

2018 INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN POLICE



2018 IAWP International Scholarship Recipient
Chief Superintendent Kerry Smith
Leicestershire Police, United Kingdom

Chair Cindy Shain and members of the IAWP International Scholarship Committee are proud to announce the recipient of the 2018 IAWP International Scholarship, **Chief Superintendent Kerry Smith**, from the **Leicestershire Police in the United Kingdom**. She will attend the **56th** Annual Conference in Calgary, Alberta, Canada on August 26-30, 2018. This year's conference will be focusing the policing world and how we lead change in our communities and in our workplaces. The process continues to be a very competitive one with high quality applicants, representing police women from around the globe (from such geographically diverse countries as Guyana, Israel, India, Bangladesh, Papua New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands).

Chief Superintendent Smith has 25 years policing service. During that time she has worked in two Forces and held a variety of roles including response, neighborhoods, control room, intelligence, partnerships and specialist operations. She works within Leicestershire Police and currently leads a three Force specialist operations collaboration.

Having been one of the first female firearms officers, she became interested in the development and progression of women in policing. She attained a Masters' degree in Police Leadership and Management and completed her dissertation on Women in Firearms and the difficulties of attracting and retaining women in that area of policing.

Chief Superintendent Smith is a public order commander, strategic firearms commander and gold CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) commander. She is Chair of the Women Inclusive Network within Leicestershire and has significantly developed the network over the past 3 years. The network concentrates on developing, mentoring and coaching females along with providing a key link for new policies and procedures. She is also a committee member for the British Association of Women in Policing and a District Chair for the Superintendents Association. She is keen to acknowledge the work of current and previous female officers and is passionate about helping the next generation.

Chief Superintendent Smith recently traveled to India where she visited Madhya Pradesh police. While there, she was privileged to have the opportunity to share information around vital areas of policing such as sexual and domestic violence and to learn from the Indian police. She was able to share her experiences and talk about the challenges and opportunities in policing at the Indore Training Facility. She felt that this was one of her proudest moments and made her realize the value of relationships between differing countries.

She is married to a firefighter and has two children. She has recently started cycling and has volunteered to do a 180-mile cycle ride over 3 days in July to raise money and awareness of the Care of Police Survivors charity which helps families of officers who die in the course of their duties.

When first notified by IAWP International Scholarship Chair Cindy Shain, Chief Superintendent Smith said she was "completely overwhelmed to have been selected" for the IAWP International Recognition and Scholarship award. She said "I am really proud to represent not only Leicestershire police but policing from England and Wales at the conference in Calgary. I want to thank the IAWP committee for this opportunity. I know that this will be an amazing experience and I cannot wait to meet some of our wider police family."