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Comptroller Topinka honors MWRD Police Chief Heidenreich

During a special ceremony for Women's History Month held at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago on March 24, Illinois State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka presented the "Leading Women of Law Enforcement" Award to Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Police Chief Kaye Heidenreich.

Comptroller Topinka honored the leadership, outstanding service and dedication of women in law enforcement by recognizing the achievements of those that have reached the heights of their profession.

Chief Heidenreich was raised in Bridgeview, graduated from Oak Lawn Community High School in 1981 and lives in Chicago. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from St. Xavier University in Chicago in May 1999, and she graduated from University of Illinois at Chicago in May 2002 with a Masters Degree in Public Administration. In 2012, she completed Northwestern University's Executive Management Program which provides intensive instruction for policy making executives and combines management principles with the study of emerging law enforcement issues.

Chief Heidenreich began her pursuit of a career in public safety by becoming an MWRD Police Officer in Sept. 1996. She was promoted to Police Sergeant in June 1998, and nine years later, she was promoted to Chief of Police where she manages 48 staff members, including police officers, sergeants, lieutenants and administrative staff.



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MWRD Police Chief Kaye Heidenreich signs Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka's banner after receiving a "Leading Women of Law Enforcement" Award.

Her main role is to oversee the protection of the MWRD's citizens, employees and assets while ensuring her staff is trained in best management and legal practices. She oversees the arrest of offenders on MWRD property and works with the Circuit Courts of Cook County. She also works with federal, state, county and other local law enforcement jurisdictions on criminal enforcement issues to ensure the protection of the MWRD's critical infrastructure.

Chief Heidenreich has enjoyed her career in law enforcement and appreciates the Comptroller's award.

"This is a wonderful honor," Chief Heidenreich said. "I chose policing to be able to make a difference in the community and to help people. I enjoy being an advocate for the service we provide for taxpayers and citizens."

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