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**SHERIFF
GREG CHAMPAGNE**

Welcome to the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office's seventeenth issue of "Update". We want to continue to improve communication between our community and law enforcement, ensuring that residents can play an active role in helping us create a safe community. Our residents' involvement dramatically improves our effectiveness in protecting the lives and property in St. Charles Parish. We hope you will join us by reporting suspicious activity in your neighborhood as it occurs.

In this issue, we spotlight expansion of the Law Enforcement Complex as well as the reduction in crime for the first half of 2014. Also included are changes in courthouse security, an overview of boater safety rules, 10 things you didn't know you could do on our web site, and information on how to apply for the Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy.

We also take a look at the new addition to the Fallen Officers' Memorial in front of the Sheriff's Office's Law Enforcement Complex.

SCSO ON THE MOVE: CRIME-FIGHTING STRATEGY SHOWS RESULTS AND NEW COMPLEX UNDERWAY

This has been an exciting year for the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office. During the first six months of 2014, crime statistics show fairly significant decreases, according to the F.B.I. Uniform Crime Reporting System. These numbers are some of the best in a decade. This indicates that the strategies we have implemented over the years are paying off. It also indicates that the level of dedication and commitment of our deputies is high. **See the article on page 3 for statistics and more detail about this trend.**

We are also anxiously awaiting the completion of our new Training Facility being constructed next door to our headquarters on Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway in Luling. We expect it to open in the spring of 2015. Training has always been the cornerstone of my vision for the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office. This will provide our Training Division with a state-of-the-art facility to conduct this most important business. We hold one of the very few coveted training certificates issued by the State of Louisiana to maintain a P.O.S.T. Academy, and I am proud that we are responsible for the training of cadets, not only from the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, but also for cadets of several



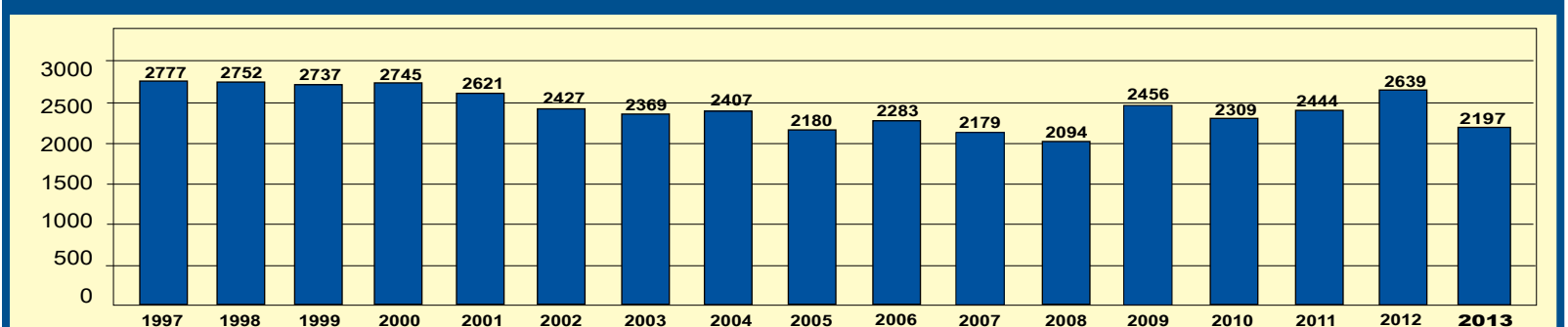
St. Charles Parish Law Enforcement Complex

surrounding sheriff's offices and police departments.

While we are extremely proud and pleased with the progress we have made over the last several years, we will never rest on past successes and will continue to

strive to constantly improve the quality of our service to you. Please enjoy this issue of our *UPDATE*!

ST. CHARLES PARISH ANNUAL UCR TOTALS Total Index crimes reported to the FBI



Sheriff Champagne Promotes Three Officers

Sheriff Champagne is proud to announce the promotion of three St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office employees.

Gil Schmidt has been promoted 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 the following: 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. Major Schmidt has three children – Kristen, Gil III, and Jonathan – and two grandchildren, Caden and Ansley.

Mark Candies has been promoted to the rank of Captain.

Captain Candies is a 28-year veteran of the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office currently assigned to the St. Charles



Major Gil Schmidt

Parish Regional P.O.S.T. Academy as the director of training. His previous assignments include corrections officer, patrol officer, patrol supervisor and watch commander. He is a former member of the Special Response Team and commander of the department Honor Guard. Captain Candies is a member of the La. P.O.S.T. Council's Active Shooter Training committee, Basic Academy Curriculum Committee, and has been certified in federal court as an expert in police training tactics. Captain Candies assisted with the creation and development of the Active Shooter Response Planning Course (IMPASE) and has trained local, state, and federal enforcement officers, in addition to nuclear security and U.S. Military personnel.

Captain Candies resides in Destrehan with his wife Lori. He has two adult children, Grant James and Lauren Elizabeth, and two adult stepdaughters, Lauren Ashley and Lacie Eliece.

Troy Whitney has been promoted to Captain and Assistant Warden of the Nelson Coleman Correctional Center.

Captain Whitney has been serving the citizens of St. Charles Parish since 1997. He began his

law enforcement career serving as a correctional officer for two years before being assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division. There he served as a field training officer, attained the rank of corporal, and was assigned as the assistant westbank supervisor. After nearly ten years of service in the Patrol Division, Captain Whitney was reassigned as a staff instructor at the St. Charles Regional P.O.S.T. Training Academy, where he attained the rank of sergeant. After three years of service in the training academy, he was promoted to lieutenant and was reassigned as the commander of the Internal Affairs Division. Captain Whitney is currently assigned to the Corrections Department as an assistant warden and also serves as the sniper team leader for the Special Response Team and assistant commander of the Honor Guard Team.

A 1997 graduate of Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana, Captain Whitney earned an associate of science degree in Criminal Justice. He is a graduate of the Lafourche Parish P.O.S.T. Academy and the FBI's Instructor Development Program.

Captain Whitney currently resides in Luling with his wife and two children and is also an ordained deacon at First Baptist Church Luling. ★



Captain Troy Whitney



Captain Mark Candies

Sheriff Champagne to serve as NSA Vice President

Sheriff Greg Champagne (Vice President of National Sheriff's Association) and Sheriff John Aubrey (President) of Jefferson County Kentucky (Louisville) newly installed.



Training Academy Graduates 26 New Officers

The Sheriff's Office's Regional Training Academy graduated its 20th class earlier this year.

Aspiring police officers from around the region went through 11 weeks of military-style physical training, study of the law and police practices in order to achieve P.O.S.T. Certification, thus making them eligible to become certified law enforcement officers.

The academy's full-time staff consists of two staff instructors and two support personnel. It also utilizes experts from throughout the Sheriff's Office to teach subjects such as firearms, fingerprinting and vehicle stops. Experienced deputies also role play during scenarios that give a real-life aspect to training exercises.

The training academy graduated its first full class in 2002 at the parish



school system's Boutte Adult Learning Center. They have since trained nearly 500 police officers.

The 20th class included 13 St. Charles Parish Sheriff's deputies and 13 officers from other police agencies in the area. Their ages ranged between 21 and 67.

Plans are to move the academy into a new training center now under construction adjacent to the Sheriff's Office's Law Enforcement Complex on Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway in Luling. The 34,000 square foot building is expected to be completed in May 2015 and will be the training ground for police officers for decades to come. ★



HELP US SOLVE CRIMES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

St. Charles Parish residents and business-owners who own video security systems can help the Sheriff's Office solve crimes in their area by allowing detectives to view stored video in the aftermath of a crime.

Video of traffic passing in front of a certain location can provide crucial information about a crime to detectives, even if the crime occurred elsewhere in the parish.

For example, video of a residential street may be of interest to detectives trying to solve a burglary, even if the

burglary occurred on a different street.

The Detective Bureau maintains a confidential database of security cameras that may capture information that can be used in solving a crime.

Information about participants in the program will be considered confidential.

Those who would like to help or who want more information should contact Lt. Donnie Smith at (985) 783-1135 or by e-mail at dsmith@stcharlessheriff.org. ★



Community Strategies

St. Charles Parish Courthouse Installs New Security Scanners

Starting this fall, visitors to the St. Charles Parish Courthouse will be required to pass through security scanners in order to enter the building. The scanners will detect guns, knives, and flammable liquids.

There also will be a single public entrance at the northeast corner of the building. Construction to enlarge the

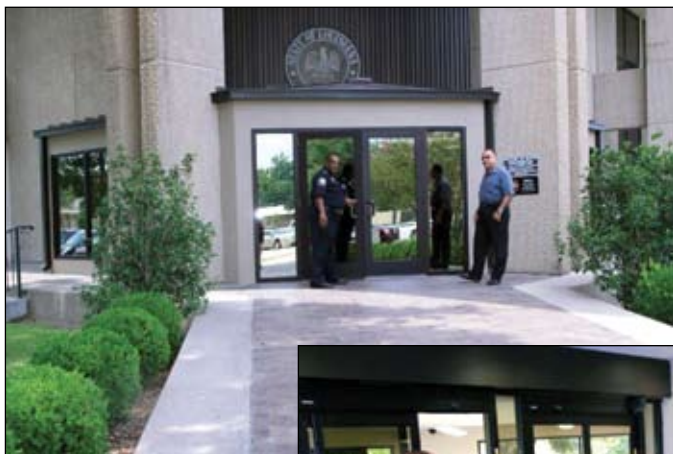
entrance to the courthouse has been recently completed.

"The system is designed for the safety and security of the public and parish employees," said Major Gil Schmidt, who is in charge of courthouse security.

The system has been in the works for several years, and is similar to those used in courthouses throughout the state.



Public entrance to courthouse has been enlarged.



Passing through security scanners will soon be mandatory to enter courthouse.



Crime Drops Significantly in First Half of 2014

A strong working relationship between divisions of the Sheriff's Office has been a key component in reducing the level of personal and property crime so far in 2014, according to Sheriff Greg Champagne.

Reported personal and property crime has dropped significantly in the first six months of 2014.

The average number of property crimes in the first half of the year dropped from an average of 748 over the previous four years to 558 in the first half of 2014. The number of crimes against people dropped from an average of 475 in the first half of the year between 2010 and 2013 to 355 in the first half of this year.

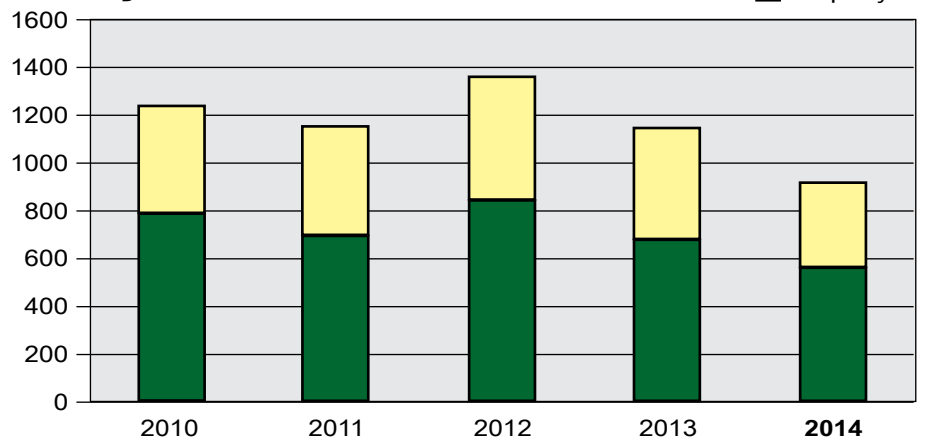
"Deputies in our various divisions have learned to work very well together," Sheriff Champagne said.

The Sheriff also credited hard work by District Attorney Joel Chaisson, II's office to prevent premature release of those arrested for crimes.

Another factor is the Sheriff's Office's use of deputies who work the "hot list" arrest warrants for residents wanted for other jurisdictions.

"We actively work to find these people and serve those warrants," Sheriff Champagne said. "If you are a resident of St. Charles Parish and are wanted in another jurisdiction, you will not be able to take it easy here because we will be looking for you." ★

REPORTED CRIME
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Sheriff's Office Receives Second Award for Sex Offender Tracking System

The Sheriff's Office's sex offender tracking system has received its second award from Watch Systems Inc. this year for its implementation of the sex offender tracking in 2013.

Convicted sex offenders are required by law to register with the Sheriff's Office and keep the office notified of their current address.

The Sheriff's Office's web site has a feature that allows residents to identify registered offenders who may be living near them.

The Sheriff's Office also received the award in 2012.

Those on the list have been convicted of certain sex-related crimes and are required by law to register their address with the Sheriff's Office and to take out a legal notice informing the

public of their status.

Sheriff's Office personnel perform compliance checks throughout the year, including enforcement of a provision that bans offenders from participating in trick or treating activity or walking the streets during trick-or-treating hours.

The State of Louisiana follows the NORNA (National) 3 Tier system in deciding, according to the offense at the time of conviction, how long and how often a registered sex offender has to register. All information on sex offenders is recorded on the Offender Watch, which is available on the Sheriff's Office web site.



The Sheriff's Office has received its second award from Watch Systems Inc. for implementation of the sex offender tracking system.

To check for registered offenders in your neighborhood, click on the "Sex Offenders" link on the bottom left side of our home page, or type "Sex Offenders" in the search box at the top left side of the page. ★

Community Crime Prevention

IMPASE Program Earns National School Safety Award

The Sheriff's Office, in partnership with parish school systems, were recognized by the National School Board Association for its work to protect residents from tragedy by creating a program to defend against an active shooter.

The School Safety Advocacy Council's National School Safety Award recognizes individuals, agencies and districts that go above and beyond in the efforts to keep students and schools safe. More than 65 nominations were submitted for the awards.

The most recent exercises, designed to train first responders and school officials on how to work together in a crisis, were conducted at St. Charles Borromeo School in October 2013 and at R.K. Smith Middle School in January. Department of Emergency Preparedness and St. Charles Parish Hospital created a

Safe Schools Task Force and conducted its first active shooter drill in 2006. The program is called I.M.P.A.S.E., for Integrated Multilayered Planning for an Active Shooter Event.



Pictured in photo from left is: Curtis Lavarello (Executive Director/CEO-School Advocacy Council), Kade Rogers/Coordinator of School Safety & Emergency Preparedness St. Charles Parish Public Schools, John Rome - Executive Director of Physical Plant Services for St. Charles Parish Schools, and Major Edward Beckendorf - Commander St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office of Administrative Services/Communications and Training.

The Sheriff's Office last year also conducted training of school personnel with the Archdiocese of New Orleans about how to formulate their own plans to protect students and staff. January's exercise at R.K. Smith Middle School was a regional event, involving police agencies from throughout the area.

Sheriff Greg Champagne said one of St. Charles Parish's major assets is the ability of public agencies to work together. Deputies regularly train with the parish's fire departments in order to learn how to better coordinate their efforts.

"Our I.M.P.A.S.E. program could not be successful without the partnership with the school system, firefighters and other stakeholders in our parish. It is a credit to their leadership," Sheriff Champagne said. ★



St. Charles Parish Sheriff's deputies conduct an active shooter drill at St. Charles Borromeo School in Destrehan in 2013. The Sheriff's Office works closely with schools in the parish to develop strategies that protect students and faculty harm in the event of an incident that poses a danger to those in the school. Another drill was conducted at R.K. Smith Middle School in 2014.

PROTECT YOUR PASSWORDS

The security flaw discovered in many e-commerce web sites was a wake-up call for many who shop and bank online.

Though that problem has been largely patched, using weak passwords to access your online accounts could make it easy for a crook to steal your online identity and accounts.

Experts say that those who rely on the a few passwords and user names for many accounts could be more vulnerable to hackers who use "brute force" attacks to crack online accounts.

Using a unique and strong username and password for each account is good protection from hackers, who look for easy-to-crack passwords, particularly words that appear in a dictionary in any language.

A friend who used a bit of obscure Scottish slang for his password saw his e-mail account hijacked. All his friends received pleas from his account asking them to send money overseas.

Armed with ever more-powerful computers, hackers try to crack passwords by using automated "dictionary

attacks", which involves trying one password after another until the program hits on the correct one.

Those who use the same log-in and password on multiple sites can be particularly affected, according to a 2012 article on the technology web site, Ars Technica.

"The average Web user maintains 25 separate accounts but uses just 6.5 passwords to protect them, according to a landmark study from 2007. As the ... breach demonstrated, such password reuse, combined with the frequent use of e-mail addresses as user names, means that once hackers have plucked login credentials from one site, they often have the means to compromise dozens of other accounts, too."

Some E-commerce sites, such as those operated by banks and credit card companies, have responded to the threat by requiring users to answer security questions when the site detects the customer using an unfamiliar computer, or trying access from an unfamiliar location.

HOME NETWORKS

Home wireless networks are also vulnerable to infiltration from outsiders if not properly protected. But doing that is relatively simple.

The hub of a home wireless network is a router, a device that connects multiple computers or devices to the Internet.

Wireless routers broadcast and receive radio waves carrying data between your Internet provider and Internet-enabled devices, such as computers, gaming consoles and phones.

But unless precautions are taken, information that you share on your network can be vulnerable to hackers.

Hackers, whether they are teen-agers looking for a free connection, or thieves trying to steal personal information, troll neighborhoods, searching for unsecured networks.

The good news is that they have to be fairly close to your home to sneak in.

They use hacking tools available on the Internet that repeatedly try to crack passwords on password-protected networks. It's much easier to break into routers encrypted with the older Wireless Encryption Protocol, or WEP.

These hackers don't have to be master criminals. They can be your neighbors' children using "cracking" software that are available on the Internet, or professional thieves looking to scroll through the shared folders on your home network.

Fortunately, it's relatively simple to make your wireless network more resistant to hacking.

- Use strong encryption. The WPA-2 standard.

- Choose a strong network password. Choose one that doesn't appear in any dictionary in any language and is at least 9 characters long.

This will deter hackers who use brute force to crack your password.

Experts say long, non-

obvious passwords, such as "MyF@vori+eIceCream1sCh0colate" are easy to remember and difficult to crack by brute force.

Use similar rules when choosing passwords and user for online accounts.

TIPS:

- To avoid password overload, use a password locker to keep track of your passwords. Use a strong password to protect the others. Store a password-protected copy of the locker online.

- Change the default password to your wireless router settings. These are online at the manufacturer's web site.

- Set up a "Guest Password" on your router for use by children and visitors. This gives them wireless access, while keeping your sensitive files secure.

- Be wary doing banking or other commercial activity while using open wireless networks in restaurants, and other public places unless your computer is configured for a virtual private network. Information sent through these unsecured hotspots can be intercepted. ★



Community Awareness

St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office Offers Citizens' Academy

St. Charles Parish residents can get a first-hand look at how the Sheriff's Office fights crime by signing up for Sheriff Greg Champagne's Citizens' Academy.

The Academy, which is held once a week for 10 weeks, gives attendees insights about a wide range of crime-prevention topics, as well as a detailed look at the techniques of a contemporary law enforcement agency.

Topics include information about how our officers solve cases, animal cruelty and dog-fighting, Internet safety, crime prevention for your family, as well as the office's important less dramatic

duties such as tax collection

Attendees also will get an inside look at how patrol officers work and how our 911 center handles emergency calls; they will also tour the Nelson Coleman Correctional Center.

For consideration for the academy, you must be a parish resident or work at a parish business, pass a background check and commit to attending all courses, which are held in the evening.

To apply for the next class, fill out the application form that can be found on our web site.

Just type "Citizens Academy" into the search box. ★

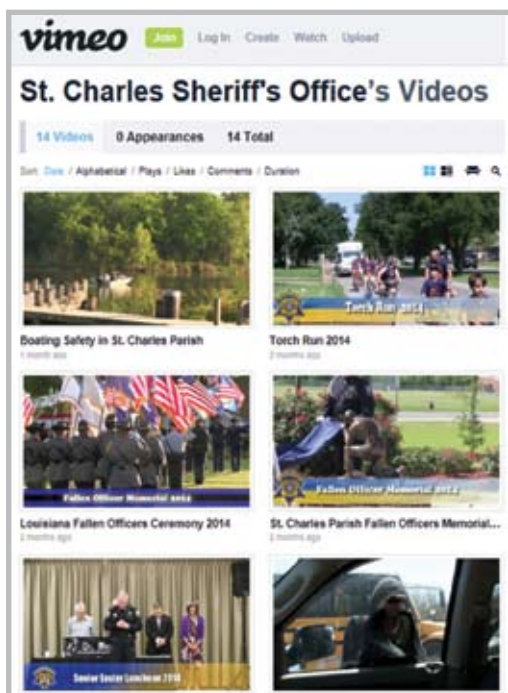


Range Master Ted Adams goes over the features of a pistol at the Sheriff's Office Firing Range with a member of the Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy earlier this year. The academy is designed to give residents a closer look at how the Sheriff's Office operates. It is open to residents who are willing to attend all classes. Applicants undergo a background check.

Sheriff's Office Videos

The Sheriff's Office offers a growing number of videos on topics including crime prevention, the dangers of synthetic drugs, and boating safety. We've also included tips on hurricane preparedness, hunting safety, and coverage of community events sponsored by the Sheriff's Office, such as the Night Out Against Crime, and other useful information on our web site.

You can find links to this important information on our web site and through our social media. ★



SAFE BOATING PRACTICES SAVE LIVES



Thousands of people launch boats in St. Charles Parish every year. Although the Sheriff's Office is ready to assist anyone who gets into trouble, each boater has the responsibility of taking precautions against a mishap or mechanical trouble.

Lt. Sandy Dares, commander of the Sheriff's Office's Marine Division, says good boat-handling skills, well-maintained equipment and taking safety precautions go a long way towards ensuring that your trip ends safely.

"The most important thing a boater can do is to make sure they have a life vest for each person on board, as well as a horn, a whistle, or other sound-producing device to alert other vessels of a possible collision," Dares said.

Leave a float plan with a trusted person, so they will know where you are putting in, where you are going, and when you expect to be back. Giving someone this information can save your life.

A Coast Guard float plan form that can be filled out on a computer or by hand is on our web site. Just type "Float

Plan" into the search box of the Sheriff's Office web site.

To reduce the chance that you will need help, make sure that your equipment is in good shape before leaving the dock. Just in case, carry a flare gun, a noise-making device, such as a horn or whistle, and a marine radio. Cell phones don't always work on the water.

We are reminding boat operators that anyone born after Jan. 1, 1984, must complete a state-required safety course before taking a vessel out on the water. You will learn about safety, how to navigate in crowded waters and lots of other useful information.

The course can be taken online and includes information that even veteran boaters will find helpful.

We'll say it one more time: Please wear a life vest while on the water - all the time. And make sure that everyone on your boat wears one too. It can literally save your life. ★

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YouTube: Sheriff Greg Champagne
http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_pTIDaMxbPGzMo_z9HycQ



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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Charles-Parish-Sheriffs-Office/135840006438230>

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Community Partnerships

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

On Tuesday, **October 14**, neighborhoods throughout St. Charles Parish are being invited to join forces with law enforcement agencies in the area for the 31th Annual National Night Out Against Crime/Drug Prevention event. National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by Sheriff Greg Champagne and the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office.

Two years ago law enforcement agencies in the area agreed to celebrate National Night Out in October to avoid the intense August heat. The change was well received by the public and

the decision was made to continue celebrating Night Out in October rather than on the traditional date of the second Tuesday in August.

National Night Out is designed to (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness (2) Generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From **6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on October 14**, homeowners, apartment dwellers and businesses are asked to lock their

doors, turn on outside lights for security and spend the evening with their neighbors and police outdoors demonstrating solidarity against crime.

National Night Out is an ideal opportunity for citizens and law enforcement nationwide to form powerful partnerships in the fight for a safer America.

If your neighborhood is planning a Night Out Party, please call Susie Gauthier by Monday, October 6 at 985-783-1355 to register. ★



2014 "NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME"

Metro Kick-off Party

**Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014
2PM - 6PM**

Lake Town on Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA
(Near the Treasure Chest Casino)

Admission: FREE

Free food and free entertainment (musical guest, Karma). Demonstrations and attractions will be conducted by several law enforcement agencies.

Sheriff's Camp Encourages Trust and Communication

The 19th annual "Operation First Class Sheriff's Camp" was held during the week of July 11 - 16 at the Boy Scout's Camp Salmen located in the pine forest of Kiln, Miss. This year 61 boys between the ages of 12 - 16 attended the five-day camp along with 16 deputies and 8 Explorer Cadets serving as chaperones.

Through a partnership with the New Orleans Council Boy Scouts of America we offer boys an opportunity to attend, at no charge, a one-week summer camp. Not only do the boys enjoy a variety of outdoor activities including swimming, archery, and crafts, but also the camp blends education and instructional skills, career education, building values, ethics and leadership development to combat the causes of violence and crime.

"When I was elected Sheriff of St. Charles Parish, one of my pledges was

to create a summer program for parish youth in an effort to promote trust and interaction between young people and the Sheriff's Office," Sheriff Champagne said. "The cost to send these boys to camp for one week is roughly the same as incarcerating two juveniles in a correctional facility for a month."

By reaching the youths at this age, the Sheriff said he hopes to make a difference before they end up in the judicial system. "This program is a tremendous success and a positive experience for the boys who participate, as well as the deputies who accompany them," Sheriff Champagne said.

Since 1996 over 1,000 St. Charles Parish boys have attended this summer camp.

For more information, please call (985) 783-1355. ★



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Campers and Law Enforcement Officers at Operation First Class Sheriff's Camp 2014

Community Outreach

Ten Things You Didn't Know You Could Do On The Sheriff's Office Web Site

An informed public helps keep crime in check. The Sheriff's Office's web site provides a wealth of crime prevention information for the public, as well as updated information on criminal activity in our community.

Here are 10 important features on our web site.

1. Find out what crimes have been reported in your neighborhood. The Sheriff's Office's has a Crime-Mapping site, which includes a listing of crimes and other disturbances reported in your neighborhood, even those not serious enough to warrant a mention in our news releases. Just search for "Crime Mapping". Click on our "Arrests and News Releases" link on the left side of our home page for information about serious crimes.

2. Check out our crime prevention page, which has tips on a wide variety of topics. The page also includes tips on bullying, online safety and ways to escape domestic violence. Just type "Crime Prevention" in the search box.
3. Check our map of registered sex offenders. Just visit our Crime Prevention page, or type in "Sex Offenders" in the search box.
4. Pay taxes and tickets. There is a service charge, but this online service will save you a trip to the courthouse.
5. Apply for a job with the Sheriff's Office. Download an application by clicking on the "Employment" link on the left side of the page.
6. Determine who is incarcerated in

the Nelson Coleman Correctional Center. Just type "jail roster" into the search bar.

7. Schedule a home safety inspection. It's available to senior citizens to help make their homes safer. Just type "Home Safety Inspection" into the search box.
8. Register your bicycle, ATV or golf cart with the Sheriff's Office. We may be able to help you recover it faster if it is stolen. Click the "Community Programs" dropdown menu.
9. Download our mobile app for iPhone or Android. It has all of our web site's features in a mobile



format. Click on the "I Want To . . ." link on our site's menu bar and click on "Get The Sheriff's Mobile App"

10. Using social media is a way keep up with important public information in "real time". To follow the Sheriff's Office's updates, click on the "I Want To . . ." button on the navigation bar; then the "Follow the Sheriff's Office" link. You'll find out how to follow us on Facebook and Twitter. There are also links to the Sheriff's Office's accounts on YouTube and Vimeo. ★

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ANNOUNCED

Sheriff Champagne is shown with Allison Folse, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Scholarship winner. Allison graduated from Hahnville High in May and will be attending Southeastern Louisiana University in the fall where she will be getting a degree in Criminal Justice.



Sheriff's Office Mobile App for iPhone and Android Phones Now Available

The Sheriff's Office's mobile app, **St. Charles SO on the Go**, is now available for iPhone and Android.

The free app allows parish residents to keep track of the latest news and updates from the Sheriff's Office. This includes maps of recently reported crimes delivered by CrimeMapping.com.

The app also contains many of the functions contained on our web site but sized for a small screen.

The mobile app allows residents to stay informed about reported crime in their neighborhood, anonymously report criminal activity, obtain forms to apply for a job at the Sheriff's Office, get an accident report, or apply for a business license in the parish.


You can even pay property taxes or traffic fines, which saves you a trip to the courthouse.

The app also has links to an extensive list of crime prevention tips

for online and home safety. Don't want another app? Our web site is also designed for mobile browsers. ★



7.



ST. CHARLES PARISH TRIAD

Service Providers

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Senior Day 2014

All St. Charles Parish Senior Citizens are invited to attend

Oct. 16, 2014 • 9:30 A.M.

JERUSALEM SHRINE CENTER IN DESTREHAN
1940 Ormond Blvd., Destrehan

FREE

Health Screening
Diabetic Foot Screening
Give-a-ways
Door Prizes
Information
Entertainment
Lunch

Flu Shots will be available through
St. Charles Community Health Center.

TOPIC:
Breast Cancer Awareness

For transportation call
985-783-6683

For more information
call Joyce Gullage
985-783-1355



The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics was held on May 23, 2014. Participants from the Torch Run from St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office raised **\$2,740.00** this year. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest fundraiser for the Louisiana Special Olympics. This year's guest participant was Special Olympian Hannah Hotard from Norco. ★



2014 St. Charles Sheriff's Office Torch Run participants running for a cause.



SERVICE PIN RECIPIENTS HONORED

Congratulations to the following personnel on receipt of the department's service pins. We are indeed fortunate to have employees dedicated to this agency and community by providing many years of faithful service. Thank you for sharing your talents and experience with us. ★

30 YEARS

Patricia Baudoin
Diahann Dufresne
Claudette McGee

25 YEARS

George Breedy
Melissa Dempster
William Fauchaux
Denise Francis
Renee Kinler

20 YEARS

Kenny Gagliano
Gery Gaubert
Michelle Joseph
Louis Varnado



15 YEARS

George Cunningham
Rocco Dominic Jr.
Gwen Jennings
Roanne Sampson
Marlon Shuff

10 YEARS

Christopher Baird
Steven Fontenot
Shawn Gregory
Shondell Johnson
Candie Malborough

5 YEARS

Brad Baradell
Tonya Castle
Michelle Folse
Perry Gambino
Monique Hunter
Arielle Lege
Juanasha Smith
Russell Sorapuru
Kevin Tennison
Anthony Wetta

Fallen Heroes Honored

A new addition to St. Charles Parish's Fallen Heroes Memorial features a statue of a grieving police officer. The new statue was dedicated on May 6, 2014 before an audience of more than 100 area law enforcement personnel and elected officials.

The annual ceremony has been especially meaningful in the last two years because of the line-of-duty deaths of three deputies during that time. Two deputies in neighboring St. John the Baptist Parish were killed in a 2012 ambush. Two other deputies were gravely wounded. Three of the four had ties to St. Charles Parish. St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Watson died after an impaired driver pulled into the path of his patrol vehicle as he responded to a call for help from another officer.

The monument is a project of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 15, which is offering engraved bricks around the new addition to sponsors of the project.

For more information, visit the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office web

site and type "Memorial Expansion Project" in the search bar.

The monument is located at 260 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway in Luling. It was dedicated in 2011 to honor the three officers known to have died in the line of duty prior to that time.

They are Sheriff Lewis Ory, who was killed in 1903 while trying to serve a warrant; Deputy James Arterbury, who was shot in the back while making an arrest in 1973; and Deputy Nelson Coleman, who died of a heart attack in 1982 while trying to subdue a suspect. The Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police, a not-for-profit organization, is seeking additional donations and sponsorship for future improvements, including an additional statue representing families left behind. Other planned improvements include additional lighting, benches and an expansion of the paved area.

Six Louisiana police officers died



in the line of duty in 2013.

They are Jeff G. Watson of the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, Steven G. Netherland of the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office, Frederick "Rick" Riggensbach

of the Chitamacha Tribal Police, Peggy L. Sylvester of the Opelousas Police Department, Rodney Renee Thomas of the New Orleans Police Department, and Dustin Hamilton of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. Also honored was Eric J. Bellard of the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office, who died during Hurricane Gustav in 2008.

"The memorial is not only to honor those who have fallen, but for the families of each and every one of us,"

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said Tech. Joseph Marroccoli, president of Lodge 15 of the Louisiana FOP, "It is here so that we will never forget the sacrifice that is made all across this state and this country – the sacrifice made by law enforcement officers and the families of these officers" ★

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