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CAPTAIN GILLARD JOINS OHIO EFFORT TO COMBAT CRIMES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Alexandria, VA – Captain Michelle D. Gillard has been chosen as one of several law enforcement executives from across the state to participate in the *Ohio Law Enforcement Leadership Institute on Violence Against Women* hosted by The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Through the Institute experience, the IACP intends to raise the response to violence against women crimes higher on law enforcement's agenda and support the adoption of best practices by the officers in the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

During the four-day Institute taking place in Columbus-Worthington, OH, Captain Gillard, along with the other selected participants, will explore innovative approaches for investigating crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking. Additional attention will center on assessing agency performance and sharing challenges and solutions with law enforcement colleagues.

In an effort to help law enforcement agencies enhance their response to crimes of violence against women, the Ohio Institute will focus on planning and methods for effective resource allocation to help crime victims and hold perpetrators accountable. The participating law enforcement executives will be engaged in the development of action plans throughout the Institute in order to adopt new strategies for pro-active coordinated community collaboration upon returning to their departments.

Attendance at the Institute is supported by a grant to the IACP from the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

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