



City of Lafayette Police Department



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To: Mayor Mark Mitchell, City of Lafayette
From: Eric Christensen, Chief of Police
Subject: **Community Partnership Coin, Denise Brown**

Throughout history, military units have used challenge coins emblazoned with their unit insignia or crest to recognize members who perform acts that reflect their tradition of service or valor. This same practice has been adopted by police departments throughout the United States. Although some coins are sold as commemorative gifts, others are presented by police departments as recognition of individuals who perform acts that demand special recognition. The City of Lafayette Police Department's Community Partnership Coin is presented to those who have gone above and beyond to serve their community, the police department, and the City of Lafayette.

This Community Partnership Coin is presented to Denise Brown, the coordinator of the Lafayette Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy

Denise Brown is a member of the City's Crime Prevention Commission. The Commission hosts two Citizen's Police Academies each year, a program that exposes our residents to the behind-the-scenes workings of the police department and the criminal justice system. Denise has been involved in the program since its inception and now serves as the coordinator of the program. This is the second class that Denise has led through the entire six week curriculum, devoting dozens of hours to the success of the program and its participants. Denise attends all of the classes, organizes the attendees, and answers any questions the participants may have about the program. The program has proven to be both informative and entertaining to both the participants and the officers who have participate in it.

Denise is the driving force behind this program and without her assistance and hard work, it would be nearly impossible for us to conduct. Denise is an excellent representative of local government and her community. She is well deserving of this special recognition.

A copy of this document will be maintained at the police department along with a cataloging of the coins that have been presented throughout the history of the program. While not serialized, each coin is assigned a number that relates to the order of presentation. Records will be stored in order of presentation.