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DESOTO PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAUNCHES NEW MOBILE ALERT APP

BY DEPUTY MARK PIERCE, DEPUTY OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, DESOTO PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



An example of the new DeSoto Sheriff App, which provides instant alerts to DeSoto Parish regarding Missing Children, Most Wanted, Road Closures, Vaccination Locations, and more.

Most Wanted, Road Closures, Vaccination Locations, and more. Working alongside many local agencies, information is immediately pushed out to a citizens' phone screen. These alerts have provided for a safer and more trusting community.

In 2018, Sheriff Richardson launched the "Bringing Joye" initiative which works with organizations such as *Circle of*

DeSoto Parish Sheriff Jayson Richardson recently launched a mobile App for DeSoto Parish that has proven successful among citizens, and abroad. The "DeSoto Sheriff App" provides citizens with instant alerts ranging from Missing Children,

Hope to offer engagement and activities with our special needs citizens. Now, we have incorporated a feature within our app to ensure the safety of our special needs community as well. Many citizens with Autism or Downs Syndrome may not respond well to loud noises. Some are hearing impaired, or suffer from PTSD. We saw a need to provide a safer pathway of response, taking those needs into consideration. Citizens may now provide information about a loved one to our dispatchers. In the event of a future emergency, that address is flagged while responding. This ensures the safest possible scenario for everyone involved.

Sheriff Richardson said, "Clear communication is the cornerstone of a positive relationship between law enforcement and the citizens we serve. In today's world, everyone has a cell phone and rumors can quickly deteriorate trust. We found a way to keep the rumor mill in check by delivering information in real time. If the end result is nothing more than a well-informed parish, that is rewarding enough for us."

CONCORDIA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE BICYCLE GIVE BACK

BY BRANDY SPEARS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, CONCORDIA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Concordia Parish Sheriff David Hedrick with some of the brand-new bicycles that were provided to children in his community for Christmas thanks to the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office Annual Bicycle Drive. Photo courtesy of the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office.

The Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office Christmas Bike Drive is a long-standing tradition of refurbishing bicycles that are donated by residents in the community, and giving those bicycles to families who have registered their children to receive a bicycle for Christmas. This year, thanks to the help of local businesses that contributed to the bike drive, the Sheriff's Office was able

to provide more than 160 children with brand new bikes for Christmas. Sheriff Hedrick said, "This year's *Christmas Bike Drive* was very special and could not have been accomplished without the support of local businesses who partnered with the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office to make Christmas special for these children."

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE AWARDED FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

BY DONOVAN JACKSON, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Top row left to right: E.F. Hunter III Brown Foundation President, Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office (APSO); Captain Tony Tureau APSO; Dy. Wanda August, APSO; Lt. Jeff LeGrange, APSO; Retired Captain Rick Bergeron, APSO; Lt. Mike Brooks, APSO; Andy Guinn, Brown Foundation Program Advisor.

*Bottom row left to right: Retired Major Schewanda Taylor, APSO; Ascension Parish Sheriff Bobby Webre; and Sabrina Brooks.
Photo courtesy of Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office.*

The Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office recently received the *Leaders in Law Enforcement Award*, including \$25,000 from the Community Foundation of Acadiana. The award is designed to honor law enforcement offices that are making the most impact in their communities.

The Hickley M. Waguespack Center is a one-of-a-kind recreation center and community park run by the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office. It opened in 2017, in Donaldsonville and quickly became a safe space where children and families gathered for indoor and outdoor activities. The center also helped strengthen ties between Ascension Parish Deputies and the citizens of Donaldsonville and the parish's West Bank.

In the summer of 2021, Sheriff Bobby Webre embarked

on a project to expand the recreation center and park to include an early childhood education center. The Sheriff formed a partnership with Ascension Parish government, the school board, and the library board to help implement the program, which will be housed in a brand-new facility that will replace the old West Ascension Primary School adjacent to the Waguespack Center.

"We knew that we could work together and do something that's really unique, not only for Donaldsonville, but for Ascension parish. And we're going to start by developing an early childhood development center. We're going to do it in a fashion that we think is going to be a model for the parish," said Sheriff Bobby Webre. Sheriff Bobby Webre has committed all award funds to the Waguespack Center and Community Park.

THIS IS MY BOSSIER: OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP 2021

BY DEPUTY ROD WHITE, COMMUNITY RELATIONS, BOSSIER PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Featured in the photo is Sheriff Julian Whittington third gentleman on the left in the orange shirt, sheriff deputies, sprinkled throughout the photo, Bossier Sheriff Young Marines in the red shirts, various church groups, local business owners, and a host of volunteers. Photo courtesy of Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office.

It was a sea of orange, not of blue on April 17, 2021, when the men and women of the Bossier Sheriff's Office along with hundreds of volunteers hit the streets of Bossier parish, not to fight crime but to fight grime, for the 8th annual *Operation Clean Sweep*.

Operation Clean Sweep partnered with *Keep Bossier Beautiful* to clean the streets and neighborhoods for the parish-wide event.

Sheriff Julian Whittington led the team of deputies and 660 citizen volunteers who helped to collect the thousands of pounds of litter from the streets and in the ditches of the parish. "A clean Bossier means a safer Bossier," said Sheriff Whittington. "Curb appeal isn't just about looks...it's about less crime and more pride."

"We asked community leaders, Neighborhood Watch Groups, businesses, churches, clubs, organizations, school groups, and individuals to join us as we clean up the parish, and they showed up," said Lynn Bryan director of *Keep Bossier Beautiful*. "We were so excited to see so many people come out to show how much they care about Bossier Parish, the place where we live."

Operation Clean Sweep removed more than 6,000 pounds of trash throughout the parish. The crews also collected 41 discarded tires and other large items that caused blight in the parish.

Sheriff Whittington said the operation was a huge success and that he was extremely proud of the citizens who enthusiastically volunteered to join the fight against crime by picking up trash in Bossier parish.

GRANT PARISH SHERIFFS' OFFICE PARTNERS WITH ACADIAN AMBULANCE FOR FIRST RESPONDER'S CLASS

BY SHERIFF STEVEN MCCAIN, GRANT PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



The Grant Parish Sheriff's Office partnered with Acadian Ambulance to teach an Emergency Medical Responder's class to Grant Parish deputies. Photo courtesy of Grant Parish Sheriff's Office.

Often times, law enforcement is the first to arrive on the scene of a medical emergency or encounter a person with injuries. Recently, the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office partnered with Acadian Ambulance to teach an Emergency Medical Responder's class.

"The best part for me is that deputies came to me with this idea and everyone who attended, volunteered to participate.

They took the initiative to want to learn more, to better equip themselves with skills to help people. This gives us more training to be able to provide a better service to the people," stated Sheriff Steven McCain.

Through a grant, they were able to provide a life-saving medical kit to each deputy who completed the course.

LAFAYETTE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMAND STAFF RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED FBI-LEEDA TRILOGY AWARD

BY VALERIE PONSETI BRINKLEY, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER,
LAFAYETTE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office Command Staff with FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award. Pictured from left to right: Major Paula Smith, Warden of Corrections; Major Toby Landry, Enforcement Division Commander; Sheriff Mark Garber, Lafayette Parish; Major Jules Broussard, Administrative Services Division Commander; Colonel Carlos Stout, Chief Deputy; Captain John Mowell, Communications Director; Major Dondi Hardin, Support Services Division Commander. Photo courtesy of Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office.

The Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office (LPSO) has joined the ranks of only seven other law enforcement agencies nationwide, receiving FBI-LEEDA's Agency Trilogy Award in February 2021.

The Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, or FBI-LEEDA, is a leading provider of law enforcement leadership education in the nation. FBI-LEEDA's membership represents all 50 states and 14 countries.

The Agency Trilogy Award is presented to those agencies in which all members of the command staff have completed the entire FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Leadership training curriculum. The trio of courses is comprised of the Supervisor Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute and Executive Leadership Institute.

In reference to the prestige of this award, FBI-LEEDA's website states, "These agencies have demonstrated a great

commitment to leadership and the communities they serve."

The Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office is the first law enforcement agency in the state of Louisiana to receive the honor. Command Staff members Sheriff Mark Garber, Chief Deputy Carlos Stout, Major Dondi Hardin, Major Jules Broussard, Major Toby Landry, Major Paula Smith and Captain John Mowell all successfully completed the trilogy.

"In the constantly evolving profession of law enforcement, training is one of the most valuable tools we have to effectively serve our community. That goes for everyone. From the deputy just starting his or her first day on the job, to our command staff with decades of experience," said Sheriff Mark Garber.

In addition to the command staff, 23 LPSO supervisors have also completed the trilogy training series.

CADDO SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEES PARTNER WITH LOCAL FOOD BANK

BY: CINDY CHADWICK, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, CADDO PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Caddo Sheriff's employees donated over three tons of food to the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana during their annual Thanksgiving Food drive.

Employees donated three canned food items or staples each Wednesday during the six-week food drive in exchange for a casual clothing day.

Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator said this was the third year the Sheriff's Office hosted a food drive, and each year the amount of food collected has increased. In 2019, employees collected 1,000 pounds; in 2020, they collected 2,000 pounds, and this year, they collected 6,000 pounds. The donation will provide meals to 4,500 people across Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Claiborne, Bienville, Red River, and DeSoto parishes, according to Martha Marak, executive director of the Food Bank.

"As public servants, our employees recognize the importance of supporting our community and helping those in need," Prator said. "Our hope is that each year we can continue to grow our food drive and do even more good for those who need our help."

The generosity continued during the Christmas season. Each division selected a charity or cause for its deputies to support as part of its "Spirit of Giving" campaign. Recipients of toys, donations, and monetary contributions from Caddo Sheriff's employees include Holy Angels residential campus for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Hope House, the Arc Caddo-Bossier/Goldman School for Children and Adults with Disabilities, Providence House for the Homeless, Caddo public schools, Volunteers of America, Louisiana Geaux for Kids, and St. Jude Children's Hospital.

LINCOLN PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL TURKEYS NOT TICKETS EVENT

BY DETECTIVE MATTHEW HENDERSON, LINCOLN PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



In 2019 the Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office was approached by a young professionals organization with the idea of "Turkeys Not Tickets" as a community-building initiative. Because the event was such a huge success and our deputies enjoyed it so much, last year we made the decision to organize the event again only this time purchasing the turkeys through deputy

contributions. Over the last two years we have partnered with Origin Bank and The Lincoln Agency. They were generous enough to add to the event by contributing gifts for children and gift cards to local restaurants. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community in such a fun and unique way through the holiday season.

SHERIFFS' HONORARY MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE TO PUBLIC SERVICES AT LOCAL LEVEL



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Community Services



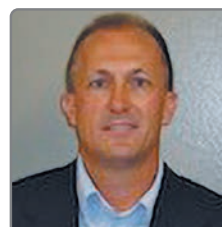
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Catahoula Parish
Sheriff Toney Edwards
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Claiborne Parish
Sheriff Sam Dowies
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Concordia Parish
Sheriff David Hedrick
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DeSoto Parish
Sheriff Jayson Richardson
Scholarship Program



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Sheriff Sid Gautreaux
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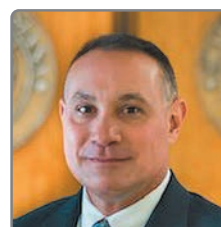
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Youth Programs



Plaquemines Parish
Sheriff Gerald "Jerry"
Turlich Jr.
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Pointe Coupee Parish
Sheriff René Thibodeaux
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Rapides Parish
Sheriff Mark Wood
Community Services



Red River Parish
Sheriff Glen Edwards
Scholarship Program



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Sheriff Gary Gilley
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Sabine Parish
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Programs



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-Sheriff Greg Champagne, Chairman-Louisiana Sheriffs' Honorary Membership Program



Bienville Parish
Sheriff John Ballance
D.A.R.E. Program



Bossier Parish
Sheriff Julian Whittington
Crime Prevention



Caddo Parish
Sheriff Stephen Prator
Crime Prevention



Calcasieu Parish
Sheriff Tony Mancuso
Youth Services



Caldwell Parish
Sheriff Clay Bennett
Explorer Scouts



Cameron Parish
Sheriff Ronald Johnson
D.A.R.E. Program



East Feliciana Parish
Sheriff "Jeff" Travis
D.A.R.E. Program



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Sheriff Charles Guillory
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Franklin Parish
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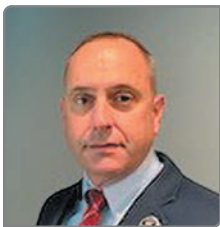
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Sheriff Steven McCain
Youth Camp



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Community Services



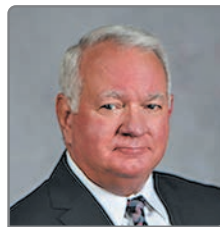
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Youth Services



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Triad and D.A.R.E. Programs



Livingston Parish
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Sheriff Stuart Wright
Youth Ball and
D.A.R.E. Programs



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Sheriff Greg Champagne
D.A.R.E. Program



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Williams
Crime Prevention



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HURRICANE IDA:

On August 29, 2021, the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Ida made landfall near Port Fourchon, Louisiana. Ida was a deadly and destructive Category 4 storm that was recorded as the second most intense and damaging hurricane to make landfall in Louisiana, behind Katrina.

The cover story from our Winter 2020 issue similarly focused on *another* late August hurricane, Hurricane Laura, and its impact throughout the state. It is not lost on Louisiana's sheriffs that many of our neighbors are still

reeling and have not fully recovered from the losses of last year's storms.

Little did we know a year later, we would feel this "double blow" with Hurricane Ida. Like the residents of Calcasieu parish, whose unofficial motto was "Calcasieu Strong," now every parish in Louisiana proudly stands "Louisiana Strong" as we come together to serve our communities during Hurricane Ida's aftermath and recovery. Here are several reports from parishes in Hurricane Ida's destructive path.

JEFFERSON PARISH CONDUCTS HELICOPTER HOIST OPERATION

BY CAPTAIN TODD VIGNES, SPECIAL OPERATIONS, JEFFERSON PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Air Support Unit conducts an evacuation of an elderly couple in Barataria, Louisiana. The pilots were Deputy Mark Smith & Lieutenant Everett Beelman; the Helicopter Rescue Technician was Deputy Ronald Calcagno; and the Crew Chief & Hoist Operator was Sergeant Sean Cursain. Photo courtesy of Deputy Patrick Rooney, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office.

On August 29, 2021, Hurricane Ida made landfall at Port Fourchon with sustained winds of 150 miles per hour. Hurricane Ida pushed a wall of water onto the coast with reports of 9 foot storm surges in Grand Isle, Lafitte, Barataria, and Port Fourchon.

The Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (JPSO) deployed in a multifaceted response to Lafitte, Barataria, and Grand Isle, Louisiana. The men and women of the JPSO utilized helicopters, drones, airboats, surface drive boats, amphibious vehicles, high water vehicles, and ATVs to engage in search & rescue, recovery, and anti-looting/security efforts in the areas ravaged by Hurricane Ida.

Three days after landfall, the JPSO Air Support Unit was requested to conduct a casualty evacuation (CASEVAC)

for an elderly couple in Barataria, Louisiana. The residence was inaccessible to boats and high water vehicles due to storm debris and standing water surrounding the home. The flight crew located the residence and a safe location for hoist operations. The crew chief lowered the rescue technician to the ground. An elderly female suffering from dementia and hurricane related dehydration and exposure was placed into a rescue basket and safely hoisted into the helicopter. The patient was flown to awaiting paramedics who conducted a medical assessment. The patient was then transported to the hospital for further medical evaluation. The flight crew returned to the area in order to evacuate an elderly male also suffering from dehydration. The flight crew conducted a second hoist rescue operation flying the patient to awaiting paramedics.

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ST. MARTIN PARISH ASSISTS MULTIPLE NEIGHBORING PARISHES DURING HURRICANE IDA

BY: CAPTAIN GINNY HIGGINS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMANDER, ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



St. Martin Sheriff Becket Breaux, St. Martin Parish Deputies, along with local volunteers from St. Martin Parish are ready to distribute meals for first responders during Hurricane Ida. Photo courtesy of St. Martin Sheriff's Office.

As Hurricane Ida bore down on Louisiana, St. Martin Parish was very fortunate to have escaped the wrath of the storm. However, parishes south and east of us, suffered devastating damages. So many first responders worked around the clock to meet the needs of their communities. In an effort to assist our fellow officers, on September 2, 2021, Sheriff Becket Breaux sent St.

Martin Parish Sheriff's Office Deputies to St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office; along with the assistance of Representative Mike Huval, to prepare a hot meal for first responders. Donations for the meal were received from local grocery stores, Representatives Phillip Devillier, Mike Huval, and Senator Fred Mills.

On, September 6, 2021, Sheriff Breaux, and several deputies accompanied volunteers from St. Martin Parish to Houma, to cook a meal for first responders at the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office. A local community member Ms. Hannah Latiolais, spearheaded a donation drive for hurricane victims in Houma. Along with several other volunteers from St. Martin Parish, they raised funds and acquired donations to make individual boxes containing cleaning supplies and non-perishable food items. Ms. Latiolais also obtained items to put with the meal that were placed in grab and go bags that contained an inspirational message. Sheriff Breaux always says that "Working together we can make a difference," and these two events were a great example of communities working together to assist those in need.

LSA TASK FORCE DIRECTOR, CHUCK HURST, RECEIVES PATRIOT AWARD

BY LAUREN LABBÉ MEHER, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, LOUISIANA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION



Chuck Hurst was presented with the "Patriot Award" on October 21, 2021. From Left to right: Iberville Sheriff Brett Stassi, LSA President; Grant Parish Sheriff Steven McCain; Chuck Hurst, LSA Task Force Director, and Michael Ranatza, LSA Executive Director. Photo courtesy of Danny Jackson, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

Long before the first stirrings in the gulf each hurricane season, Chuck Hurst is working behind the scenes to ensure Louisiana is prepared. Since 2004, Hurst has served as the LSA Task Force Director. This means that for every hurricane that has impacted

Louisiana for the past 18 years, Hurst has been there.

One of his roles as Task Force Director, is to coordinate and implement all of the sheriffs' efforts to provide assistance throughout the state and the gulf coast during each hurricane season. Beforehand, he is reaching out to sheriffs statewide to determine available resources. During the storms, he is often on-site managing teams of volunteers efforts, and after the storms, he is usually one of the last ones to leave.

This past October, Grant Parish Sheriff Steven McCain presented Hurst with the "Patriot Award" on behalf of the state's 64 sheriffs. "We are very grateful for the experience and knowledge that Chuck Hurst has as he organizes and coordinates hurricane efforts for our state. His tireless work benefits Louisiana's sheriffs and ultimately the entire state and its citizens," said Sheriff McCain.

The Louisiana Sheriffs' Association is proud to recognize Chuck Hurst as the recipient of the Patriot Award, acknowledging that his work behind the scenes does not go unseen.

HURRICANE IDA:

WITHIN HOURS OF HURRICANE IDA'S HARROWING HIT
ON TERREBONNE, HELP ARRIVES FROM LAFAYETTE PARISH

BY VALERIE PONSETI BRINKLEY, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, LAFAYETTE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office SWAT Team members and deputies from the Terrebone Parish Sheriff's Office with the dozens of donations they received from the community during their time assisting in the area following Hurricane Ida. Photo courtesy of Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office.

Hours after Hurricane Ida ravaged the coast of Louisiana, Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Deputies were headed to Terrebonne Parish on a mission to do whatever they could to help their neighbors in need.

With no power and hundreds of vacant homes and businesses, looting in the already devastated neighborhoods quickly became a concern.

For 16 nights, more than 20 LPSO Deputies and SWAT Team members assisted the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office—providing some relief and time for a good night's sleep to the deputies serving their severely impacted parish.

LPSO Deputies responded to 14 calls involving narcotics, several domestic calls and 147 calls for suspicious persons, vehicles

and circumstances. Deputies also recovered 13 weapons, three of which were stolen, as a result of more than 60 traffic stops conducted throughout their service to the parish. A total of 11 arrests were executed over the span of a little more than two weeks, including nine arrests for felony looting in the area.

The numbers may speak for themselves, but Lafayette Parish Sheriff Mark Garber says the willingness of LPSO's deputies to help their neighbors in their time of need can't be quantified.

"We are incredibly proud of the selfless commitment to service our deputies exhibited in their willingness to support our neighbors in Terrebonne Parish following Ida. Everyone in Lafayette Parish should take pride in how their hard work, dedication and generosity represent the values many of us hold dear to our hearts," said Sheriff Garber.

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Iberville Parish Deputies Chad Martin, Bronson Lewis Sgt. Allan Engolio and Deputy Mike Kinchens removed a fallen tree from the home of a Lafourche Parish Deputy during the aftermath of Hurricane Ida. Photo courtesy of Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office.

IBERVILLE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE AIDS ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND LAFOURCHE PARISHES DURING HURRICANE IDA

BY LESLIE VERRET, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT,
IBERVILLE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Iberville Parish deputies answered the call to come to the aid of parishes that were devastated in the wake of Hurricane Ida. The Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office was actively involved in providing security and assistance before, during, and after the storm. "The damages that we sustained in our parish were far less severe than I think we all anticipated," said Sheriff Stassi, "Iberville Parish was truly blessed, so we were happy to share our resources with neighboring parishes."

Iberville deputies took to the streets in St. John Parish helping by maintaining a police presence, which allowed their fellow law enforcement officers the opportunity to deal with damages to their own homes. While some deputies were tasked with patrols, others volunteered their time to serve hot meals and to clean up the homes and yards of law enforcement officers in affected parishes.

ORLEANS PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHORES UP REGIONAL RECOVERY EFFORTS AFTER HURRICANE IDA

BY PHILIP STELLY, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, ORLEANS PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Orleans Parish Sheriff Marlin Gusman meets with news media to emphasize the importance of helping neighbors in distress. Photo courtesy of Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office.

As Hurricane Ida barreled toward the state, Sheriff Marlin N. Gusman made the decision to evacuate the Orleans Justice Center (OJC), safely transporting inmates to the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola.

supplies to first responders at other local agencies.

After the all-clear, when inmates returned to the OJC, Sheriff Gusman supplemented city sanitation crews with inmates from the Transitional Work Program who were reassigned to garbage routes, picking up mounds of debris from eastern New Orleans neighborhoods.

Another significant contribution to recovery efforts came when the Sheriff's Office delivered a total of 19 pallets of water and other food items to Hurricane Ida victims in Golden Meadow.

The 19 pallets filled the backs of three OPSO flat-bed trucks which were escorted by OPSO marked units to the Lafourche Parish line where the escort was taken over by units from the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office. The escort ended at the First Baptist Church in Golden Meadow.

Sheriff Gusman said, "Our neighbors in Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes helped New Orleanians during Katrina, and we all need to do more to support them as they deal with the devastating impacts of Hurricane Ida."

After the hurricane passed, Sheriff Gusman returned inmates to the OJC. He then turned his attention to helping neighbors near and far recover from the storm's impacts.

He first deployed Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office (OPSO) personnel to assist with a variety of community needs in the City of New Orleans, starting with patrolling several New Orleans neighborhoods to supplement New Orleans Police Department patrols. In addition, the OPSO Kitchen/Warehouse distributed hot meals, stored ice and essential

HURRICANE IDA:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPENS TEMPORARY DAY CARE IN AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE IDA

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*St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office staff working at their daycare established during the aftermath of Hurricane Ida.
From left to right, Julie Baxter, Dy. Lindsay Gonzalez, Sgt. Keysla Perrilloux, and Lt. Roanne Sampson.
Photo courtesy of St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office.*

The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office opened a temporary day care to help employees get back to work during the aftermath of Hurricane Ida.

Sheriff Greg Champagne said, "My resourceful staff came up with the idea to establish a temporary daycare in our training facility until regular daycare centers can open. Seems to be working."

"There are a lot of young families with children working at the department. Normally, the day cares are open or children are in school. Normally, when schools are closed, they can rely on parents or families to watch their kids. But those people are tied up as well. They're gutting houses etc." Champagne said.

Staff from enforcement and administrative divisions came up with the idea of opening a temporary day care.

"They came to us and said look, we want to get back to work, but we have all our kids. So, we tried to find a solution because we need them back, we want them back," Champagne said.

The children are in the sheriff's office's training facility, which Champagne calls a gym. They have tables, coloring books, toys and food. Champagne said they received a lot of donations.

"It's a situation where necessity is the mother of invention," Champagne said.

LOUISIANA STRONG

ST. TAMMANY PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE ASSISTS IN RESCUING DOLPHIN LEFT STRANDED AFTER HURRICANE IDA

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Animal health experts make sure the dolphin is healthy and uninjured before releasing it back into the Gulf of Mexico in Mississippi.

Photo courtesy of St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office.

In the days following Hurricane Ida, after the floodwaters receded, the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office (STPSO) began receiving calls about a dolphin that had become stranded in a canal in the Oak Harbor area near Slidell on the eastern end of the parish. Sergeant Patrick Casnave, the community relations deputy who works in the area of the Oak Harbor

neighborhood, notified wildlife authorities of the trapped dolphin. His phone call put into action what was soon dubbed "Operation Rescue Flipper."

On September 5, deputies with the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office worked with representatives with the Institute for Marine Mammal Studies, Seaworld, the Audubon Nature Institute and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to capture and rescue the dolphin. STPSO deputies then assisted with crowd control and led the escort of the rescued dolphin to the state line, where members of the Hancock County Sheriff's Office assumed command as they proceeded to their final destination off Highway 90.

After animal health experts determined the dolphin was healthy and uninjured, it was released into the Gulf of Mexico in Mississippi. "It was an inspiration to see the rescue teams involved working together to take care of and achieve the goal of returning the dolphin to its natural habitat," Sheriff Randy Smith said. "The St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office was proud to play a small role in rescuing this magnificent animal."

ST. JOHN PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE HOSTS GRAND OPENING OF NEW TRAINING CENTER

BY ANGEL THOMPSON, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, ST. JOHN PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff Mike Tregre leads Gov. John Bel Edwards and Louisiana State Police Colonel Lamar Davis on a tour of shooting range in the new Lloyd B. Johnson Law Enforcement Training Center in LaPlace, Louisiana. Photo courtesy of St. John Sheriff's Office.

said. "... This facility is state of the art ... it's something to be very proud of." The new training facility, which is named in honor of Johnson who served as St. John Parish Sheriff for 20

St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff Mike Tregre was joined by Governor John Bel Edwards and several elected officials statewide April 30, 2021 to celebrate the grand opening of the St. John Parish Sheriff's Office's new Lloyd B. Johnson Law Enforcement Training Center at 947 Cambridge Drive in LaPlace.

"This is a product of visionary leadership," Gov. Edwards

years, focuses on professional training of officers.

"Officers who are well trained are better prepared to act decisively and correctly," Sheriff Tregre said. "There are so many Monday morning quarterbacks who will scrutinize decisions of law enforcement officers or what training they had or did not have that may have contributed to good or bad decisions made in split seconds or were made hours or days at a time ... so let's look at their training record," Sheriff Tregre said. "We, as sheriffs and chiefs, have to train our officers better than ever before."

Among the highlights of the \$10 million center are a simulation room that reflects real life situations including traffic stops, domestic violence calls and dealing with armed individuals, indoor shooting ranges, a fitness area, and a mock jail cell.

The center also offers community education such as Citizens Academy, women's self defense, hunter safety, and concealed carry classes.

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