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LCSO Fleet Management earns ASE Blue Seal of Excellence

The Leon County Sheriff's Office Fleet Management Unit has earned the Blue Seal of Excellence Recognition as prescribed by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). The LCSO is only the fourth sheriff's office in the State of Florida to receive this recognition. The ASE is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of vehicle repair and service by means of voluntary testing and certification for automotive repair and service professionals.

To be eligible for this recognition, a company must have 75% of its automotive professionals ASE certified. In addition, there must be a certified technician in each area of service offered. To remain in the program, a business must review each year and confirm their professionals' certification status.

The LCSO Fleet Management Unit is a full service auto garage which maintains and services the agency's large fleet of more than 400 emergency response vehicles, including special purpose vehicles. With four full time ASE Certified mechanics, it is a complete mechanical shop specially designed to keep our large variety of vehicles in top operating condition, keeping deputies on the road 24 hours a day.

"Businesses that have earned the ASE Blue Seal of Excellence Recognition have gone the extra mile in support of their customers. Employing ASE-certified professionals is an important element in their overall customer satisfaction program. We salute those businesses who achieve this goal and thank them for helping promote quality automotive in support of their customers," says Timothy Zilke, ASE President.

Sheriff Mike Wood said, "This recognition, along with our numerous other accreditation awards, shows the Leon County Sheriff's Office continues to hold ourselves to a higher standard. Our 'Commitment to Excellence' is expected in every aspect of the agency."

ASE was founded in 1972 as a non-profit, independent organization dedicated to improving the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive technicians. Technicians, engine machinist and parts specialists have participated in ASE's program from all segments of the service and

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repair industry: car and truck dealerships, service stations, independent repair shops, collision repair facilities, maintenance garages, leasing and rental businesses, fleet repair facilities, franchised outlets, etc. Today, more than 35, 000 professionals are ASE certified.



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