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JEFFERSON PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE DETECTIVE CREATES NEW CANINE FIRST AID KIT

CAPTAIN JASON RIVARDE, PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMANDER,
JEFFERSON PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Detective Robert Martin, Sheriff Joseph Lopinto, Dr. Deb Mauterer, Dr. Margaret Trumble, Dr. Diane Dubois, Detective Adrian Thompson, and retired canine Anna, together with the "Anna 4 Paws" first-aid kits. Photo courtesy of Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office.

When Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Detective Adrian Thompson's canine partner, Anna, was injured while working a narcotics investigation, he immediately recognized an urgent canine need. Equipped with only a traditional tourniquet and first aid kit to treat humans, Detective Thompson did not have the supplies needed to treat a severe laceration Anna suffered to her face.

Earlier this year, in honor of Anna's retirement, Detective Thompson created "Anna 4 Paws," an organization focused on ensuring that canine handlers have the proper equipment to treat their injured or sick canine partners. One of Thompson's concerns was sustainability; critical care supplies often expire or get used up. Knowing this, he turned to the Southeast Louisiana Veterinary Association (SLVA) for support. The first ten canine first aid kits were assembled and donated, with

each bag sponsored by a local veterinarian who has pledged to replace medications as they expire or items as they are used. Detective Thompson's goal is to equip every canine handler in Louisiana with a kit before expanding the program nationwide.

SLVA President Dr. Deb Mauterer joined Detective Thompson to present Sheriff Joseph Lopinto with kits for all ten JPSO canine handlers on February 25, 2021. Dr. Mauterer explained that the kits each contain "veterinary specific products to allow the officers to provide emergency care to their canine partner in the field in the event of an injury or other urgent situation."

For more information about "Anna 4 Paws" or to get your agency connected with this effort, contact Detective Thompson at thompson_ad@jpsoc.com.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROVIDES CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RACIAL INTELLIGENCE TRAINING

ANGEL THOMPSON, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER,
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SHERIFF'S OFFICE



St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Deputy Ira Marsalis leads a Racial Intelligence Training and Engagement (RITE) course on racial equity inside and outside a law enforcement agency. Photo courtesy of St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office.

Improving emotional self-awareness to better interact with people on the job was the focus of specialized training recently presented at the St. John Parish Sheriff's Office in LaPlace.

All employees with the St. John Parish Sheriff's Office participated in the course led by Lt.

Chasity Crawford, Lt. Chris Crawford, Sgt. Larry Williams, and Deputy Ira Marsalis, who are certified cultural diversity trainers with Racial Intelligence Training and Engagement or RITE Academy. The ultimate goal of RITE Academy, which specializes in racial cultural diversity training for law enforcement, is to identify bias and improve communication to de-escalate high pressure situations.

"This training teaches officers to first recognize their own feelings, and then they can better deal with the feelings of others," Sheriff Mike Tregre said.

Classes focused on emotional and social intelligence. The officers learned to gauge their emotional state while addressing personal biases, so they do not react negatively. Techniques to improve communication skills, enhance mindfulness on and off the job, and enhance diversity and inclusion were among other topics discussed.

"I think this training is very important because it helps officers become more aware of differences in others and treat them with respect as well as to help them better understand a situation and react appropriately," he said. "At the same time, they learn how to show sensitivity to all people involved in the situation."

RITE is among the many continuing education courses the St. John Sheriff's Office may host at its new Lloyd B. Johnson Law Enforcement Training Center at 947 Cambridge Drive in LaPlace. This state-of-the art facility is now open for continuous training for officers as well as courses for the public such as Rape Aggression Defense, hunter safety, CPR, Stop the Bleed, and concealed weapons permits. Training using weapons also is available.

Law enforcement agencies interested in scheduling courses at the new center may call Commander Chip Wale at 985-359-8685.

CONCORDIA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECOGNIZES DEPUTY FOR LIFESAVING ACTION IN THE FIELD

FRED MIDDLETON, CHIEF DEPUTY,
CONCORDIA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Concordia Parish Sheriff David K. Hedrick recognized Deputy Justin Stevens for lifesaving efforts during a recent arrest. Photo courtesy of Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office.

Bravery and quick thinking by Concordia Parish Deputy Justin Stevens saved the lives of local citizens being victimized by a violent trespasser—likely saving his own life as well.

Deputy Stevens was dispatched to a residence where a man was

brandishing a large knife. The suspect, a sex offender with a history of domestic violence, was attempting to cut several family members with the weapon. The assailant had also

explicitly threatened to take the deputy's gun and kill him.

Deputy Stevens was faced with a daunting task in making an arrest of a violent suspect who was a danger to the community. The complainant verified that if the deputy had not arrived when he did, the suspect would have killed the family. Statements from the victims noted that even though the situation justified deadly force, he used only enough force to subdue and arrest the suspect.

Sheriff David K. Hedrick recognized Deputy Stevens for his effective handling of an exceptionally dangerous situation. Sheriff Hedrick said, "I am so proud of Deputy Stevens for the level of professionalism he exhibited in this case. His heroic actions brought resolve to a family in a dire situation."

WEST FELICIANA SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDS SGT. EARNEST JAMES MEMORIAL CHAPEL

ERIN FOSTER, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER,
WEST FELICIANA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Photo courtesy of West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office.

From 1948 until 2020, offenders at the West Feliciana Detention Center didn't have a chapel for worship services, so chaplains made do by holding services in the bull pen or the clothing room. In 2019, Sheriff J. Austin Daniel, Ret., and Warden Darrel Roan set out to enhance the Center by adding a chapel.

Louisiana State Penitentiary donated a building that was delivered in three sections. Offenders at the Detention Center put it together and installed wiring, lighting, and plumbing. They also hand made a large sign that stands out front, a wooden cross at the entrance, the steeple, the pews, and the pulpit. They finished the chapel by pouring a concrete path

and enclosing the walkway with fencing.

Warden Roan said, "They built their chapel inside and out!"

When it came time to name the chapel, the first name that came to everyone's mind was Sergeant Earnest James. He served the sheriff's office with pride, honor, and dignity for over 29 years. Then, sadly, on January 17, 2014, he was called to his heavenly home after a tragic boating accident.

During his time on this earth, Earnest served as chaplain and pastored two local churches. He led many offenders to Christ and baptized them at the detention center.

The new chapel will not only be used for worship services, but also for rehabilitation and literacy programs for offenders. The detention center offers a GED program, AA, Living in Balance, Anger Management - "Cage Your Rage," Inside Out Dad, and parenting classes.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH EQUIPS DEPUTIES WITH NEW BODY CAMERAS AND TRAINING

SGT. SUZANNE CARBONI, PUBLIC AFFAIRS,
ST. TAMMANY PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Sgt. Jon Philley models one of the Axon body cameras, which are now being worn by all St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office enforcement deputies. Photo courtesy of St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office.

In an effort to improve transparency, the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office has equipped its enforcement deputies with body cameras.

As one of his first actions for the new fiscal year, Sheriff Randy Smith signed a contract with Axon Enterprise (formerly TASER International) to purchase body cameras

for all patrol, traffic, and civil deputies.

As part of the contract, Axon Enterprise provided the necessary training on the usage of the cameras. Sheriff Smith said purchasing body cameras has been one of his priorities since taking office in 2016, and when he exhausted all opportunities for grant funding to purchase the cameras, he made the cuts necessary to find the money in the agency's general fund to purchase the cameras.

Body cameras not only provide the transparency and accountability the public demands from law enforcement, but they also provide legal and physical protection for the deputies, who continue to put their lives on the line each and every day.

"We are excited to equip our deputies with this essential tool," Sheriff Smith said. "This tool helps increase and promote transparency and accountability within the ranks and within the community we serve. Body cameras put everyone, deputies and citizens alike, on their best behavior."

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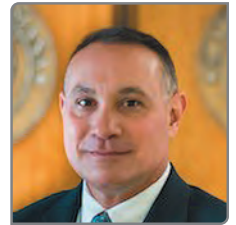
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-Sheriff Greg Champagne, Chairman-Louisiana Sheriffs' Honorary Membership Program



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IBERIA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE RUNS SUCCESSFUL GIFT DRIVE FOR LOCAL NURSING HOMES

KATHERINE BREAU, PUBLIC AFFAIRS,
IBERIA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



The Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office distributed holiday gifts for 250 local seniors living in area nursing homes. Photo courtesy of Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office.

Employees of the Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office (IPSO) were looking for new ways to give back to their community during this past Christmas season. After much consideration, it was decided to provide a small Christmas gift for residents of the five nursing homes in Iberia Parish. Response within

the sheriff's office was overwhelming, and the team opened the drive to all Iberia Parish residents.

On December 16, the public drive was held outside the Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office Patrol Office and support from Iberia Parish residents was astonishing. The number of items donated

allowed IPSO to provide every single resident living in a parish nursing home a full Christmas gift bag stocked with a lap robe, word search games, a puzzle book, toiletries, socks, and slippers.

Several days before Christmas, Sheriff Tommy Romero, Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office Public Affairs Director Katherine Breau, Fleet Manager Jerome Gaspard, and Deputy Paul Buswell of the Patrol Division personally delivered gifts to all five nursing homes. Over 250 nursing home residents received a gift!

Sheriff Tommy Romero underscored the spirit of the initiative, saying they were motivated by "the idea that these residents in our area nursing homes had not seen their families since March, and how this had influenced them mentally and physically. I personally wanted to do something for these residents to let them know that the Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office and Iberia Parish community had not forgotten them and wanted them to have a Merry Christmas. I was so proud of how our employees, as well as Iberia Parish residents, shared the joy of Christmas with our elderly."

ST. LANDRY PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE LEADS THE WAY ON "LESS-LETHAL" CONFLICT RESOLUTION

DEPUTY CHIEF EDDIE THIBODEAUX, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER,
ST. LANDRY PARISH



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

According to Sheriff Bobby J. Guidroz, "For the last month our deputies have been undergoing Less Lethal Training and are now certified on three additional options in the use of force."

"I saw a need to reallocate funds and grants to purchase additional options that are now available and issue them to my deputies for a less-than-lethal way to resolve a conflict," Guidroz added.

The sheriff's office was already certified in using pepper spray, batons, verbal de-escalation techniques, and other defensive tactics, but these additional tools will help the deputies further resolve conflicts that might arise before a firearm is used.

The department has now issued additional Tasers used to cause motor dysfunction, the JPX OC Jet Defender that deploys pepper spray to the suspect at a further distance and is not affected by wind, rain, etc., less-lethal shotguns that deploy beanbag rounds instead of bullets, and the BolaWrap that enables police to restrain subjects from a distance without inflicting pain by projecting a cord around their legs or arms.

Director of Training and Professional Development Deputy Chief Eddie Thibodeaux stated, "The less-lethal weapons, when used responsibly by highly trained and certified deputies, can prevent and minimize deaths and injuries to suspects and themselves.

The sheriff's office was able to send and certify instructors in order to train their deputies as well as neighboring agencies at no charge.

ST. CHARLES SHERIFF'S OFFICE LEADS NATION IN GRADUATES FROM LEADERSHIP COLLEGE

CORPORAL JAMES GRIMALDI, PUBLIC INFORMATION,
ST. CHARLES PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



St. Charles Sheriff's Office is proud to participate in the National Command and Staff College. Pictured with Sheriff Greg Champagne (far right) are graduates Lt. Devin Lavergne, Lt. Daniel Levet, Lt. Christian Johnson, Lt. Beau Laurent, Lt. Clint Patterson, Lt. David Ehrmann, Lt. Rocco Dominic Jr., Captain Derek Pertuis, Captain Drauzin Kinler, Lt. Roanne Sampson, 911 Director Ravenel Mixon, Human Resources Supervisor Laurie Mecum, Assistant 911 Director Amanda Pertuis, Sheriff's Administrative Assistant Cheryl Villere, and Lt. Darren Gros. Photo courtesy of St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office.

Under the command of Sheriff Greg Champagne—who as of June 2020 is the longest serving sheriff in the history of St. Charles—the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office has made first-class leadership training through all ranks of the SCSO a landmark initiative.

Dr. Mitch Javidi established the National Command and Staff College (NCSC) in 2015 in conjunction with the National Sheriff's Association (NSA). Sheriff Champagne collaborated with Dr. Javidi in the creation of the program during Sheriff Champagne's tenure as President of the NSA.

Since the NCSC's creation, 24 supervisors from the SCSO have completed the 240 hours of training, including the 80-

hour residency. This is the largest number of supervisors from any single agency in the country to have graduated from this program. Recent sessions of NCSC, held in March and May, added several more SCSO supervisors to that impressive list.

Other online leadership training is available and strongly encouraged for every SCSO employee. Since the initiation of the leadership training program, there has been an astronomical drop in crime rates, and complaints against our deputies are at an all-time low. Once employees have shown the dedication necessary to complete the first four levels of online leadership training and accompanying classroom workshops, they become eligible for promotions into leadership positions.



CATAHOULA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE "HELP" PROGRAM ASSISTS SENIORS DURING WINTER STORM

PAM PATTEN, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER,
CATAHOULA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Catahoula Parish was one of many Louisiana parishes impacted by a rare ice storm this past February. Although the storm caused destruction throughout the parish, including a parish-wide power outage, the Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Office was ready to assist the elderly and those with special needs through their HELP program.

Through HELP (Handicap Elderly Lookout Program), deputies were able to immediately begin checking on senior citizens and special needs community members who were signed up for the program.

While all senior citizen complexes within the parish are full electric with no backup generators, HELP officer, Megan

White, ensured the sheriff's office was prepared before the storm, knowing which residents would be going to family members and which would be staying at their apartments with or without a generator.

The HELP Program allowed Catahoula Parish deputies to assist its most vulnerable population during a stressful time for them. Deputies made frequent welfare checks on these citizens and any others that called in need. A large majority of the calls were from elderly citizens not able to lift gas cans—and the sheriff's office had deputies designated for handling exactly this request.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE SETS FUNDRAISING RECORD FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

KYLE GAUTREAU, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS OFFICER,
ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Sheriff Bobby Webre thanked PIO Allison B. Hudson for her hard work and dedication in coordinating various agencies to raise more than \$30,000 for the American Cancer Society. Photo courtesy of Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office.

the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office (APSO) raised a total of \$1,370 for "No Shave November."

That first effort motivated Hudson, along with Staff Sergeant Randy Heflin, to reach out to other law

enforcement agencies to join in the fun and raise more money. The movement hit its stride in 2018 when APSO, the Gonzales Police Department, and the Baton Rouge Police Department collectively raised \$8,500. In 2019, the group joined forces with East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office, St. James Sheriff's Office, Lafourche Sheriff's Office, Golden Meadow Police Department, Port Fourchon Harbor Police Department, Thibodaux Police Department, and Lockport Police Department. Together, these agencies raised a total of \$20,911. The COVID-19 pandemic did not put a damper on the fundraising goals for 2020. Rather, Hudson worked to add St. John Sheriff's Office, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, and Gretna Police Department to the growing list of agencies. This year's total set a record of \$30,775!

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"I am super proud to have helped in this effort and raised money to help people," said Hudson. "I especially want to thank Sheriff Bobby Webre for allowing us to participate in this morale booster and fundraiser each year. I hope that next year is even bigger!"

OUACHITA CORRECTIONAL CENTER SHOWCASES EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

GLENN SPRINGFIELD, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER,
OUACHITA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



An inmate learns welding skills at Ouachita Correctional Center's vocational training program. Photo courtesy of Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office.

Department of Corrections (DOC) moved inmates from a private facility that offered some educational and skill courses to the Ouachita Correctional Center (OCC). The programs were transferred as well and were enhanced at OCC. Existing structures were remodeled, and a new educational building was added to house the training programs. The vocational

What began with a small GED/HiSet program and traditional Department of Corrections programs has transformed through time into one of the most successful inmate rehabilitation programs in the state.

In 2019, the Louisiana

training was expanded, with welding certification and certified forklift operator classes added to the offerings.

As a result, OCC now has the third largest GED/HiSet graduating class in the state, with 15 inmates earning associate degrees and four earning their bachelor's degrees online. Inmates enrolled in the vocational courses, such as the welders and forklift operators, are successfully certified in their fields upon graduation. The OCC program coordinator then works with DOC, the Louisiana Workforce Commission, and other partners to help find employment for these graduates.

"We are very proud of what our staff has accomplished with the implementation of these programs. We are especially proud for those who have completed the courses that they are working to improve their lives and provide for their families," said Ouachita Parish Sheriff Jay Russell.

ST. MARTIN PARISH ESTABLISHES POPULAR LITTER ABATEMENT PROGRAM

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



The Cecilia Community Clean-Up Day this February included help from: Captain Ginny Higgins, Public Affairs Commander; Deputy Roderick Kidder, Community Liaison-Public Affairs Division-Cecilia; various community volunteers; Deputy Jody LeBlanc, St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office; and the Litter Abatement Crew. Photo courtesy of St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office.

St. Martin Parish is a rural parish. Some of the areas throughout the parish that are underpopulated, unfortunately, have become dumping grounds for trash, discarded furniture, and appliances. Additionally, some of the major thoroughfares that run throughout our parish have also seen an increase in litter. Due to the ongoing litter issue, shortly after taking office in the fall of 2020, Sheriff Becket Breaux established the St. Martin Parish Litter Abatement Program.

The Litter Abatement Crew is comprised of a St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office deputy and three offenders from the St. Martin Parish Correctional Center. This crew travels throughout St. Martin Parish and cleans up areas that are identified as having significant litter issues. Residents are also encouraged to call and report areas in need of cleanup.

In February, we participated in our first collaborative community cleanup in Cecilia, LA. This group of volunteers along with volunteers from the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office and the St. Martin Parish Litter Abatement Crew spent the morning picking up 130 bags of trash.

The focus of the program is to eliminate and reduce the amount of litter throughout St. Martin Parish. Additionally, it has also been a positive experience for the offenders by giving them a sense of pride knowing they are making a difference in our community.

Since the program's inception, we have received very positive feedback from the community. Without this program, blighted areas would continue to grow and tarnish the landscape of St. Martin Parish.



LINCOLN PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE RESPONDS TO FREEZING TEMPERATURES WITH TIRELESS EFFORT

SHERIFF STEPHEN WILLIAMS,
LINCOLN PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On Saturday February 13, 2021, at approximately 5:00 PM, the temperature in Lincoln Parish dropped to 32 degrees. For the next 141 hours, temperatures would not rise above that mark. As the temperatures continued to drop, the call volumes began to rise.

Over the next eight days, the men and women of the Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office responded to over 500 additional calls for service caused by the winter storm. Deputies logged hundreds of miles transporting front-line workers to and from work. When the sick and elderly needed medications, our deputies volunteered to deliver them. When motorists were stranded on Interstate 20 for days at a time, our deputies began delivering water and MRE's.

Deputies assigned to Lincoln Parish Detention Center responded to work with overnight bags and remained on location for the duration of their tour—leaving their families behind. Not once did I hear a single complaint. What I saw was a family of deputies working together to serve the community they love. There are no words to express my gratitude for their dedication to Lincoln Parish.

Since taking office in July 2020, I have witnessed the Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office face many obstacles, from the COVID-19 pandemic to Hurricane Laura and the unprecedented winter storm. Through it all, I continue to witness this group of extraordinary men and women go above and beyond for their fellow man. Thank you again for your service to our great parish!

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