



## **Media Release**

### **International Association of Women Police Foundation Announces Recipients of 2018 Annual Recognition Programme.**

The International Association of Women Police Foundation is pleased to announce the 2018 recipients of our Annual Recognition Programme, all of whom will be honoured at a formal luncheon during the IAWP's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference due to take place between 26<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Each year the IAWP receives nominations from across the globe for women in policing who are deserving of recognition for their contribution to policing and to their local communities. We also receive nominations for men to be considered for our 'male award in support of HeForShe'. It recognises a male officer or civilian employed by a Law Enforcement Agency or Police Force, who has made a significant contribution and commitment to the advancement of women in policing. The quality of the nominations across all the award categories creates a very difficult task for the selection committee, and 2018 again provided the committee with a real challenge as every one of the nominees is deserving of recognition.

IAWP President Margaret Shorter, "IAWP has, for the past 103 years, promoted the role of women in policing, championing change to enable women to play their full part in delivering an inclusive service to local communities. Our belief is that women need to be recognised for their contribution. Without our annual recognition programme some phenomenal women, and men, would go unrecognized for their efforts".

### **OFFICER OF THE YEAR – Sponsored by Axon**

To be awarded to a female officer who distinguishes herself by her exemplary conduct and achievements in more than one area of policing and over a period of time that has a significant impact on her agency and /or area of responsibility.

**Constable Kelley McIntyre**  
Kennebecasis Regional Police  
New Brunswick, Canada

### **LEADERSHIP – Sponsored by Niche Technology**

To be awarded to a female officer who distinguishes herself by demonstrating a continuing long-term commitment to leadership using exceptional personal skills, leading teams and team building, developing others, organizational skills and administration that has an outstanding positive impact within her agency or area of responsibility.

**Colonel Taibe Canolli**  
Kosovo Police  
Kosovo

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

To be awarded to a female officer who distinguishes herself by her exemplary actions to improve public safety, reduce crime and criminal behavior, reduce anti-social behavior or foster better relationships between Police and the local community.

**Sergeant Gina Scott**  
Queensland Police Service

Australia

## **MENTORING & COACHING**

To be awarded to a female officer who distinguishes herself by her support, assistance and development of women in law enforcement by focusing on their career aspirations, their ongoing personal development and/or producing training programs or policies which enhance the role of women in policing.

### **Superintendent Virginia Nelson**

Queensland Police Service  
Australia

## **EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMANCE**

To be awarded to a female officer who distinguishes herself by her exceptional policing skills that have a significant impact in her agency or area of responsibility. Such as the arrest of a prolific criminal, detection of multiples offences, improved road safety or improved Policing performance.

### **Superintendent Cindy White**

Niagara Regional Police  
Ontario, Canada

## **BRAVERY**

To be awarded to a female officer who distinguishes herself by an exemplary act of bravery or heroism, on or off duty, and at risk of her own personal safety or in the face of danger and in the execution of her duty.

### **Senior Constable Catherine Nielsen**

Queensland Police Service  
Australia

## **CIVILIAN ACHIEVEMENT**

To be awarded to a female civilian staff member of a law enforcement agency who by her exemplary conduct has made an outstanding achievement to support, promote, improve and enhance policing, law enforcement and/or the criminal justice profession.

### **Sandra Kurdziel**

Hamilton Police Service  
Ontario, Canada

## **MALE AWARD in Support of 'HeForShe'**

Award to recognize a male officer or male civilian employed by a law enforcement agency or police force, who has made a significant contribution and commitment to the advancement of women in policing.

### **Commissioner Andrew Colvin**

Australian Federal Police  
Australia

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

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

For more information about IAWP visit [www.iawp.org](http://www.iawp.org)

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