

# **Okaloosa County News Release**

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**Cutline:** *Clerk of Courts Don Howard (left) presents the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Okaloosa County Finance Officer Gary Stanford.*  
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## **Gary Stanford Receives Excellence in Financial Reporting Certificate**

Mr. Gary Stanford, Clerk of Courts finance director for the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners, received his 24<sup>th</sup> Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Stanford has been employed with Okaloosa County Clerk's office for 29 years and has sat on the Board of County Commissioners since 1997.

"We value the relationship with the Clerk of the Circuit Court Don Howard and with Mr. Stanford, along with the hard work by the finance department," stated Chairman Don Amunds, county commissioner. The Certificate of Achievement, from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA), is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. GFOA is a nonprofit professional organization serving 17,000 finance professionals, with offices in Chicago and Washington D.C.

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