



Media Release

International Association of Women Police – Male Award in Support of United Nations 'HeForShe' Campaign, 2020 Captain Oleksiy Biloshytskiy, Patrol Police Department, Ukraine

Captain Oleksiy Biloshytskiy joined the patrol police of Ukraine in 2014 rising to the head of the monitoring unit of the Monitoring and Analytical Support Department and is now the First Deputy Chief of the Patrol Police Department of Ukraine.

As the First Deputy Chief of the Patrol Police Department, he is actively involved in ensuring equal rights and opportunities for both women and men in Patrol Police units, examples include but are not limited to:

Actively promoting ideas of gender equality and women's leadership at the state level, and directly participates in various forums and conferences on equal rights and opportunities for women and men.

Introducing a new approach to recruiting for the Patrol Police as a whole, which implemented gender sensitive recruitment standards. In particular, recruitment campaigns of the Patrol Police of Ukraine are directed equally to women and men.

Implementing a progressive recruitment campaign initiated by him personally, women are actively engaged within specialist areas of policing, such as the tactical and operational response unit. Service in such units used to be considered exclusively for men, but thanks to Captain BILOSHYTSKIY, an awareness campaign using gender-sensitive standards busted this stereotype.

One of the most important and significant achievements in promoting the idea of gender equality was playing a leading role in initiating the creation and promotion of the Ukrainian Association of Women in Law Enforcement (UAWLE). Captain BILOSHYTSKIY advocated establishment of UAWLE by involving international partners and donors, becoming the ambassador for gender equality in the largest unit of the National Police of Ukraine - the Patrol Police Department. He is also a member of UAWLE.

Despite the lack of a formal mentoring program within the police, Captain BILOSHYTSKIY has become a mentor for a large number of women who are developing their careers and professionalism. He has repeatedly initiated the appointment of women to leadership positions in various structural units of the Patrol Police of Ukraine.

IAWP President Deborah Friedl, "We are once again so pleased to acknowledge the supportive efforts of a male colleague who has not only advocated for women in the agency but sends a strong community message that diversity is valued."

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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