

# **Okaloosa County News Release**

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Cutline: Clerk of Courts Don Howard (right) 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. Stanford is the Finance Director for the Board of County Commissioners***

Mr. Gary Stanford, finance director for the Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners, received his 21<sup>st</sup> Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Stanford has been employed with Okaloosa County for 26 years and has sat on the Board of County Commissioners since 1997.

“It is certainly much more than just me; it is the team in our Finance Department who made this happen,” said Mr. Stanford. 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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