



2018 Community Leader Law Enforcement Award



Sharon Osorio Mentkowski

Sharon is the charismatic Community Engagement Specialist for the FBI field office in Buffalo. A former television and radio reporter, she specializes in developing relationships, fostering trust, and connecting with people of all backgrounds. A California native who is fluent in Spanish, Sharon uses her bilingual skills to build bridges.

Sharon was a natural fit for her position– recognizable from her time on TV and known for her work on behalf of others. In her reporting, she focused on telling people’s stories, highlighting their journeys and making them relatable. She developed a line of multimedia tools to make Spanish accessible to all, and as a teacher she specialized in creating opportunities and inspiring her students. This is what distinguishes Sharon and what she brings to the FBI when she’s helping run the Citizens Academy Program or engaging with community groups; she’s able to form tight bonds among people and get them to work together across traditional divides. Organizing and leading trips to Washington DC and Quantico, Sharon is always dedicated to her mission of fostering education, inclusivity, and leadership.

For her work to unite people and forge alliances within our region, the 2018 Community Leader Award in Law Enforcement is presented to Sharon Osorio-Mentkowski.



"...a just community begins with me!"

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