



## **2017 Community Leader Law Enforcement Award**



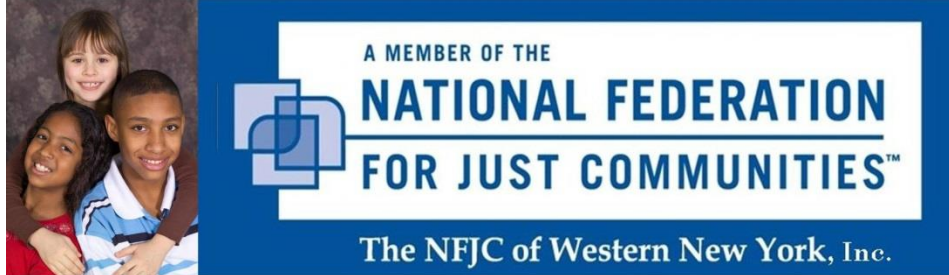
### **Lieutenant Genevieve Rak**

Lt. Rak has served the Buffalo Police Department for over 30 years and in that time has touched thousands of lives making Buffalo a safer and more inclusive community. She has worked with youth of all races, cultures, and backgrounds, bringing them together across these divides to provide them with leadership training and career building skills. Genevieve is committed to ensuring that all young people have an equal opportunity to succeed and grow in WNY.

She has been posted at the Training Academy where she works with new recruits of all local law enforcement agencies, and uses her experiences in the community to help prepare recruits for what they will encounter.

Lt. Rak is involved with two remarkable initiatives: the Buffalo Police Explorer Post #102 and the Police Youth Academy, where she works with a diverse group of teens, training them on proper techniques and tactics. More importantly, she teaches them how to be community builders, working as a tight knit, integrated group to promote messages of equality and anti-bullying. Her one-day Youth Academy involves youth in real dialogue about equality, bridging the divide that exists between youth and law enforcement.

For her work to keep our region safe, and for her many efforts to unite young leaders for positive change, the NFJC proudly presents Lieutenant Genevieve Rak with the 2017 Community Leader Award in Law Enforcement.



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