



# St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office

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REPORT | 2014

ST. MARY PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2012	2013	2014
Calls for Service	14,239	15,628	14,473
Total Arrests	1,889	2,126	1,820
DWI Arrests	32	47	39



Ice forms on a sheriff's unit stationed on a closed roadway. In February, St. Mary Parish was under a Winter Storm Watch. As temperatures dipped below freezing, Sheriff Mark Hebert deployed deputies across the parish in response to ice covered roadways which resulted in road closures across the parish.

## CORRECTIONS

Operated by the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office, the LEC in Centerville has the capacity to house 320 inmates.



ST. MARY PARISH LEC	2012	2013	2014
BOOKINGS	2,880	3,000	3,055



In March, Narcotics Division detectives arrested a Franklin man for manufacturing synthetic drugs in an investigation conducted in conjunction with the Lafayette Metro Narcotics Division. The subject was selling the illegal substances at an aromatherapy shop in Lafayette. During the search, narcotics detectives located a synthetic cannabinoid manufacturing operation including a designated area in the residence where the illegal substances were mixed and packaged for sale. (Above) Synthetic cannabinoids with an estimated street value of \$10,000, three hand guns, digital scales, approximately 10,000 small foil bags, over 5 pounds of green vegetative material, suspected synthetic cannabinoid powder, and large amounts of flavor sprays were seized during the Franklin bust. Detectives also seized over \$83,000 believed to be proceeds from illicit drug sales.

The Marine Division responded to 55 search and rescue calls in 2014. In March, a family of four was rescued near Halters Island after their boat motor failed. (Right) Members of the Marine Division and Dive Team searching for stolen property in the Calumet Cut.



NARCOTICS DIVISION	2014
Total Arrested	295
Currency Recovered	\$114,097
Vehicles Seized	4
Weapons Seized	28

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION	2014
Cases Assigned	469
Recovered Property	\$119,391



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The St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office is 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 in policing through integrity, innovation, and training.

Dear fellow citizens,

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your Sheriff for the past 3 ½ years. On behalf of our entire staff of dedicated law enforcement professionals, we pledge to continue our efforts to work every day to serve you and your loved ones. In this report we offer a brief overview of the work we have performed and will continue to perform for the citizens of St. Mary Parish.

The St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office will continue its commitment to provide the best professional enforcement services to our citizens while utilizing available financial resources efficiently and wisely. A substantial portion of our budget is spent on providing competitive salaries for the men and women who serve you. We will continue to maintain a professional, well trained, and adequately equipped staff to ensure that our community is safe. We understand that a well-trained and effective Sheriff's Office helps attract businesses and families to our community.

We will continue to use the most efficient technology to assist our department in protecting you. The St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office keeps the public informed of developments in our community, including using various social media platforms. Our expanded use of social media in 2014 has assisted in not only keeping the public informed, but in the public assisting our department in the identification and apprehension of suspects.

We take seriously the trust you have placed in our Office. Every revenue dollar is used in an efficient manner. I am very proud of the men and women of the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office. They work hard every day to protect you and your families. Please keep them in your prayers as well as our sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and friends in uniform protecting our rights and freedom.

Please feel free to contact us if we can be of service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark A. Hebert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Mark Hebert  
Sheriff, St. Mary Parish





## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



The St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office collected 206 blankets to benefit the St. Mary Council on Aging. The blankets were distributed to senior citizens across St. Mary Parish. Contributors included members of the St. Mary and surrounding communities, businesses, and employees of the sheriff's office.



Captain Jimmy Broussard presenting the mobile command center to Leadership St. Mary participants. The program, coordinated by the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce, recruits leaders to be actively involved in moving St. Mary Parish forward.



Sheriff Mark Hebert and Reverend Father Lloyd Francis Benoit, Jr. with toys donated to inmates' children by the members of Church of the Assumption in Franklin as a result of a 14 year partnership between the church and the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office.



Detective Buddy Rogers giving the commencement speech at a D.A.R.E. graduation at Bayou Vista Elementary. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program graduated over 500 students across the parish this year.



Sheriff Mark Hebert (right) announced the organization of the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's League. The recreational league offers kids a summer activity that builds strong social and athletic skills through teamwork and competition.





Sheriff Mark Hebert speaking to a community watch group in Bayou Vista. The Sheriff's Office was invited to share information on criminal activity and home security.



Captain John Kahl, Jr. speaking to school administrators about new trends in synthetic drug use. Kahl visited schools, churches, and community centers across the parish raising awareness about the deadly affects of these designer drugs.



The St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office joined other law enforcement agencies and community organizations for National Night Out in Franklin (left) and Morgan City (far left). The annual events strengthen communities by encouraging neighborhoods to engage in stronger relationships with local law enforcement partners.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office Regional Training Academy held its first POST Basic Correctional Peace Officer Academy graduating 6 cadets in the POST Level II course. Pictured above with academy directors are Session I graduates: St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Deputies Maverick Collie, Samantha Poleder, James Blanchard, and Corey Cudd, and Morgan City Police Officers Phillip Durall, Jr, and Bonnie Duval.



Deputies clear a hallway during active shooter training held in July for school administrators at B.E. Boudreaux Middle School. The Training Division provides active shooter courses to law enforcement agencies in the parish. "By training together, we can respond together efficiently and effectively. Thanks to the St. Mary Parish School Board, we are now working to extend that training relationship to school personnel." says Sheriff Mark Hebert.



The Training Division conducts in-service training and recertification year round. Above left, a detective demonstrates Stinger Spike Strip deployment technique. Above right, detectives with Forensic Anthropologist Maria Allaire of the LSU FACES Lab during the Missing Persons and Forensic Anthropology and Entomology workshop.



A detective conducts an evidence management course reinforcing proper evidence handling techniques.





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## ST. MARY PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHOOTING RANGE



Wireless remotes were added to the skeet throwers doing away with the need for individual cables. The range is located off the Hwy. 90 service road in the Franklin area. From the west, take the service road at Chatsworth Rd. and Willow St. From the east, take Hwy. 317 to Alice C Rd. and turn left onto the service road. There are no fees to use the range. **Range hours are 9am -5pm, Wednesday-Saturday. The range is subject to periodic closures for law enforcement training. Call 337-350-0086 for availability.**

## ONLINE SERVICES

In July, Sheriff Mark Hebert announced the launch of the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office website where residents can find the latest information on agency operations and services. In addition to reading about the latest news, **www.stmaryso.com** is an easy way to send us a message or crime tip. SMPSO also launched an online tax payment service. Those who wish to pay their property taxes online may visit **stmarytcmonline.azurewebsites.net**. Crash reports may be accessed online by going to **stmarypsola.policereports.us/**.

**Follow Us:** The St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office shares information on traffic, public safety, and criminal investigations via social media and our website.



**WWW.STMARYSO.COM**



## CONTACT INFO

Tax & Ticket Information: 337-828-6979  
Warrants Division: 337-907-0408  
Dispatch, Franklin: 337-828-1960  
Dispatch, Morgan City: 985-384-1622  
Law Enforcement Center: 337-836-9509

**In the event of an emergency, call 911.**



**Chief Civil Deputy**  
**Susan Crochet**  
25 Years



**Lieutenant**  
**Joey Hebert**  
31 Years



**Civil Deputy**  
**Benita Prevost**  
34 Years



**Captain**  
**Lilly Thomas**  
32 Years

## CIVIL LIVE SCAN

This background check system allows private employers to submit an employment applicants fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigations and Department of Public Safety to determine their eligibility to hold positions involving children, the elderly, or disabled. The checks verify if applicants have active warrants for arrest, an arrest record, or have been convicted of violent or sex offenses. Businesses that would like to utilize Live Scan must register through the Department of Public Safety. Parish background checks for individuals (not Civil Live Scan) are conducted at the Franklin dispatch office from 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday. A valid picture ID, original social security card, and \$15 money order is required.

## RETIREEES

Sheriff Mark Hebert recognizes the following deputies for their many years of dedicated service to the people of St. Mary Parish.