



Media Release

International Association of Women Police – Leadership Award, 2021 **Commissioner Maame Yaa Tiwaa Addo-Danquah, Ghana Police Service**

Commissioner Maame Yaa Tiwaa Addo-Danquah joined the Ghana Police Service in 1990 rising through the ranks to her current position as Commissioner of Police. During her career she has served in many roles within the Ghana Police Service as well as a deployment to the United Nations Mission in Kosovo. As a Chartered Accountant, she also lectures at the Police Academy and several Institutions on Best Practices in Accounting and security matters.

Commissioner Addo-Danquah consistently demonstrates her pioneering abilities by turning departments around to achieve enviable heights. She was the first female officer of the Ghana Police Service to be appointed as the Director-General for the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) where she brought significant and concrete reforms. During her tenure she solicited international support for the introduction of the Automated Fingerprint System (AFIS), with sponsorship from UNICEF established the first digital forensic laboratory in Ghana for the Cybercrime Unit, introduced a case tracking system which facilitated easy monitoring of cases under investigation regardless of the location of the case and she ensured the training of over 550 detectives by bringing the then defunct CID Training School back to life.

In November, 2013, when the then Inspector General of Police, Mr Mohammed Alhassan, established the Ghana Police Staff Command College (GPCSC) at Winneba, Commissioner Addo-Danquah was appointed the first female Commandant of the College. Through her initiatives, funds were secured from the Ghana Education Service Trust Fund (GETFund) to build an Auditorium and a Conference Hall for the College. In recognition of her sterling performance, she was promoted to the next rank on special recommendation.

Commissioner Addo-Danquah is currently serving as the Director-General in charge of Welfare, under her leadership outstanding strides have been made with far-reaching impacts on police personnel and the service. She consistently ensures that sick personnel, as well as those in distress are attended to on time.

She is a force to be reckoned with as far as results are concerned. Her interpersonal and relationship skills are phenomenal, and she is an inspiration to all. She believes and demonstrates that the essence of leadership is to serve and empower your followers. Her strong emotional intelligence, forthrightness and sense of humour constantly endears her to those she works with; therefore, results are achieved under her leadership in an aura of teamwork and support for all members. Commissioner Addo-Danquah is indeed an invaluable asset to the Ghana Police Service.

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

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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