



MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN POLICE
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Dear Chief or Sheriff,

I am reaching out on behalf of the MN Association of Women Police (MAWP). Our association is a professional association dedicated to professionalizing women in Law Enforcement from, Police officers to dispatch, corrections, probation, CPS, support staff and more, through training, networking, and mentoring opportunities.

Our association has been around since 1955 and our mission has always been focused, now more than ever, on fostering and building up qualified and competent candidates for our profession. We are affiliated with the 30x30 initiative, and we are aware some of your agencies have pledged to it. Our association wants to partner with each of you to help achieve this goal and mission! We work with the local colleges that have Law Enforcement programs to help further this goal.

We hold annual conferences that move around the State. It would be a great pleasure to have each of you or your designees at our conferences to support your female staff. We are encouraging you to send your female staffs to our conferences which are typically held the first week of May annually. The dates for the 2025 conference will be May 5th – 7th.

At each conference, we recognize females that have been nominated for various awards by their departments. We encourage you to nominate your female staff in the following nine (9) categories for their hard work.

The following are the awards categories:

Officer of the Year Award
Leadership Award
Medal of Valor Award

Excellence in Performance Award
Melissa Schmidt Community Service Award
Excellence in Support Award

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*Excellence in Service Award
Community Service Award*

*Carolyn Daily Mentoring Award
Recognition of Heritage Award*

We know these awards are important to our nominees, communities, and departments. We believe the recognition of our women in law enforcement not only empowers and acknowledges our current officers' efforts, but our future. Please take time to review each one of these awards and their meaning at the link below. If you have a nomination, please complete the form, and submit it to: mawpcommunications@gmail.com.

The MAWP board reviews each submission and selects a nominee to be celebrated this year for their strength, talents, and skills. Please learn more at: <https://www.mnwomenpolice.com/get-involved>

Additionally, 2025 is a big year for our association. We will be celebrating our 70th platinum jubilee anniversary. We will be hosting a gala to celebrate the occasion and honor all the women and those men that have supported us along the way. We would love for you to send delegations from your agencies to be represented at this event as well to celebrate with us. Please visit our events page on our website for more information on ticket prices and further details. <https://www.mnwomenpolice.com/event-details/mawp-70th-anniversary-gala-1>

Sincerely,

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