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Honor a DPD Female Officer for Womens History Month

Call for Entries for New Awards Program

The Durham Police Department (DPD) is implementing an awards program to recognize marks of excellence among women members of its workforce and law enforcement partners. The DPD Women's History Month awards will honor the exemplary achievements of women employees and members of the general public who advance the ideals of public safety; enhance the department's organizational culture; and/or forged new paths as pioneers in the profession.

"This additional awards program is simply a means to commemorate the significant ways women are advancing the ideals of law enforcement in our community," says Police Chief C. J. Davis. "I am proud that DPD's rich history has included above average percentages of female officers and that the majority of our professional support staff is female. As of today DPD has 78 sworn female officers (including recruits) and 82 non-sworn female employees."

Entries are also welcome from the public. The awards categories are: Rookie Commendation; Crime-Fighter Commendation, Sworn Supervisor Commendation; Civilian Administrator Commendation; Civilian Employee Commendation; "Sister-in-Law" Commendation and Trailblazer Commendation.

Award criteria and nomination forms are available on www.durhampolice.com. Scroll to the bottom of the home page. Click "2017 DPD Women's History Month Award Nomination Form." The deadline for submission of entries is Friday, February 17, 2017. For more information email Kimberle.Walker@durhamnc.gov in the department's Public Affairs Unit or call (919) 560-4322 extension 29194.