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She is a teacher and lawyer by education. She did not choose the profession of a Law Enforcement Officer. Since childhood, she dreamed of being a teacher. Of course, Svitlana did not betray her dreams: 23 years – it’s a work in the system of professional education of the Ministry of Internal Affairs: lecturer at the Department of Legal Documentation, Deputy Head of the Yaroslav Kondratiev Law Lyceum of the National Academy of Internal Affairs. She is currently the Head of the Methodological Department responsible for gender equality of the Academy of Patrol Police.

The Academy is a platform for the development, gaining of new knowledge and the study of new experience. Thus, the participation in the 57th International Conference of Women Police in Canada (2018) was the impetus for joining the Ukrainian Association of Women in Law Enforcement and the International Association of Women Police. She believes that equal access and equal rights for men and women is not a game of gender equality of women, it is an important need that requires to be addressed at the state level. The expected result is equal rights for men and women in all areas, equal representation and access to all resources.

Of course, there were so many different people and events in my life, but today, I can say with confidence I am a lucky one. I have always had, and still have people, who can teach, help, inspire me to move forward and stop me, advise and support me in difficult moments and share joy and sorrow. I always remember my parents with great respect and gratitude, teachers, mentors and colleagues at school and academy and friends whose advice and support are extremely important to me around my whole life.

My children Vladyslava and Nazar, friends and colleagues, the results of my work, and of course, travel and work on yourself are an incentive to move forward and an inspiration for change. “Do what inspire you, and then you will have nothing to regret in the future.”