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Not many law enforcement workers have a degree in accounting, but when investigating financial crimes, it certainly helps.

Last week, Carrie Sumrall, a Special Agent with the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, was a recipient of the "Top Cop" award.

Sumrall is a resident of Biloxi, Miss., has a bachelor's degree in accounting and is a graduate of the Harrison County Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy. She has served the State Auditor's Office since 2004.

"Special Agent Sumrall currently plays a critical role in several of our high profile cases," said State Auditor Stacey Pickering. "The professionalism and expertise she brings to our investigations is an integral contribution to our ongoing success and to the taxpayers of Mississippi."

The Top Cop program recognizes top law enforcement professionals in Mississippi. The annual awards program is sponsored by the Mississippi Center for Police and Sheriffs. Awards are given to officers representing state and metro area law enforcement agencies. Sumrall was recognized on Peace Officers' Memorial Day and during Police Week, a time when the country honors brave public servants who fight crime, violence and terrorism.

Throughout her career, Sumrall has played an instrumental role in the identification and prosecution of those who have betrayed the public trust and in the recovery of thousands of taxpayer dollars.

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