



Empowering Unity

Introducing 2026 Conference Theme

MAWP Updates

We are so excited for our 2026 theme “Empowering Unity” and hope that you are all excited to see what next year’s conference in Willmar will bring. We have included our new Mission and Vision Statement along with acknowledgements of awareness in the month of October. As a board we want to remind you that we are a resource for you. If you need anything, please don’t hesitate to reach out! We are all in this together and strive to support one another! We look forward to this season! Don’t forget to check out the New Merch Sneak Peak on page 5!

MAWP New Mission and Vision Statements

Minnesota Association of Women Police Mission Statement:

"To empower, support, mentor, and educate women in law enforcement, promoting leadership, professionalism, and equity across Minnesota."

Minnesota Association of Women Police Vision Statement:

"We envision a future where women in law enforcement thrive through continuous growth, empowered by teamwork, grounded in equality, and strengthened by consistent leadership and support."



October 2025



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October 2025 is ***Breast Cancer Awareness Month***. The Pink Patch Project began in California in 2013 as a way for law enforcement to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research. Minnesota joined the effort in 2017, when the Rosemount Police Department became the first agency in the state to participate.

Since then, the movement has grown to include over 50 Minnesota law enforcement agencies, which together have raised more than \$330,000 for their respective cancer organizations. Each October, officers proudly wear pink patches and sell them to support survivors, honor those in the fight, and remember loved ones lost.

October also marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month, giving departments another opportunity to bring attention to issues that deeply affect many women and families across Minnesota.

The Minnesota Association of Women Police (MAWP) strives to live up to its mission of empowering women, a mission closely connected to the fight against both breast cancer and domestic violence. MAWP hopes to join these dedicated agencies in the coming years to help raise funds for a well-deserving cause and continue to make a difference in our communities.

If your agency is one of the 50 plus that partakes in this project, share photos to our social media pages of you proudly wearing your pink patches. Learn more at: www.minnesotapinkpatchproject.com



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October 2025 is **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in Minnesota, with local governments and organizations in cities like Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and Coon Rapids issuing proclamations and holding events to raise awareness and support survivors. Events include local tributes, public education, and the "Purple Lights Initiative," which turns city lights purple as a symbol of awareness. Many local organizations are also promoting the national theme of "#WithSurvivors" and providing resources.

Key events and initiatives

- Local proclamations: Cities and counties across Minnesota, including Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and Coon Rapids, formally recognized October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month through official proclamations.
- Purple Lights Initiative: Several cities, such as Maple Grove and Prior Lake, are participating in the Purple Lights Initiative by turning public lights purple throughout October to visually raise awareness.
- Local tributes: Bloomington, MN, held a tribute event on October 9, 2025, and other local organizations are hosting their own events.
- Online awareness: Organizations like Alexandra House are using social media and shareable Zoom backgrounds to spread awareness and provide resources online.
- National theme: The national theme for Domestic Violence Awareness Month is #WithSurvivors, emphasizing support, solidarity, and advocacy for survivors.

How to get involved in Minnesota

- Attend events: Look for and attend events hosted by local domestic violence organizations like Alexandra House, Violence Free Minnesota, and the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office.
- Wear purple: Participate in "Purple Thursday" by wearing purple on the third Thursday of October to show your support for survivors.
- Talk to young people: Have conversations about healthy relationships with young people in your life.
- Learn and share: Educate yourself about domestic violence and share information and resources from local organizations on social media.



2025-2026 Trainings

Upcoming Trainings:

- **2025 Calibre Press Female Enforcer Event**-December 1-2nd, 2025, Bloomington
 - <https://secure.calibrepress.com/event-category/female-two-day/>
- **2025-2026 BCA Trainings:**
 - **Crime Scene Photography**-November 6-7, HERO Center
 - **Leading Beyond Compliance**-December 2-3, 2025, Mankato
 - **Basic Narcotics Investigations**-December 9-11, 2026, St. Paul
 - **Basic Financial Crimes Investigations**-January 12-13, 2026, HERO Center
 - **Employee Recruitment and Development**-January 20-21, 2026, St. Paul and more!
 - <https://bcatraining.x.state.mn.us/MinnesotaPortal/bca/bcatraining>
- **2026 Female Pistol Skills**-March 3, 2026, St. Paul
 - <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/rwqcjbb/lp/97f3973d-ebf1-459c-8308-7af20b6c512f>
- **2026 Breakthrough: Women Leading the Way**-March 19, 2026, St. Paul
 - <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/wx74vtt/lp/97250cb9-8a80-4091-aeaf-986d07eda970>
- **MAWP Annual Conference: Empowering Unity** - May 4-6th, 2026, Willmar, MN. More information to come.
- **STORM Female Arrest and Control Tactics**-May 11-12th, 2026, Saint Paul
 - <https://stormtraininggroup.com/upcoming-courses/female-arrest-and-control-tactics-f-a-c-t-5-11-26/>
- **2026 Advanced Female Pistol Skills**-June 23, 2026, St. Paul
 - <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/dqxnn8b/lp/df930093-fd38-4243-b73d-2756dd84d583>
- **2026 Female Rifle Skills**-September 23-24, 2026, St. Paul
 - <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/gdprjxz/lp/7a5e07ba-1bf3-4c6b-a7ec-fb742d74a655>



Scholarships

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- **[MAWP Scholarship](https://www.mnwomenpolice.com/get-involved)**-<https://www.mnwomenpolice.com/get-involved>
- **[LEO Scholarship](https://www.laweo.org/scholarship.html)**-<https://www.laweo.org/scholarship.html>
- **[MN Sheriff's Association Scholarships](https://www.mnsheriffs.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=67:scholarships&catid=20:site-content&Itemid=171)**-https://www.mnsheriffs.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=67:scholarships&catid=20:site-content&Itemid=171

MAWP New Merch Webpage Coming Soon...

Sneak Peak of Merch Items! New Website will be shared soon!



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The Minnesota Association of Women Police exists to ensure the equality for women in the Criminal Justice field. We strive to achieve this mission by utilizing, investing, and celebrating the individual strengths, talents, and skills of our members. We learn from each other; we grow with each other, and we support each other in all areas of our profession. Members and team thank you for your support and attendance at the 2025 MAWP Conference!

Do you have questions, or suggestions?

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