

TOWNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACHIEVES STATE CERTIFICATION

Today, the Georgia Police Accreditation Coalition (GPAC) awarded the Towns County Sheriff's Office state certification status. State certification represents a significant professional achievement and acknowledges the accomplishment of policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and effective on an operational level. "The foundation of certification lies in the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives."

State certification has been a dream for Sheriff Clinton; he alluded to it in the special election in 2007. "I was concerned that state certification would be impossible to achieve in an agency that had been in such disarray," he said. "I've always said I would give the citizens of Towns County a professional sheriff's office, one that they can be proud of, one that has restored their trust, and this stamp of approval from the state of Georgia means you don't have to take my word for it. Georgia's professional law enforcement community has said that your sheriff's office is providing you with the best accepted practices in law enforcement," Sheriff Clinton said.

"I would like to thank the current staff for their hard work and dedication, without which none of this would've been possible. State certification demonstrates our commitment to professionalism at Towns County Sheriff's Office."

An official ceremony is planned and will be announced at a later date.

