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### **SHERIFF CHAMPAGNE ANNOUNCES MAJOR PROMOTION**

Sheriff Champagne is pleased to announce that he has promoted Gil Schmidt to the rank of Major.

Major Schmidt began his career with the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office in 1981 as a Deputy in the Patrol Division under then Sheriff Charles Wilson. He graduated from the Louisiana State University POST Academy in February of 1982, and was promoted to Detective where he remained until October of 1984.

Major Schmidt left the Sheriff's Office for a brief period in 1984 to work security in the petrochemical industry, but returned to the Sheriff's Office in August of 1985 working in the Patrol Division. Schmidt remained in the Patrol Division where he obtained the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, and in 1992 was promoted to a Lieutenant as a watch commander in the Patrol Division.

In April of 2009, Sheriff Champagne promoted Schmidt to Captain over Patrol, Traffic, K-9, Marine, Vehicle Maintenance, Reserve Division, and off-duty assignments.

Major Schmidt will now serve as the Commander of the Strategic Operations Department. His duties will include overseeing: Courthouse Security, Civil Process Servers, Standard Operating Guidelines, Contracts/Memorandums of Understandings, and all Hazard Emergency Plans. He will also be the Sheriff's Office Emergency Operations Manager as well as the Liaison Officer to all other Parish Level Governmental Agencies.

Major Schmidt is married to Mary Gautreaux Schmidt. They live in Destrehan, Louisiana. Major Schmidt has three children – Kristen, Gil III, and Jonathan – and two grandchildren, Caden and Ansley.

