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MPD has second Jefferson Award recipient

The Milledgeville Police Department is proud to announce that Major Etta Reenae Gray has been chosen as the March recipient of the prestigious Jefferson Award for public service to the community.

“Major Gray is an officer who genuinely cares for the community she serves and she makes me proud of her every single day,” said Milledgeville Police Chief Dray Swicord.

Gray was nominated by previous Jefferson Award winner, Public Information Officer Felicia Cummings.

“My P.I.O. and Major Gray are two amazing people and the time and effort they have put in to making this community great is outstanding. We are thankful to have these two here with us at the police department,” Swicord said.

For the past 46 years, the Jefferson Awards Foundation has celebrated grassroots unsung heroes alongside national leaders in service. The local Jefferson Award program is sponsored by Sinclair Communications, LLC dba WGXA, Captain D’s, and the Jefferson Awards Foundation. It recognizes those individuals whose commitment to community service has had a positive impact. Nominees are chosen from the Baldwin, Bibb, Bleckley, Crawford, Dodge, Dooly, Hancock, Houston, Jones, Laurens, Macon, Monroe, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, Taylor, Telfair, Treutlen, Twiggs, Washington, Wheeler, Wilcox and Wilkinson County area.

Cummings nominated Gray based on her various acts of kindness and support given to both young and old here in Milledgeville and Baldwin County.

“Whether you’re a child in need or a senior citizen wanting a little companionship, Major Gray is there,” Cummings said. “I’ve watched this woman go above and beyond the call of duty as a police officer and she does it with a smile on her face and joy in her heart.”

WGXA morning anchor Victoria De Cardenas visited MPD Tuesday morning and filmed a feature story on this month’s Jefferson Award winner. Gray discussed her work as a G.R.E.A.T instructor at Oak Hill Middle School, her influence on children through the Junior Police Academy, and her natural passion for helping the community in whatever capacity she can. The news feature will air Thursday, March 21 on Fox24 and ABC16.