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LCSO's Community & Media Relations Wins Top Statewide Crime Prevention Award

The Florida Crime Prevention Association has named the Leon County Sheriff's Office's Community and Media Relations Department its *2019 Outstanding Unit of the Year (Large Agency)*. The award was presented Thursday evening during the Association's annual award banquet, in Sarasota.

"Our commitment to crime prevention and community partnerships is at the forefront of everything we do. Relationship building is a key component of public safety and these men and women give their heartfelt service each and every day. To have them be recognized as the top, statewide unit, in a room full of their peers, is truly remarkable," said LCSO Executive Director of Community and Media Relations Director Shonda Knight.

LCSO's Community and Media Relations Department consists of six full time and one part time employee, including four sworn deputies. Among their recent accomplishments (June, 2018-June, 2019):

- 100% of financial crime suspects posted to social media identified and arrested
- Fastest growing social media in local law enforcement
- Wanted Wednesdays report resulted in 80% solve rate
- Top local fundraiser for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
- 134 safety presentations (including Active Shooter, Robbery, Personal Safety and Fraud)
- 87 community events attended
- 950 Meals on Wheels Deliveries
- Quarterly community wide events hosted
- Quarterly Farm Share distributions
- 39 Neighborhood Crime Watch/HOA meetings attended
- 36 County Senior Lunch and Learns attended

The Florida Crime Prevention Association is the oldest existing crime prevention association in the United States. Consisting of approximately 200 individual members, agency members and prevention professionals, the Florida Crime Prevention Association has been dedicated to the higher ideals of crime prevention and community safety since 1969.



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