

Rhonda Skipper



**Walton County
Tax Collector**

“Commitment to Service”

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**EMPLOYEES OF THE WALTON COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR’S OFFICE
EARN STATE CERTIFICATION**

DeFuniak Springs, FL (November 24, 2008) – Brian McBroom, Vivian Clark, and Charlene Stanley are among the most recent employees of the Walton County Tax Collector’s Office to receive their Florida Collector Assistant Certification.

The certification program offered through the Florida Department of Revenue consists of 120 hours of approved coursework and written examinations. The classes ensure participants are aware of the legal obligations of the Tax Collector’s Office as well as inform participants of industry practices and ethical standards regarding the daily operations and functions of the office.

Since taking office in 2005, Walton County Tax Collector Rhonda Skipper has encouraged employees to participate in the professional development program.

“This certification program is well respected by Florida Tax Collectors. I am proud that our staff has been enthusiastic about participating in the program. The number of employees certified is a testament of the desire our staff has to learn and grow professionally,” said Skipper.

To date, fifteen employees have received the Florida Collector Assistant Certification, including: Janea Burgess, Sheila Carter, Vivian Clark, Tammy Day, Cory Godwin, Lisa Henderson, Jennifer Hlavaty, Kaye Hutchinson, Brian McBroom, Traci McVay, Christel Maples, Sylvia Rushing, Charlene Stanley, Debby Stroud and Patty Winstead,

Additionally, Mrs. Skipper earned her certification in 2005 as a Certified Florida Collector, a designation only attainable by Tax Collectors. Certified Florida Collectors are required to complete a minimum of 24 hours of approved instruction each calendar year to maintain their certification.

Employees must have a least 2 years experience with a Tax Collectors office to qualify for participation in the certification program.

Fifty-five percent of the employees of the Walton County Tax Collector’s Office have earned their certification.

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