



# LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **LCSO Receives Distinguished National Budget Award**

On September 20, the Leon County Sheriff's Office received notification it was awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

Along with the noteworthy distinction, the GFOA also awarded LCSO's Budget manager, Mary Brown, with a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation.

According to the GFOA, the award represents a significant achievement by LCSO, and it reflects the commitment of the agency's governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, LCSO had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide
- A communications device

Budget documents must be rated 'proficient' in all four categories, and in fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award. LCSO was selected from more than 1,700 participants in the awards program.

"This is an honorable recognition for Mrs. Brown and the entire LCSO Fiscal Operations staff. We appreciate their dedication to excellence and the people of Leon County," said Sheriff Walt McNeil.



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