U. S. Capitol Police Chief Kim Dine is working to create more networking opportunities for his police officers and support staff and has reached out to WIFLE to assist him in doing this. On Wednesday August 28, 2013, the United States Capitol Police and WIFLE will hold a Flash Mentoring event from 1:00-3:00 pm and 3:30-5:30 pm. The two separate sessions will allow the Capitol Police to hold training for the day and afternoon shifts. Each session will be limited to 10 mentors and 60 protégés. This event is open to both sworn and non-sworn women from all federal law enforcement agencies. You do not have to be a member to attend.

Flash Mentoring is an opportunity for protégés to meet high-level executives and employees who they would otherwise never have access to when completing the regular functions of their positions. The session has a short time commitment, which is appealing to both mentors and protégés who have limited time. Often, Flash Mentoring is done within an organization. However, women are a minority in all law enforcement positions and this is true in federal sector. Unlike our state and local sisters, women in federal law enforcement are spread over the entire United States and other countries creating a higher degree of isolation. Minimizing isolation requires women to network with women outside their agencies. Protégés are typically at the GS-13 (or equivalent) or below. Mentors are at the GS 14 (or equivalent) and above. This event provides you with an opportunity to meet women you may not otherwise meet and it will provide you with an opportunity to network with other women.

In addition, Capitol Police are trying to arrange a tour of the Capitol for attendees before the sessions begin. More information about a possible tour will later.

If you are interested, in attending as a protégé please contact Dr. Claire Gudewich at Claire.Gudewich@usss.dhs.gov and provide her with your choice of session. If you are interested as serving as a mentor, you may sign up for one or both sessions and provide a short bio.

Thank you,

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