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ST. JAMES PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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Our Mission

The St. James Parish Sheriff's Office is committed to providing quality law enforcement to the residents, businesses and visitors of our parish. We strive to establish safe and secure communities so that our residents can live, prosper and have peace of mind.

Our primary goal is to serve and protect while exhibiting honesty, integrity, fairness and concern to all. By committing ourselves to the citizens of St. James Parish, we recognize the importance of our duty to make our parish a safe and secure place to live and grow.



Dear fellow citizen of St. James Parish,

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of this department, it is my pleasure to present you with this summary of the programs, activities and outreaches in which we continually engage to help keep our community safe.

Before I go any further, please allow me to ask you one simple question:

Are you ready, willing and able to help us protect you, your family, home and business from the threat of crime?

I'm certain just about everyone who read that sentence answered "Yes." But will you do more than 'talk the talk' and get involved? When a crime, suspicious activity or public safety incident is reported to our office, we respond as quickly as possible. But all-too-often when we show up, no one is willing to say they witnessed the event or provide evidence that could help us solve the crime or get a conviction. I ask you to 'walk the walk' with us and take a stand against crime.

Speaking of stopping illegal activity, in this issue you'll find articles detailing major upgrades to our crime-fighting technology, ways we give back to the community, a program to protect senior citizens and numerous accomplishments by the law enforcement professionals on our staff. The train derailment and chemical spill in Paulina is also covered. As many areas in our parish continue to recover from Hurricane Ida, we also outline how a generous donation has allowed us to further enhance the emergency response capabilities of our Range/Training Center in Vacherie.

With about 110 employees in our department, we continue to do all we can to be everywhere we can. Help us out by dialing 911 whenever you see suspected criminal activity or something that just doesn't look right. We will respond.

Please contact me personally if there is anything I or the St. James Parish Sheriff's Office can do to be of service to you.

Sincerely,

WILLY J. MARTIN, JR.
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Tech Upgrades

Radio Tracking

We are using new technology to pinpoint the location of a deputy's body-worn radio. During a foot chase or situation where an officer must leave a unit, we know precisely where the incident is taking place and can send assistance if needed.



Body Cams

An upgraded system combines video from dash-mounted and body-worn cameras our deputies have used since 2020. The recordings are stored on one platform, allowing for faster review of an incident. These digital files protect the public as well as our personnel from false claims.



Corrections Division Sergeant Andrika Singleton conducts an electronic scanning.

Jail Security

A new, extremely sensitive detector provides deep body scans of anyone entering the parish jail and further limits the introduction of contraband or weapons into the facility.

"This equipment can literally locate a sewing needle in a mattress," Sheriff Martin said. "It enhances the safety of our corrections personnel and inmates."



Safety/Training



Train Derailment/Chemical Spill

An early November train derailment that caused a tank car to spill hazardous material forced the overnight evacuation of about 200 homes in the River Road area of Paulina.

"We responded as quickly as possible, closing streets and sending deputies door-to-door to alert residents and assist them as they left," Sheriff Martin said. "Most people were able to return home a day and a half later."

Parish and state officials will monitor the area to ensure there are no long-term environmental issues.

Hunter/Boater Safety Classes

Louisiana law requires boat operators born after January 1, 1984, to complete a safety class before operating a watercraft with more than a 10 horsepower engine. Hunters born on or after September 1, 1969, must take a safety course before heading to the woods.



We host these programs and many others, including self-defense at our Range/Training Facility in Vacherie. Visit our web site, stjamessheriff.com for dates and times.



Water Rescue Training

SJPSO deputies and parish firefighters gave up part of their weekend and recently participated in water rescue training, practicing techniques that can save lives in an emergency.

The Numbers

2022 to Date

17,103 Calls for Service
 535 Bookings into Jail
 141 Drug Arrests
 52 DWI Arrests
 664 Vehicle Accidents

2021

20,207 Calls for Service
 571 Bookings into Jail
 125 Drug Arrests
 37 DWI Arrests
 884 Vehicle Accidents

2020

23,723 Calls for Service
 540 Bookings into Jail
 131 Drug Arrests
 21 DWI Arrests
 758 Vehicle Accidents

Outreach

Night Out



We marked the 39th annual National Night Out Against Crime by hosting a gathering and displaying some of the equipment we use to protect you. Numerous Night Out events held throughout the community showed support for law enforcement, helped raise awareness of crime prevention measures and strengthened neighborhood watch programs.

School Visits

St. Peter Chanel recently hosted our office for a "Show & Tell" session. We'd love to visit your school. Just let us know!



Mosaic Grant

As further proof of the outstanding relationship between local government and industry, Mosaic recently provided our office with \$100,000 to purchase a new generator for our Range/Training Center in Vacherie.



"Having uninterrupted power at this facility is vital as it is a staging area during public emergencies," Sheriff Martin said. "By continuing to enhance our capabilities at this site, we are better positioned to assist residents when needed."

During Hurricane Ida, the center served as a distribution point for food, water, tarps and other supplies. It also housed visiting emergency responders and debris removal teams.

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St. James Sheriff App

Get connected! Our free app gives you even greater opportunities to communicate with us. You'll get the latest crime reports, inmate status and many ways to interact with and get information from our office.



Looking Out for Seniors

The SJPSO recently helped host a "Protecting Our Seniors" seminar to help educate our older residents to the many scams that target them, from fake health care offers, to contractor fraud to made-up COVID-19 cures.

"The National Council on Aging reports that nearly \$2 billion was swindled from seniors in 2021," Sheriff Martin said. "These criminals target older people as they are often more vulnerable to these claims. If you have any doubt about a text, phone call or email you receive, contact our office immediately."

Do not give an anonymous person any personal information such as social security, bank account or credit/debit card numbers.

Helping the Less Fortunate

During "No Shave November," deputies who contribute at least \$20 are allowed to skip shaving with the proceeds benefitting local charities. Presenting a \$585 check to Kimbo Roussel of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is Colonel Sid Berthelot and Sheriff Willy Martin.



Living Legends

Two retired stars of the St. James Parish Sheriff's Office enjoyed a recent visit as (L-R) Captains Clarence Miller and Gufielle Keller (89- and 87-years young respectively) got together to reminisce. Thank you, gentlemen, for your decades of unselfish service to our community.



Special Olympics Torch Run

Each year the SJPSO participates in the Special Olympics Torch Run to raise funds for this worthy cause. To participate or to donate, please contact our office.

People News

MAGNUS



(L-R) Colonel Sid Berthelot, Lieutenants Doucet, Dabney, Sheriff Martin and Major Julie Scioneaux

Lieutenants Devon Dabney, Jason Doucet and Joseph Spadoni have completed MAGNUS training at the National Command and Staff College. The intensive, 10-week program enhances leadership skills for supervisory positions. Attendees participate in lectures and discussions while taking part in case studies and completing group projects. Lieutenant Spadoni is not shown as he works undercover.

Sheriff Martin Honored

Recognizing his 31 years of uninterrupted public service, Sheriff Willy Martin has been inducted into the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame. Since 2004, each year the hall selects and recognizes individuals who have served with distinction in law enforcement, corrections, criminal justice and civil service. Congratulations Sheriff Martin!



Retirees

Two members of the SJPSO family have retired after 33 years of dedicated service to our office and the people of St. James.



Lieutenant Sonja Taylor started her career in our corrections division and completed her tour of duty in the juvenile division.



Major Faron Scioneaux served as a patrol deputy, shift commander, warden and director of our training center.

Best wishes to you both. Enjoy your well-earned time off!

Numerous SJPSO personnel have been promoted to new positions. They are listed with their latest assignment.



Major
Julie Scioneaux
Chief of Operations



Detective
Patrick Hall
Criminal Investigation
Division



Captain
Keith Brooks
Training Division
Supervisor



Detective
Anissa Saul
Juvenile Division



Captain
Dustin Jenkins
Support Services
Division Supervisor



Sergeant.
Ebony White
Police Service
Division



Lieutenant
Michael Dufrene
Shift Supervisor



Sergeant
Cody Malkiewicz
Supervisor of
Fleet Operations



Lieutenant
Brett Forsythe
General Investigation
Division



Sergeant
Raymond A. Marzilli
Uniform Patrol
Division



Lieutenant
Aron Hastings
Training Division
Assistant Supervisor



Sergeant
Raymond T. Marzilli
Assistant Shift
Supervisor



Lieutenant
Eathen Landry
Juvenile Division



Sergeant
Andrika Singleton
Corrections
Transportation
Division



Detective
Keaton Andrade
Criminal Investigation
Division



Sergeant
Alton Washington
Assistant Shift
Supervisor



Sergeant
Arthur Flot
Assistant Patrol
Supervisor

Narcotics Division

Joseph Spadoni has been promoted to Lieutenant, Andrew Lewis to Detective and Keelon Francis to Sergeant. They are not shown as these men frequently work undercover.

