



St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office



2026 Annual Report



Mission Statement

The mission of the St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office is to improve the quality of life in our parish. We will protect life and property through partnership with our communities. We respect the rights of all citizens by upholding the U.S. Constitution and the Law of Louisiana. We will perform our duties by adhering to our core beliefs: Integrity, Respect and Professionalism.



SERVING. PROTECTING.
BUILDING A SAFER FUTURE.

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Annual Report 2026

Dear fellow citizen of St. John the Baptist Parish,

Thank you for allowing me to present you with this report on some of the activities of your sheriff's office. This report is a small sample of the many things my office engages in as part of our work to keep you and our parish safe.

We continue to honor the trust placed in us two years ago with your approval of a quarter cent sales tax renewal to fund our operations. As I promised, we have used these funds to further modernize our department with proven, crimefighting technology, enhance our training procedures, provide the equipment deputies need to stay safe and above all fairly compensate the dedicated men and women who wear the badge for their exceptional work.

It has been said that standing still is the fastest way of moving backwards in a rapidly changing world. Well, we are certainly moving forward as plans are coming together for a new building for this department, paid for entirely with bonds and current revenue. Our current home – the Percy Hebert Building – was constructed in the 1960's and while our department and your expectations of us have grown, the building has not. Please see the story in this issue about this planned law enforcement complex that will allow us to serve you even better.

This report also highlights a story on a new partnership with regional and state authorities to fight Internet child exploitation. You'll also find an accounting of employees who have earned local, regional and national recognition for professional accomplishments. I am very proud of their achievements which reflect their commitment and enable them to share valuable knowledge with co-workers, strengthening the effectiveness of our entire office.

There are also articles on our popular Citizens Academy, the Search and Rescue Team, an enhancement to 911, our camera network and many other services we provide.

If you have ever thought about a career in law enforcement and making a positive difference in our community, I encourage you to take a good look at the outline of the generous salaries and excellent benefit package the SJSO offers.

Let's continue to work together to keep St. John safe. Never hesitate to dial 911 if you need help or to report suspicious activity.

Please, contact me personally if I or this office can be of service to you in any way.

Sincerely,

MIKE TREGRE

Sheriff, St. John the Baptist Parish

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NEW AND NEWS

New SJSO Headquarters



The initial phases of constructing a new, approximately 30,000 square-foot facility for the operational and administrative needs of the SJSO are underway. Located on an undeveloped 18-acre site on Airline Highway just east of St. John Memorial Gardens, the one-story building will be funded entirely through construction bonds repaid from existing revenue sources.

"Our current home, the Percy Hebert Building is some 60 years old, has serious structural issues and has outlived

its usefulness," Sheriff Tregre said. "It is not a good use of taxpayer dollars to keep repairing and remodeling this old building. The new one will meet our increasing public safety demands and those of our community for decades to come."

The property layout will create a public safety complex as the new building will share land with the Sherman Walker Correctional Facility, Patrol Headquarters and the Octavio "Ox" Gonzalez SWAT Training Facility.

Details on groundbreaking ceremonies and construction schedules are coming this fall.



Sheriff Tregre discusses plans for the new SJSO office building with a Business to Business gathering in LaPlace.



Sheriff Tregre with other law enforcement officials at a news conference announcing the SJSO's ICAC partnership.

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

As part of our continuing work to protect the children of St. John the Baptist Parish from online predators, we have joined the multi-agency Louisiana Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

"Sadly, the number of Internet child exploitation instances in Louisiana continues to grow with some 20,000 cases reported in 2025, about 1,000 more than 2024," Sheriff Tregre said. "Parents must monitor their children's cell phone and online activity and immediately report anything that looks suspicious."

Focusing on investigations, forensics, prosecution and public education, the ICAC Task Force is comprised of more than 60 law enforcement agencies across the state under the direction of the Louisiana Attorney General's office.

Citizens Academy

52 people participated in our eighth SJSO Citizens Academy, sharing some 30 hours of interactive training and informative presentations from SJSO division leaders. The program – offering a unique, insider's view of our operations – meets once a week for nine weeks in the Spring and is free to anyone who lives or works in St. John. Contact us for details about the next class.



Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser visits with academy participants.



Lloyd B. Johnson Law Enforcement Training Center

Besides SJSO personnel, numerous local, state and federal agencies continue to spend time and money while utilizing the Lloyd B. Johnson Law Enforcement Training Center (LBJ) on Cambridge Drive for instruction and personnel development programs. The state-of-the-art facility, featuring the absolute latest technology, is also used for many local classes and gatherings. Contact us for a tour.



Corrections officers train at the LBJ in use of force, report writing, handcuffing techniques, inmate cell extractions and operating a restraint chair.



Youth Visit



Local Teachers Tour



Women's Firearm Familiarization

POST Certified



Bankston



Bolden



Camus



Destor



Duronslet



Haydel



Hebert



Olivier



Oubre



Thomas



Vance



In law enforcement, POST certification is a mark of a professional in the field. Peace Officer Standards and Training is a 17-week program that prepares officers for duty with instruction in Louisiana law, investigations, firearms, reports, physical fitness and other topics. Deputies Denver Bankston, Lawrence Bolden, Jr., Logan Camus, Christopher Destor, Khristion Duronslet, Lee Haydel, Clinton Hebert, Alexandre Olivier, Julia Oubre, Shiaa Thomas and Kordell Vance join their SJSO colleagues in making up the largest number of POST certified deputies in the history of the department.

Crimefighters Sheriff of the Year



Sheriff Tregre has been recognized by Crimefighters of Louisiana as Sheriff of the Year for his "Exemplary leadership and his tenacious commitment to equipping his officers with the most up-to-date training and technology and dedication as an advocate for those affected by crime."

Representing more than 12,500 crime victims and their families across the state, the organization is one of Louisiana's strongest voices for victims' rights and promoting the value of our criminal justice system.

Sheriff Tregre was also recently honored by a resolution from the Louisiana House of Representatives for his commitment to law enforcement.

FBI Academy Graduates

Two more SJSO officers have graduated from the FBI National Training Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Captains Scott Lacy and Brian Schum completed the intensive 10-week course and joined a select group of international law enforcement officials who have completed the rigorous program. They were immersed in courses including law, terrorism, physical fitness, communication, behavioral science and leadership and will now share those skills with our department, enhancing its overall professionalism.



Lacy



Schum

Lifesaving Award

Because of his swift action in applying a tourniquet to a LaPlace gunshot victim, Deputy Jared Sensebe was recognized by University Medical Center in New Orleans with a Lifesaving Award. At the award ceremony, the trauma program director said that "Without Deputy Sensebe's heroic action, the patient's chances of survival would have been low."

SJSO officers are required to complete in-house CPR and Stop the Bleed training, teaching emergency medical response and application of tourniquets and other measures to reduce blood loss.



Deputy Sensebe accepts his Lifesaving Award from University Medical Center.

Certified Polygraphist

Detective Jose Portillo is now a Certified Louisiana Polygraphist after 10 weeks of training on human behavior, scientific testing and legal aspects of the procedure. A polygraph examination or lie detector test is a valuable investigative tool and having Portillo and Major C.J. Remondet, who is also certified to administer the exam on our staff saves time and money.



Portillo

Secret Service Recognition

The US Secret Service National Computer Forensics Institute, NCFI, has recognized Detective Sergeant Michael D'Amato as one of the nation's top forensic examiners for his work processing digital evidence in criminal investigations.

A 10-year member of the Secret Service's Cyber Fraud Task Force, he is ranked among the top 100 NCFI investigators and assists other law enforcement agencies in our region.



D'Amato

SJSO Officer Of The Year

His bravery and quick response after hearing multiple gunshots have earned Deputy Woodrow St. Pierre the title of SJSO 2025 Officer of the Year. Deputy St. Pierre also was named SJSO Officer of the Third Quarter and Crimestoppers Deputy of the Year for his response to an Aug. 28, 2025 incident.

Identifying the sound as less than a quarter mile from a public gathering, he immediately responded, apprehending four suspects at a gas station, recovering numerous firearms and stopping a potential gun battle.



Brandon Mabile of Mabile's Restaurant, the award's sponsor with Officer of the Year Deputy Woodrow St. Pierre and Sheriff Tregre.



Officer Of the Fourth Quarter

Corporal Brandon Williams was named 2025 Officer of the Fourth Quarter for locating and stopping a vehicle and suspect involved in a homicide. Responding to a call about a shooting, he spotted a car matching the description of the vehicle, stopped it, recovered the body of a homicide victim placed in the trunk, the murder weapon and arrested the sole suspect in the case, all in less than 10 minutes after the call for service.



Sponsor of the award, Realtor Ched Edler of Compass Real Estate, Corporal Brandon Williams and Sheriff Tregre.

Search and Rescue



SJSO deputies rescue two men from a sinking vessel in Lake Pontchartrain using the agency's rescue boat, which was purchased entirely through a state grant. The vessel played a critical role in the successful rescue, allowing deputies to respond quickly and bring both men to safety.

Louisiana is a sportsman's paradise, with seemingly endless recreational opportunities, and sometimes outdoor enthusiasts run into trouble. The SJSO Search & Rescue Team trains every month, staying prepared to respond with specialized watercraft; including surface drive and air boats, four-wheelers, four-wheel drive trucks, side-by-side vehicles, drones and other rescue equipment. Additionally, some members of the 16-person team are certified rescue swimmers and scuba divers.

Download Our App!

Locate "St. John Sheriff" on your mobile device's app store and connect with us for emergency notifications, traffic and weather alerts and much more.



Marksman Award

SJSO Range Instructor Sergeant Brent Viator finished first out of 67 participants in the Louisiana Gator Classic shooting competition and second in the Carry Optics Master and Law Enforcement Divisions. Sergeant Viator's expertise is a critical component in our comprehensive firearms training program.



Sheriff Tregre with Sergeant Viator

If You See Something, Say Something!



A recent tip from a concerned resident helped us make arrests and seize illegal narcotics and weapons from a drug dealer. "Citizen involvement is one of our most effective crime-fighting tools," Sheriff Tregre said. "Do not hesitate to call us if you see something that doesn't look right. Your identity is not revealed to anyone."

985.652.DRUG (3784) 985.359.TIPS (8477)

P.O.P.S.

Our Protecting Our Precious Seniors, POPS program continues with deputies visiting and assisting elderly residents. Graduates of our Citizens Academy are volunteering their time to make wellness check phone calls to older people. If you know someone who could benefit from this free program, please call 985.652.7058 or visit stjohnsheriff.org.



We're Hiring!

Entry Level & Experienced Deputies



911 Communications

\$40,000 - \$46,000
Starting Salary

Corrections

\$41,000 - \$47,000
Starting Salary (Extra \$7,200 with POST Certification)

Patrol

\$55,200 - \$61,200
Starting Salary (Includes POST Supplemental Pay)

Longevity Pay

Up to \$18,000/yr for Continuous Years of Service

Overtime & \$45/Hour Off-Duty Detail Work Available

- Free Medical, Dental, Vision & Life Insurance
- Deferred Compensation Match Plan
- Professional Development Training
- Uniforms & Equipment Provided
- Take Home Unit Program
- 24-Hour Fitness Center
- Vacation & Sick Leave
- Pre-retirement Leave
- Pension Retirement



Answer The Call To Serve

Scan the QR code to apply or visit stjohnsheriff.org and click on "Employment Opportunities."

New Emergency Alert System

When we respond to a public safety event, communication is one of the most critical elements. A recently acquired program from Everbridge enables our office to send electronic notifications to residents in the event of an emergency.



"We can connect with the entire parish or isolate a specific area affected by some event," Sheriff Tregre said. "It is much more efficient to only inform those people directly involved whether it be a law enforcement issue, a missing person, a chemical incident or even bad weather."



To sign up for alerts, scan this QR code to visit the Everbridge page at stjohnsheriff.org.



Camera Network



Our ever-expanding camera system, with close to 600 electronic eyes spread across the parish provides evidence that is almost always indisputable when it comes to prosecuting criminals. You can help by registering your security cameras or video doorbell with our office. "Solid evidence equals convictions," Sheriff Tregre said. "If we know there is a camera in a location where a crime was committed, we can retrieve the video and potentially use it to solve a case."

Cameras also help locate people afflicted with dementia who may wander off.



Scan this QR code or visit stjohnsheriff.org and click on 'Camera Registry.'

911



Should you be in a situation where you can't talk, you can text 9-1-1 and our dispatchers will immediately know your location and send help. Teach children how and when to dial 9-1-1 and explain to them the seriousness of making such a call.

Can We See Your Numbers?

Clear, visible address numbers play a big role in how quickly we can locate your home when you call for assistance. Most people look at the front door when searching for an address and numbers should be large, easy to read and visible from the roadway, especially at night. Illuminated numbers in contrasting colors are best. "Check your house and mailbox numbers and help us get to you faster when seconds count," Sheriff Tregre said.



The Numbers

In 2025, we received an average of more than 100 calls for assistance every day.



	2025	2026 (to Date)
Calls for Assistance	38,611	21,204
Bookings Into Parish Jail	2,141	1,027
Automobile Accidents Worked	1,346	731
Drug Arrests	370	93
DWI Arrests	139	73



Help Protect Those Who Protect You

Please consider donating to our Bullet Proof Vest Fund and partnering with us to equip deputies with the tools that enable them to do their jobs as safely as possible.

Any amount is appreciated.



If you see signs of a break-in, prioritize your safety.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT A BURGLARY

-  **DON'T ENTER.** If a door is open or a window broken, stay outside.
-  **GET TO SAFETY.** Move to a safe location away from the house.
-  **CALL 911.** Report the suspected crime immediately.
-  **DON'T TOUCH.** Leave the scene untouched for police to gather evidence.

With You!

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



Teens and Traffic Stops

Trick or Treat at Edgard Courthouse



Night Out Against Crime

High School Visit



Youth Fishing Camp

Council on Aging Lunch



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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Mike Tregre, Sheriff

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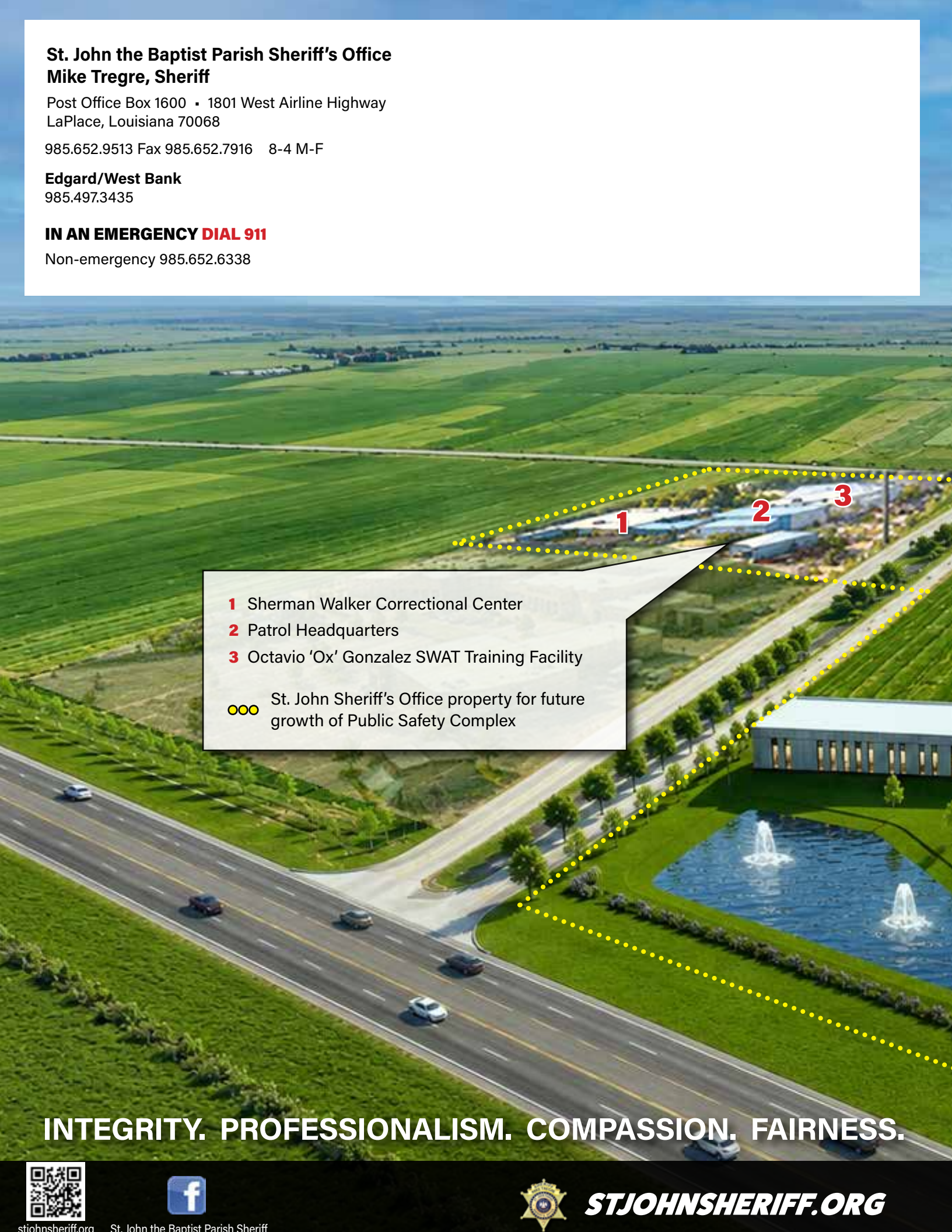
985.652.9513 Fax 985.652.7916 8-4 M-F

Edgard/West Bank

985.497.3435

IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Non-emergency 985.652.6338

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- 1** Sherman Walker Correctional Center
 - 2** Patrol Headquarters
 - 3** Octavio 'Ox' Gonzalez SWAT Training Facility
 - ooo St. John Sheriff's Office property for future growth of Public Safety Complex

INTEGRITY. PROFESSIONALISM. COMPASSION. FAIRNESS.



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