



St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office

YEAR END REPORT

2015



We are committed to maintaining excellence in law enforcement and dedicated to the people, traditions, and diversity of our community. We aim to achieve this goal by continually aspiring to high standards of professionalism through integrity, innovation, and training.

St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



In 2015, the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office became an accredited law enforcement agency through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). We accomplished this goal in the first 4 years of our term. Attaining accreditation in such a short time is something that very few agencies have done and is unprecedented in this state. It is a testament to the hard work of deputies who believed in our vision to improve this office. Accreditation has strengthened the infrastructure within our divisions and brings us to a higher standard of accountability. It gives transparency and has opened new channels of communication giving you easier access to Sheriff's Office services and information. The checks and balances now in place ensure that this office will maintain high standards of service well into the future.

From the first call for service, deputies and detectives swiftly and aggressively pursue leads in all investigations. By cultivating this determination and executing other positive patrolling practices we saw a drop in crime in 2015.

Decreases in tax revenue have had a profound effect on your Sheriff's Office. In 2012, I began to look at what we could do to offset a potential economic downturn. That year, I began streamlining services and implementing cost saving measures that have made this office more efficient. At the St. Mary Parish Law Enforcement Center, I reduced the cost of inmate transports to hospitals through the introduction of telemedicine and by contracting with skilled medical professionals who work on site. A food service contract significantly reduced the cost of inmate meals. And I reduced cafeteria staff by using inmate labor to prepare and serve food.

In 2016, we know that more difficult financial challenges are on the horizon. The accreditation process has shown us that we can work in more efficient ways with fewer personnel. We will meet with local, state, and federal agencies to seek out additional funding. We will also continue to research grant funding that has provided means to acquire equipment and other resources at a reduced cost. As the people we serve continue to feel the impact of the changing economy, I am committed to looking for new ways to streamline operations while maintaining the highest level of law enforcement services for you.

I am blessed to have the continued support of the residents of St. Mary Parish. I promise to build upon that trust and confidence. Thank you for supporting the law enforcement professionals here at the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office.



Sheriff Mark Hebert with CALEA Commissioner Lafourche Parish Sheriff Craig Webre

Sincerely,
Mark Hebert
Sheriff, St. Mary Parish





Dispatchers received 1,172 medical emergency calls. Deputies respond to medical emergencies to secure the scene for medical personnel.



Deputies provided 108 escorts for funerals, security, and parades.



While on patrol, deputies located and secured 251 open doors and windows at residences and businesses.



Deputies conducted 360 welfare checks.



Deputies responded to 408 animal complaints, 43 of which involved black bears. Other calls involved cats, dogs, cows, horses, ducks, alligators, goats, deer, snakes, opossums, a bat, a buzzard, and other miscellaneous birds.

ST. MARY PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2013	2014	2015
Calls for Service	15,628	14,473	14,297
Total Arrests	2,126	1,820	1,569
Theft	803	664	570
Burglary	199	193	198



Your trust and confidence in us are essential to providing effective law enforcement. Our goal is to provide valued service on every interaction. We encourage you to let us know how we are doing by filling out a commendation form when a deputy makes a positive impression or filing a complaint when service is unsatisfactory.



Sheriff Mark Hebert hosted the Arrive Alive Tour®. The high tech simulator allowed high school students from across the parish to experience the potential consequences of drunk and distracted driving in a controlled environment.



Sergeant Mathew Moore and Deputy Taurean Smith (left to right at center) received honors from MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, for their work in taking impaired drivers off the roads.

Driving While Intoxicated	2013	2014	2015
Arrests	47	39	34

The Marine Division responded to 70 search and rescue calls in 2015. The division also provided security for events on the water such as the Blessing of the Fleet in Morgan City.



Sheriff Mark Hebert and members of the Sheriff's Office attended Statewide Day of Prayer gatherings. We are grateful to all those who support the men and women in blue and their families. Thank you for your prayers.



SCAM ALERT!

40 complaints of scams were recorded in 2015. The majority targeted victims over the phone. We track these complaints and notify the public when a trend appears.

COMMUNITY



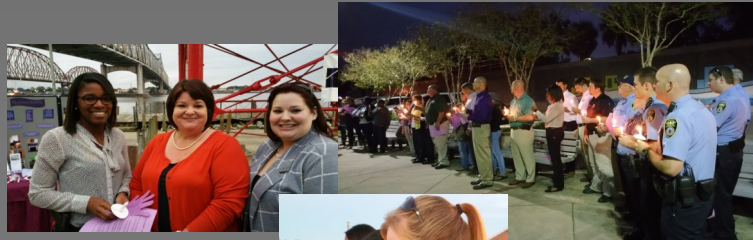
The 1st annual National Night Out hosted by the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office in Bayou Vista was an overwhelming success despite being re-scheduled due to weather.



Members of the Sheriff's Office also joined the Franklin and Morgan City Police Departments for National Night Out events.



Lt Sennet Wiggins spoke at the Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony in Morgan City.



Candlelight Vigils for Domestic Violence Awareness with Chez Hope Family Violence Crisis Center in Berwick and Franklin



St. Mary AARP Dinner in Morgan City



Brittany's Project Water Fun Day



Run with the Fuzz



Leadership St. Mary



7th Annual Autism Awareness 5-K Hunting for the Missing Pieces



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



The St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy provided over 1,000 hours of training to St. Mary Parish Sheriff's deputies and other agencies in 2015.

POST Level I, SESSION 55 (from left): Capt Brian Charpentier, Academy Dir.; Ben Darden & Tonya Burke, Chitimacha Tribal PD; Kevin Seidel, SMPSO; Joseph Trevigne, V. Nicholls State University PD; Adam Robison, Joshua Sylve, Ryan Russo, & Walter Shepherd, SMPSO; Cpl Dustin Crabtree, Academy Instructor; & Capt Joe Clements, Academy Asst. Dir.



POST Corrections Officer Level II (from left, back row): Nathan Jones, SMPSO; Marsha Giroir, Morgan City PD; Shauda Williams, UzielO'neill Rios-Ramirez, & Christopher Prioux, SMPSO; (front row) Moneice Booty & Claire May, SMPSO; Penny Lege, Franklin PD; Joseph Pham, SMPSO; & Shyra Tabb, Morgan City PD

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION	2015
Cases Assigned	501
Recovered Property	\$464,895

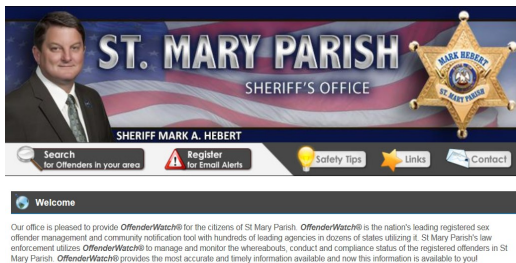
Members of the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office gave dozens of public safety presentations in 2015. Patrol deputies and detectives spoke to groups of kids and adults about drug abuse trends, bicycle safety, cyber-bullying, date rape, workplace safety and security, and active shooter awareness.

NARCOTICS DIVISION	2015
Total Arrested	190
Currency Recovered	\$61,659
Vehicles Seized	5
Weapons Seized	27



Sex Offender Compliance Division

- Tracked 170 convicted sex offenders
- Conducted 612 compliance checks
- Made 15 arrests for noncompliance



Visit www.sheriffalerts.com to search for offenders living in your area.



Through the Port Security Grant Program, the Sheriff's Office received 2 remotely operated robots used to go places too dangerous for police. The robots are also used to teach children about safety. The winners of our name the robot contest were Madelyn Compton and Bryson Landry who submitted the names Armstrong and Joshua. From left are Abigail and Colleen Askew of contest sponsor Gator Rigging, Compton, Landry, and Sheriff Mark Hebert. In the front are Armstrong and Joshua.

ST. MARY PARISH LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER	2013	2014	2015
BOOKINGS	3,000	3,055	2,863



Located in Centerville, LA the St. Mary Parish Law Enforcement Center is a 320 capacity facility owned and maintained by the parish. It is operated by the Sheriff's Office and houses offenders from law enforcement agencies across the parish. Our responsibility to inmates goes beyond basic care. Offenders are given opportunities to better themselves before re-entering society. High school equivalency diploma and transitional work programs allow inmates to work while incarcerated. A portion of the money they earn pays for the cost of their incarceration. Also, child support (if applicable) is automatically deducted from their pay.

MOTOR POOL



The on staff mechanics at the Sheriff's Office motor pool provide routine maintenance as

well as major repair work to patrol units. Motor pool mechanics also service Sheriff's Office support vehicles such as the command center and off road vehicles. Performing these services in house reduces vehicle related costs.



BACKGROUND CHECKS



The St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office conducted 1,046 background checks in 2015. Background checks for individuals are conducted at the Franklin dispatch office from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. A valid picture ID, social security card (no photocopies), and \$15 money order are required.

ST. MARY PARISH SHERIFF'S SHOOTING RANGE



Range hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Thursday through Saturday. The range is subject to closures for law enforcement training. Call 337-350-0086 for availability.



2,400 members of the public used the Sheriff's Shooting Range in 2015. The range features metal targets, a rifle course, and archery lanes. It is located off the US Highway 90 service road in the Franklin area. From the west, take the service road at Chatsworth Road and Willow Street. From the east, take LA Highway 317 to Alice C Road and turn left onto the service road. There are no fees to use the range.

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Narcotics Division:
985-702-1835

Law Enforcement Center
Inmate Information System
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► <http://snstaxpayments.com/stmary> - property tax information & payments

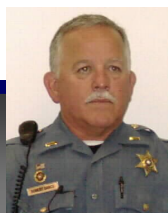
► stmarypsola.policereports.us/ - crash reports



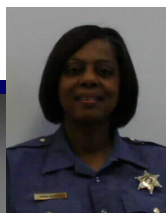
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RETIREEES

Sheriff Mark Hebert recognizes Darce and Randle for their many years of dedicated, professional service to the people of St. Mary Parish.



DARE Officer
Lt Robert Darce
17 Years



Correctional Officer
Dty. Annie Randle
12 1/2 Years