on a very complex case following a serious stabbing in which the victim sustained life threatening injuries.

Despite the sheer scale, Emma almost single-handedly investigated and case-managed the incident - resulting in a number of defendants being convicted, including two for attempted murder. One of the sentences was also increased following a successful hearing at the Court of Appeal.

DC Bee's investigation of this case has been nothing short of incredible. The outstanding operational results have been delivered through sheer hard work, investigative ability and professionalism. As a colleague of hers remarked 'if it weren't for Emma, this job would not have got to court'. DC Bee investigated the incident to the highest possible standards, she never lost sight of the most important person - the victim. The Prosecution Barrister has remarked that never in over 30 years at the bar has he witnessed an officer who is so professional and caring, this is high praise indeed.

IAWP President Deborah Friedl, "The IAWP is so pleased to recognize the outstanding work of our colleagues in law enforcement. These stories exemplify that with the right tools, training and opportunity, women excel in policing and keep our communities safer."

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