



Wisconsin Association of Women Police

AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The Wisconsin Association of Women Police (WAWP) is accepting nominations for our annual awards. Awardees will be notified and announced in early January 2026, and awards will be presented at our annual awards luncheon on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. The WAWP has three award categories including: the **Mary Rita Ostrander Leadership Award**, **Woman Police Officer of the Year Award**, and **Merit Award**. These awards provide an opportunity for you to recognize someone from your agency who you feel should be recognized by other law enforcement professionals around the state.

When making your nomination, please attach a letter or other documentation explaining why you believe this person is deserving of the award. Letters should give specific examples of actions, activities, and behaviors that illustrate the individual's outstanding achievements and/or qualities. This information will help WAWP in selecting the most deserving recipients. *Please note that awardees may be placed into a different award category based on the discretion of the Awards Committee.*

All nominations must be submitted electronically to: **Awards Chair and Past President Tracie Jokala at tjokala@cityofmadison.com**. **Deadline is Friday Jan 2, 2026 at 4pm CST.**

Wisconsin Association of Women Police Award Criteria

The **MARY RITA OSTRANDER LEADERSHIP AWARD** – is awarded to any WAWP member who is a certified law enforcement officer who has distinguished herself/himself as follows:

- * Demonstrated by specific continuous act, her/his support of women in law enforcement.
- * Has supported and served as a role model to women in law enforcement.
- * Has distinguished herself/himself by:
 - Their day-to-day assignments.
 - Dedication to ones' community or to the law enforcement profession above and beyond assigned work duties.
 - Demonstrating work-related act(s) within the past year to exceptional courage, leadership, initiative, innovation, and dedication.
 - Displaying and maintaining a professional demeanor and reputation.

The **WOMAN OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD** – is awarded to any certified law enforcement officer who has:

- * Consistently performed above average in day-to-day assignments.
- * Demonstrated dedication to ones' community and/or to the law enforcement profession above and beyond work activities.
- * Demonstrated exceptional courage, leadership, initiative, innovation, or dedication in work related acts.
- * Displaying and maintaining a professional demeanor and reputation.

The **MERIT AWARD** – is awarded to any is a certified law enforcement officer who has:

- * Distinguished themselves by superior accomplishments or continuing long term involvement in (or leadership of) projects, which make a significant contribution to public safety and/or to law enforcement.



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Award Category: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FIELDS BELOW:

Nominee:

First Name	Last Name
Title	Agency
Department Address	City, State, Zip
Phone	Email

Nominator:

First Name	Last Name
Title	Agency
Department Address	City, State, Zip
Phone	Email
Signature	