



BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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GFOA awards Bluffton Township Fire District its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 12th Consecutive Year

Bluffton, SC - (July 18, 2023) The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Bluffton Township Fire District for its annual comprehensive financial report for the 2022 fiscal year. This marks the twelfth consecutive year that the Fire District has been recognized with the Certificate of Achievement from the GFOA.

The Fire District's comprehensive annual financial report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program in 1945 to encourage state and local government entities to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources, and practical research for more than 21,000 members and the communities it serves.

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The Bluffton Township Fire District, established in 1978, has 171 employees. One hundred forty-seven firefighters work from 9 stations on 3 shifts. Led by Chief Paul Boulware, the department serves a 246 square-mile area and responds to an average of 8,685 calls per year.