

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2024 REPORT





Sheriff Tregre Begins New Term

Starting his fourth term in office July 1, Sheriff Mike Tregre will lead the SJSO for another four years. At his inauguration, he lauded his office as "One of the strongest law enforcement teams in the state."

Sheriff Tregre takes the oath of office for his fourth term from retired Judge Mary Hotard Becnel while his daughter Jasmine holds the Bible.

2024 Report

Dear fellow citizens of St. John the Baptist Parish,

Welcome again to our annual report on some of the activities of your sheriff's office.

As I begin my fourth term in office, I extend to you my deepest appreciation for allowing me the honor of leading the brave men and women of this department as we work every day to keep you safe.

In April, I was presented with the Sheriff Harry Lee Lifetime Achievement Award for Criminal Justice at the 39th Annual New Orleans Regional Crimestoppers Award Ceremony. The award honored my 36 years of dedication and service to law enforcement and my commitment to community welfare and safety. I was humbled at the mere thought of my name being mentioned among the most distinguished and experienced colleagues in my field. Recognition sometimes fuels that flame of motivation, purposefulness and passion about your calling in this lifetime. I want to do the same for the men and women who serve with me.

To the members of the St. John Sheriff's Office, thank you for all that you do to improve our quality of life by keeping our parish safe. Through all the programs we host to build connections with the community, the one thing I hear most from citizens is how passionate all of you are about your jobs. I want you to know that I strive every day to make sure that you have the benefits package you deserve for the sacrifices you make.

To the citizens of St. John, thank you for having placed your trust in me to continue to make good decisions regarding the safety of our community. Little by little, day by day, we get better together. There will be wins and losses. I cannot guarantee that every case will be solved, but I can guarantee that I will continue to provide opportunities for training the officers in our department so that we give it our very best effort every day.

Please let me know if I or this office can ever be of service to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Tregre".

MIKE TREGRE

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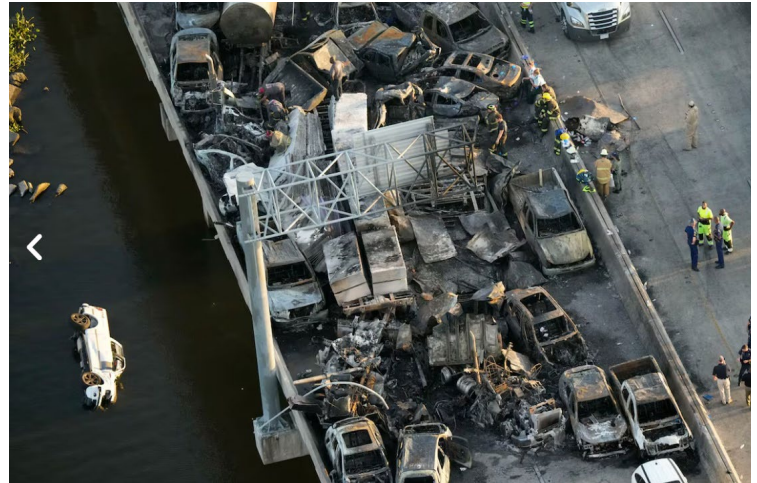
On the cover: Sheriff Tregre with the 2024 Crimestoppers of Greater New Orleans Sheriff Harry Lee Lifetime Achievement in Criminal Justice Award.

Manchac Wreck

One of the deadliest and largest Interstate Highway pileups in Louisiana history occurred in St. John in October of 2023, involving 168 vehicles, injuring 63 people and causing eight deaths. Marsh fires, coupled with dense fog created near zero-visibility for morning drivers on I-55 near Manchac.

"You could hear vehicles crashing on the radio of a responding deputy," Sheriff Tregre said. "We dispatched all available personnel and immediately notified local broadcast outlets to tell people to stay off I-55."

Cleanup took weeks and the identification of victims was hampered by intense vehicle fires. A speeding truck driver who caused the initial collision was indicted for negligent homicide.



The SJSO hosts numerous programs including firearms training, elderly self-defense, CPR and many other classes. Contact us for information, or to arrange a tour.

Training

We stay prepared to handle any situation at any time by training every day. Many sessions are held at the 33,000 square-foot Lloyd B. Johnson Training Center (LBJTC) on Cambridge Drive in LaPlace, with other instruction at numerous sites across the parish and state.

"Our training programs are the backbone of this department, and we continually enhance them," Sheriff Tregre said. "By learning new skills and strengthening existing ones, we keep raising the performance level of our office."

Many other parishes, state, federal and international agencies use the LBJTC. While here they spend money with local businesses.

Camera Network

Our surveillance camera network keeps expanding, playing a vital role in maintaining safety and convicting those who commit crimes.

"With nearly 550 cameras across the parish, we are literally keeping an eye on things 24/7," Sheriff Tregre said. "Cameras provide indisputable evidence that helps investigations and leads to extremely high conviction rates. Some cameras are visible while many others are hidden."



A SJSO video camera keeps watch on Airline Highway.

We assemble, program and install many cameras ourselves, allowing us to install one on very short notice. "After a report of potential illegal activity, we can deploy a camera a few hours later and monitor the situation," Sheriff Tregre said. "Dispatchers can give officers descriptions of suspects and vehicles."

Help us by registering your home or business surveillance system with our office. If something happens in your area, we may be able to retrieve important images from the recording. Please visit stjohnsheriff.org and click on 'Programs' and then 'Camera Registry'.

Fighting Illegal Drugs

The SJSO narcotics division confiscated some 95 kilograms of cocaine with a street value of about \$2.5 million from a LaPlace home in March. Three men were arrested, and 45 grams of fentanyl pills and eight illegal firearms were seized.

"Drug use ruins lives and fentanyl ends them," Sheriff Tregre said. "Since 2015, Louisiana has experienced a nearly 300 percent increase in opioid-related deaths, the third highest in the nation," Sheriff Tregre said. "Our deputies carry NARCAN and when administered it can save someone in an opioid overdose. But not always."

If you see possible drug activity, dial 911 or report it anonymously by calling 985.652.DRUG (3784).



A recent raid took some \$2.5 million in illegal drugs and firearms off our streets.

Honors and Recognitions

"Tell me who your friends are, and I will tell you who you are," is an old saying that is still true today. The people we associate with determine our paths. I am fortunate to be surrounded by exceptional individuals who take their oaths of office very seriously, devoting themselves to protecting and serving the people of our great parish. Many have been recognized by local, state and national organizations for their unwavering dedication and professional advancement. Some of those honors are detailed on these pages."

– Sheriff Mike Tregre

2023

Corporal Cody Taylor responded to a call about a man with a mental condition who fled into the Mississippi River. Based on his training as a swift water rescue technician, Corporal Taylor entered the water and brought the man safely to shore.



Sheriff Tregre with Adam Ayyad and Nellie Estrella of Leo Furniture, sponsor of the Officer of the Second Quarter Award with Corporal Cody Taylor.



Sheriff Tregre, Deputy Seth Jordan and Hailey Ralsler of Oh So Cute Monograms & Boutique, sponsor of the Officer of the Third Quarter Award.

Deputy Seth Jordan's exceptional performance after witnessing a shooting incident in Reserve has been honored. Even though off duty, Deputy Jordan located an injured person inside a vehicle and then followed the suspects and assisted in their capture.



Sheriff Tregre, Detective Sergeant Demond Memminger and Nick Richard of Geaux Chevrolet, sponsor of the Officer of the Year Award.

Detective Sergeant Demond Memminger is the 2023 Officer of the Fourth Quarter and Year for his exceptional response to a Manchac pileup in October. After witnessing several accidents in dense fog and smoke, Detective Sergeant Memminger reached a burning vehicle to free an injured passenger. He was cited by Crimestoppers of Greater New Orleans as a candidate for their 2023 Deputy of the Year Award.

2024



Detective Sergeant Caroline Chevez and Sheriff Tregre with the Officer of the First Quarter Award, sponsored by Kev's Glass.

Deputy Ryan Adams was chosen as Deputy of the Second Quarter for pulling a motorist from a burning vehicle that had crashed into a utility pole. Deputy Adams and a colleague forced the vehicle's door open and got the driver out before it was engulfed in flames.

Officer of the First Quarter Detective Sergeant Caroline Chevez was recognized for executing a high-risk search warrant at a LaPlace home. Fluent in Spanish, Detective Sergeant Chevez teamed with our SWAT and Narcotics Divisions, communicating with non-English speaking subjects to resolve a tense situation.



Sheriff Tregre and Deputy Ryan Adams with his award sponsored by Vehicle Parts/HQ 911.

K9 Team Certified



Deputy Rodriguez and Rico

The K9 team of Deputy Jesus Rodriguez and Rico earned national certification from the USK9 Unlimited Dog Training Academy. A four-year-old Belgian Malinois, Rico sniffs out narcotics and helps apprehend criminals.

Answer The Call To Serve

We are hiring! Join a team of dedicated professionals and keep our community safe.

- Competitive Salaries - \$7,200 Increase with P.O.S.T. Certification
- Paid Medical/Dental/Vision/Life Insurance/Holidays/Vacation/Uniforms/Equipment
- Take-Home Vehicles/Gym Access/Career Advancement Opportunities

Scan the QR code to download a job application or visit stjohnsheriff.org and click on 'Employment Opportunities'



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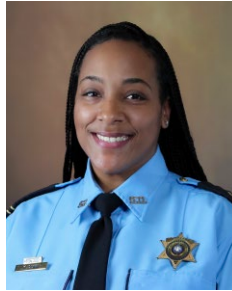
Nine more SJSO deputies are P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training) certified, further enhancing our professionalism. Deputies Toni Barnett, Tyler Daigle, Kristen Dunn, Jeffery Griffin, Johnathan Griffin, Braeden Hallmark, Jadon Iberico, Iriel Phillips and Ryan Wilson completed the intensive 12-week program, training in firearms, physical fitness, law and investigations.



Toni Barnett



Tyler Daigle



Kristen Dunn



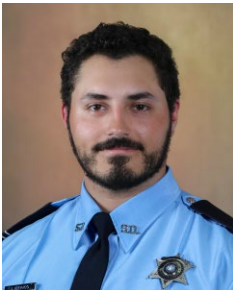
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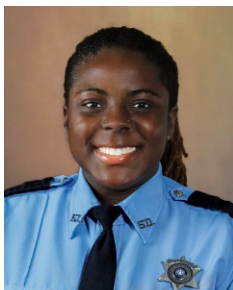
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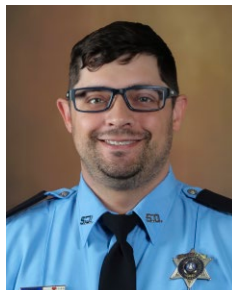
Braeden Hallmark



Jadon Iberico



Iriel Phillips



Ryan Wilson

Staff and Command School Graduate

Traffic Division Commander Captain Jared Seruntine graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. The program provides leadership training for law enforcement professionals.



Captain Seruntine

Cyber Unit Cited

Our Cyber/Financial Crimes Unit was recognized by the Louisiana Forgery & Fraud Investigators Association for their efforts to apprehend suspects stealing credit card information, protecting consumers in our parish and state. Lieutenant Michael Shard leads the team, and he was recently named president of the association.



Cyber Unit Detective Sergeants Denis James and Michael D'Amato with Lieutenant Michael Shard and Sheriff Tregre.



S.W.A.T. Finishes Strong

The SJSO's S.W.A.T. (Special Weapons and Tactics) team won several top awards and finished second overall at a recent annual statewide competition.

FBI Academy Graduate

Captain Lisa Dorris is the SJSO's most recent graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Among 201 law enforcement officers from across the world, Captain Dorris, who serves in our Patrol Division, was trained in leadership, fitness and investigative methods.

Sheriff Tregre, Captains Greg Baker, Brandon Barlow and Chip Wale and Lieutenants Troy Cassioppi and Carolina Pineda are also FBI Academy graduates.



Captain Dorris



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Community



Citizens Academy participants get an up-close look at the Bearcat, used by our S.W.A.T. team in dangerous situations.



Fishing Camp

Our annual youth fishing camp grows every year as more participants try and 'Hook the Big One.' About 100 children gathered in the Bonnet Carré Spillway recently to enjoy the friendly competition, refreshments and a day outdoors.



A special thank you goes to our sponsors: Acadian Ambulance, Armstrong's Crickets, Cabela's, Cool Concepts, Coffee & Norco, Denka, DuPont, Gold Rod Fishing Club, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, Marathon, Reinhart Foods, St. Charles Parish Parks and Recreation, St. John Parish Government, St. John United Way and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Upsilon Mu Zeta Chapter/The Doves of Peace.

P.O.P.S. - Protecting Our Precious Seniors



Senior citizens continue to benefit from periodic check-ins and assistance through our free POPS program. Call **985.652.7058** or visit stjohnsheriff.org and click the 'Community Programs' tab for information.

Citizens Academy

The largest class in the six-year history of the SJSO Citizens Academy recently completed its session, earning a better understanding of how our office works. The free academy is open to anyone 21 or older who lives or works in St. John. Meetings cover training, special units, investigations, jail operation, communications and the roles numerous divisions and personnel play to keep our parish safe.



Punt, Pass and Kick



Boys and girls from across the parish joined SJSO personnel for a fun day of showing off their football skills in the annual Punt, Pass and Kick program. "This is another opportunity for our office to interact with local youth and instill in them the message that we are the good guys and are here to protect them," Sheriff Tregre said.

HONORING OUR FALLEN OFFICERS

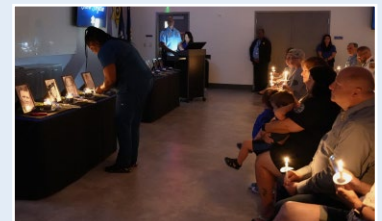
END OF WATCH

Constable Ignace Rousselle	October 20, 1936
Deputy Harry Troxlair	August 1, 1969
Detective Sherman Walker	November 6, 1984
Deputy Barton Granier	January 27, 1996
Deputy Edmond Songy	July 9, 2002
Captain Octavio Gonzalez	June 16, 2006
Deputy Brandon Nielsen	August 16, 2012
Deputy Jeremy Triche	August 16, 2012

In Memory

SJSO officers killed in the line of duty were honored at our annual memorial program in May. A part of National Police Week, the ceremony commemorates the sacrifice made by these deputies and their families.

"A permanent memorial is planned at the LBJ Training Center for these heroes, and we will soon have details on how the community can help sponsor it," Sheriff Tregre said.



SJSO Command Staff



Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff
Deputy Lindy Eshleman 985.359.8706
Manages Sheriff's Schedule, Citizen/Officer Meetings/
Relationships With Other Sheriff's Offices
Administrative Assistants



Civil Department
Chief Civil Deputy, Jeffrey Clement 985.359.8705
Collects Property Tax/Bonds & Fines, Issues
Occupational Licenses, Oversees Accounting, Court
Orders, Property Sales



Communications
Commander, Captain Marshall Carmouche 985.359.8754
Supervises 9-1-1 Dispatch System



Community Relations
Deputy Michael Coburn 985.359.8804
Deputy Ingrid Perrilloux 985.359.8632
Manages P.O.P.S. Program/Partnerships
With Local Organizations



Corrections
Warden, Captain Greg Baker 985.359.8716
Operates Correctional Facility



Crime Scene Investigation
Commander, Lieutenant Jenni Estraca 985.359.8741
Oversees Collection and Processing of Evidence From
a Crime Scene



Criminal Investigation
Commander, Major Larry LeBlanc 985.359.8771
Investigates Major Offenses/Coordinates
Victim Assistance



Details
Coordinator, Lieutenant Christie Chauvin 985.359.8778
Schedules Off-duty Officers for Security/Traffic Control



Human Resources
Commander, Sergeant Steven Fauchaux 985.359.8723
Oversees Hiring/Benefits/Retirement



Narcotics
Commander, Lieutenant Brian Schum 985.359.8786
Coordinates Drug Enforcement/Vice Investigations
Drug Tip Line: 985.652.DRUG (3784)



Process Service
Supervisor, Lieutenant Michael Pugh 985.359.8799
Serves Court Documents



Public Integrity/Internal Affairs
Commander, Captain C.J. Remondet 985.359.8770
Investigates Citizen Complaints on SJSO Employees



Public Information Officer
Deputy Littice Bacon-Blood 985.359.8739
Responsible for Issuing News Releases and
Communications With Public



Records/Technology
Commander, Captain Samuel Trahan 985.359.8796
Oversees Data Processing/Record Storage/Web Site
and Public Records Requests



Sex Crimes Registry
Supervisor, Lieutenant Gloria Tassin 985.359.8816
Manages Registration of Convicted Sex Offenders



SWAT/Search and Rescue
Commander, Captain Jake Boudreaux 985.359.8703
Coordinates Tactical Response and Rescue Units



Traffic/Crash Investigation
Commander, Captain Jared Seruntine 985.359.8795
Investigates Accidents/Enforces Traffic Laws



Training
Commander, Captain Chip Wale 985.359.8960
Coordinates Training/Reserve Officers/Special Projects



Uniform Patrol
Commander, Colonel Tanner Mangano 985.359.8747
Responds to Citizen Complaints/Calls for Service



**Uniform Patrol
Assistant Commanders**
Captain Lisa Dorris 985.359.8758
Captain Charles Gant 985.359.8753



West Bank Public Safety
Captain Michael Johnson 985.652.9513, Ext. 9001
Supervises West Bank Operations

SJSO App

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Christmas Baskets



Pancakes With Police



Special Olympics



Volleyball Games at Local Schools



Senior Olympics



Honor Roll Celebration

We're With You!

The SJSO sponsors and participates in numerous community events. Let us know about yours so we may attend.



Read Across America



Child Seat Safety Check



Veterans Home Parade and Christmas Bonfire

