



### Media Release

#### International Association of Women Police – Civilian of the Year Award, 2021 Jackie Reilly, A/Deputy Director, Fleet Supply & Weapons Service Bureau Ontario Provincial Police, Canada.

Jackie Reilly has over 20 years' experience with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) having previously worked in private sector logistics. As the Acting Deputy Director of the OPP's Fleet, Supply and Weapons Services Bureau she manages the research and development, procurement, inventory, distribution and maintenance of weapons, vehicles, and uniforms throughout all areas of the province. Jackie is the first civilian and first female to rise to this senior level position.

Jackie's tireless pursuit of safety and improvement drive her work every day, investing in product research and development that has helped protect and equip thousands of law enforcement and public safety personnel. She was instrumental in the design of soft body armour worn by OPP members. The OPP's soft body armour has the greatest amount of torso coverage for any police agency in North America. It has 30% more coverage than off-the-shelf body armour products, incorporates the latest technology, and is lighter and more flexible than earlier versions. The female front panel has an improved design that now has a more natural and comfortable fit. The OPP owns the patterns to the design of this armour which is shared with the Canadian law enforcement community.

Jackie is always looking for improvement to existing products for the benefits of staff, something she achieves without increasing overall costs, resulting in several product custom re-designs. Her sharp eye for detail, negotiation and contract management skills have resulted in improvements to product quality, longer product service lives and a reduction in long term costs.

In March 2020, the beginning of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Jackie and her team immediately jumped into action. Under Jackie's direction, hundreds of thousands of gloves, bottles of hand sanitizer, protective masks, and protective glasses were distributed across Ontario in 48 hours. Jackie ensured that nine First Nations police services were included, supporting continued protection of OPP's Indigenous policing partners. Jackie did not hesitate to work alongside her staff to do whatever work was necessary to keep members of the law enforcement community safe. This immediate response ensured OPP members and partners had personal protective equipment during the pandemic.

Jackie works to support the advancement of women in law enforcement. In recent years she helped achieve recognition for the work of female civilians in the OPP. She continues to address systemic challenges through an ongoing pursuit of equality.

IAWP President Deborah Friedl, "The IAWP is so pleased to recognize the outstanding work of our colleagues in law enforcement. These stories exemplify that with the right tools, training and opportunity, women excel in policing and keep our communities safer."

The **Mission** of the IAWP is: To strengthen, unite and raise the capacity of women in policing internationally. The **Vision:** IAWP envisions a world where police reflect the diversity of the communities they serve and where human rights are protected.

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