



**St. Mary Parish
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

2016 YEAR END REPORT

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K-9 UNIT RETURNS TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

45 Arrests
10 K-9 Demonstrations
43 Vehicle Searches
6 Vessel Searches
2 Jail Searches

Under the direction of Sheriff Mark Hebert, the K-9 Unit was reinstated to the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office in January. The team, K-9 Buddy and his handler, Detective Chris Crappell, train daily through the grant funded program. The team is certified to detect a variety of illegal drugs and track subjects. In addition to enhancing the Patrol Section and Narcotics Section of the Sheriff's Office, the K-9 Unit assists the United States Coast Guard, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and neighboring law enforcement agencies.

NARCOTICS SECTION	2015	2016
Total Arrests	190	254
Recovered Currency	\$61,659	\$134,558
Vehicles Seized	5	2
Weapons Seized	27	51

Do you have a tip for narcotics detectives?

Report possible drug violations by calling 985-702-1835 or emailing crimewatch@stmaryso.com.

You can remain anonymous.

MAJOR GRADUATES FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities. The 10-week program, which provides coursework in intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication, and forensic science, serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide. Major John Kahl is joined by 224 other law enforcement students representing every state across America as well as 20 international law enforcement officers from around the globe. Left, Chief Deputy Scott Anslum, Maj. John Kahl, & Sheriff Mark Hebert.

ST. MARY PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2014

2015

2016

Calls for Service

14,473

14,297

12,707

Total Arrests

1,820

1,569

1,681

Theft

664

570

502

Burglary

193

198

169

DWI Arrests

39

34

50

MADD TOP COPS

The St. Mary Parish chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving honored law enforcement officers for their work to keep the roads and highways of St. Mary Parish safe. Sgt. Taurean Smith and Dep. Aprylle Bobbitt were presented with TOP COP awards. Left to right, Parish Pres. David Hannagriff, Capt. Sennet Wiggins, Sgt. Taurean Smith, Dep. Aprylle Bobbitt, Detective Whytley Jones, & Chief Deputy Scott Anslum.

PORT COLLABORATION NETWORK

Sheriff Mark Hebert announced the Sheriff's Office partnership in the Port of Morgan City Regional Collaboration Network (PMRCN) through the Touch Assisted Command and Control System. TACCS pulls data from multiple agencies' operation systems into one dynamic system. It enables decision makers to aggregate information, identify adverse conditions, determine responsive actions, and monitor the implementation of those actions.

"The creation of the PMRCN and the utilization of TACCS furthers our goal of responding together with other agencies efficiently and effectively to save lives," says Sheriff Hebert.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION SECTION

2015

2016

Cases

501

519

Recovered Property

\$464,895

\$212,059

FLOODWATERS

Detective Lieutenant Ross Mire, Chief Deputy Scott Anslum, & Lt. Bart Lange with Grant Parish Sheriff Steven McCain



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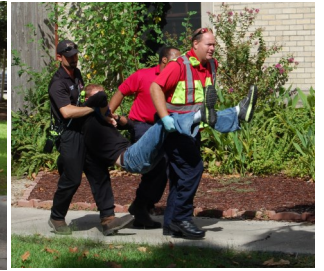


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In March, Sheriff Mark Hebert assigned the Marine Section to assist with flood recovery efforts in Grant Parish. Deputies handed out water and conducted security patrols.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & TRAINING

Sheriff Mark Hebert and the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office conducted a multi-agency emergency response training exercise in September. Police, firefighters, and paramedics came together in training to respond to scenarios including a tornado touch down and an active shooter event. Along with various sections of the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office, participating agencies were the Morgan City Police Department, Morgan City Fire Department, St. Mary 911, St. Mary Fire District 11, Patterson Volunteer Fire Department, Bayou Vista Volunteer Fire Department, Centerville Volunteer Fire Department, Baldwin Volunteer Fire Department, Franklin Police Department and Acadian Ambulance Service. Sheriff Mark Hebert says, "By training together we can provide a coordinated, timely, and effective response to a critical incident."



Left & above, Lt. Alexander Barnes suits up for a Weapons of Mass Destruction Radiological/Nuclear Responder Operations Course at the Bayou Cane Fire Department.



Left, School Resource Officers, Sgt. Oscar West & Dep. Walter Shepherd, at the LA Association of Child Welfare & Attendance Personnel conference. The non-profit organization works to ensure that students meet legal attendance requirements and are provided with a safe learning environment.

Deputy of the Year Lieutenant Daniel Weidenboerner

Weidenboerner began his career in law enforcement in 2000 with the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office. He is an exemplary patrol supervisor and a member of the Dive Team and Special Response Team. Weidenboerner demonstrates great leadership skills through courage, responsibility, thoughtfulness, and his commitment to the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office.



Left, Lt. Mathew Moore demonstrates breaching technique. Instructors from law enforcement agencies across the region gathered for a 3-day active shooter response course coordinated by the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office. Taught by the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training at LSU, the Department of Homeland Security course focuses on technical aspects of planning and implementing a rapid response to an active shooter incident.

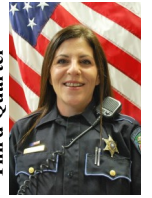
Deputy of the Quarter Awards



First Quarter
Deputy
Quincy Manuel



Second Quarter
Detective
Jeremy Greene



Third Quarter
Sergeant
Karla Cornes



POST Level I Academy - SMPSO Depts. J. Palmature, R. Veillion, E. Blanchard, A. Fetty, Franklin PD Off. M. Manuel, Jeanerette Police Dept. Off. L. Perry, SMPSO Depts. J. Stinnett, R. Aucoin, & Nicholls PD Off. J. Fabre

REGIONAL TRAINING ACADEMY

The St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office Regional Training Academy provides professional law enforcement training to the deputies of the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office and law enforcement officers in the region. The training opportunities offered to each deputy well exceed Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) requirements. In 2016, the Training Section held a POST Level I and two POST Level II academies. The Training Section is also responsible for yearly in-service and requalification courses. Instructors also provide specialized tactical training.



POST Level II Academy - SMPSO Depts. C. Lee, Q. Manuel, T. Mitchell, R. Smith, A. Bynum, S. McGuire, & G. Comeaux



K-9 teams from various agencies train at the Mr. Charlie rig museum in Morgan City. Joint training in different locations in St. Mary & Terrebonne parishes challenges the



POST Level II Academy - Morgan City PD Off. B. Boudreaux, SMPSO Depts. D. Soignier, L. Allen, J. Hagan, D. Clark, W. Mendez-Rodriguez, L. Guarisco, J. Allen, & Morgan City PD Off. L. Howard

IN MEMORIAM



Corporal Jason Hagan August 31, 1992 - December 9, 2016

Corporal Jason Hagan died as the result of an off-duty incident in Franklin, LA. Hagan had a deep passion for law enforcement and worked as a corrections officer at the St. Mary Parish Law Enforcement Center since February of 2015.



Dear fellow citizens of St. Mary Parish,

2016 was an extraordinary year for law enforcement throughout the nation. The citizens of St. Mary Parish have always been supportive of law enforcement. But I have never in my 33+ years of law enforcement experienced such an outpouring of support for our deputies and their efforts to keep our parish safe as I did this past year. Your words of encouragement, the heartfelt thank-yous, and donations of food have had a profound and lasting effect on each and every one of us here at the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office. In the 2015 October election, you placed your confidence in me to continue to serve as your Sheriff. As I begin my second elected term, I promise to continue to work to protect and maintain your trust in us.

In 2016, I brought back the K-9 Unit. We broadened training opportunities for all of our deputies and once again expanded our involvement in community activities and programs throughout the parish.



With his wife Jill at his side, surrounded by deputies, Sheriff Mark Hebert takes the oath of office administered by Asst. DA Anthony Saleme of the 16th Judicial District Court.

the efforts of the hard working deputies of the Sheriff's Office, we have reached a higher standard of excellence for the people of St. Mary Parish. Through training, accountability, and community partnerships, we will continue to raise the bar.

I believe we have some of the most dedicated deputies and administrative staff in the history of our office. With your continued support, we can make a difference in our parish.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Mark A. Hebert in blue ink.

Mark Hebert

Sheriff, St. Mary Parish

Over the last 5 and ½ years as St. Mary Parish Sheriff, I have strengthened existing services and implemented new programs where needed despite a continued decrease in tax revenue. We saw it coming when I took office in 2012 and began to streamline operations in anticipation of an economic downturn. We took steps then not only to preserve the professional services we provide, but to improve the delivery of those services.

Since that time, the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office has diligently researched, applied for, and received \$1.2 million in grant funding. These grants allow the Sheriff's Office to acquire assets that are unattainable with our existing budget and could not be purchased outright.

Through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA) and

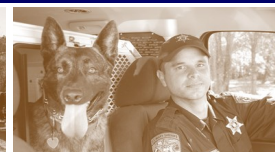


Sheriff Mark Hebert talking with a KQKI at National Night Out in Bayou Vista.



Sheriff Mark Hebert shows off the command center cameras at National Night Out in Bayou Vista.

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

SERVICE



St. John Elem. Prayer Cards for Inmates



Deps. Stewart & Diaz Dispatch



Church of the Assumption Giving Prog.



Event Security



Deputies volunteer to assist East Baton Rouge Parish SO & Baton Rouge PD in July

CHEZ HOPE

Family Violence Crisis Center

"We have great respect for Chez Hope's work. We will continue to grow our partnership to build better intervention and prevention strategies, to make sure victims get the services they need, and end domestic violence here in St. Mary Parish," says Sheriff Mark Hebert.



Chief Deputy Scott Anslum, Sheriff Mark Hebert, & Chez Hope Legal Advocate Taylor Robison for the Silhouette Project



Sheriff Sponsors AARP



Town of Baldwin Summerfest



Traffic Law Enforcement



Severe Weather Response

EDUCATION



Leadership St. Mary, SMPSO HQ



JAG Career Day, West St. Mary HS



National Night Out, Bayou Vista



Boy Scouts, SMPSO HQ



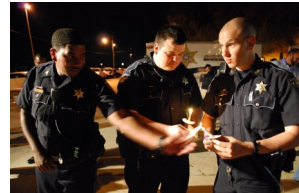
St. Mary Homeschoolers, Centerville Lib.



DARE Officer Sgt. Karla Cornes coordinates a graduation ceremony at J.S. Aucoin Elem. DARE teaches students decision making skills that equip them to lead safe, healthy lives. The program is designed to boost social skills and enhance self esteem.

Need a speaker for your next meeting?

A representative from the SMPSO will address your organization on topics concerning law enforcement and public safety. To schedule, contact our Public Information Office at 985-354-0714.



Detective Whytley Jones receives the Helping Hands Award



Domestic Violence Awareness Candlelight Vigil



St. Mary School Personnel, Franklin HS

SUPPORT



Made possible by the LA Sheriffs' Association Honorary Membership Program, Chief Deputy Scott Anslum presents the LA Sheriffs' Scholarship to Berwick HS Student Kaeley Hill.



Breast Cancer Awareness



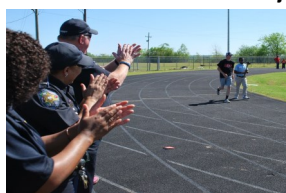
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness



Save Our Sts, Stop the Violence



Wounded Warrior Project



St. Mary Parish Special Olympics



VOICE



Brittany's Project



Child Poverty Awareness

OUR MISSION



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, training, and innovation.

CAREERS

The St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office is one of a few accredited Sheriff's Offices in Louisiana. Located between Lafayette and New Orleans, the parish sits on the Cajun Coast. The petroleum, agriculture, and tourism industries make St. Mary's law enforcement needs as unique as the people who live and work here. For more information on career opportunities, contact Human Resources at 337-828-6979 or visit www.stmaryso.com.

MAKING HEADLINES

Through the Public Information Office, the Sheriff's Office works with local and regional media to provide accurate and timely information. All press releases can be read at www.stmaryso.com.



Detective Lt. Buddy Rogers shares internet safety tips with reporter Shea Drake for The Daily Review.

Maj. John Kahl & reporter Brandi Thomas for KWBj TV-22 discuss illegal drug trends in St. Mary Parish.



K-9 Buddy poses for reporter Laura Gary with The Daily Iberian for a feature story on the new K-9 Unit.

RETIREES

Sheriff Mark Hebert recognizes Cage, Robicheaux, Rogers, and Comeaux for their many years of dedicated, professional service to the people of St. Mary Parish.



Asst. Warden Carolyn Cage
18 & 1/2 years



Dep. Jake Robicheaux
15 years

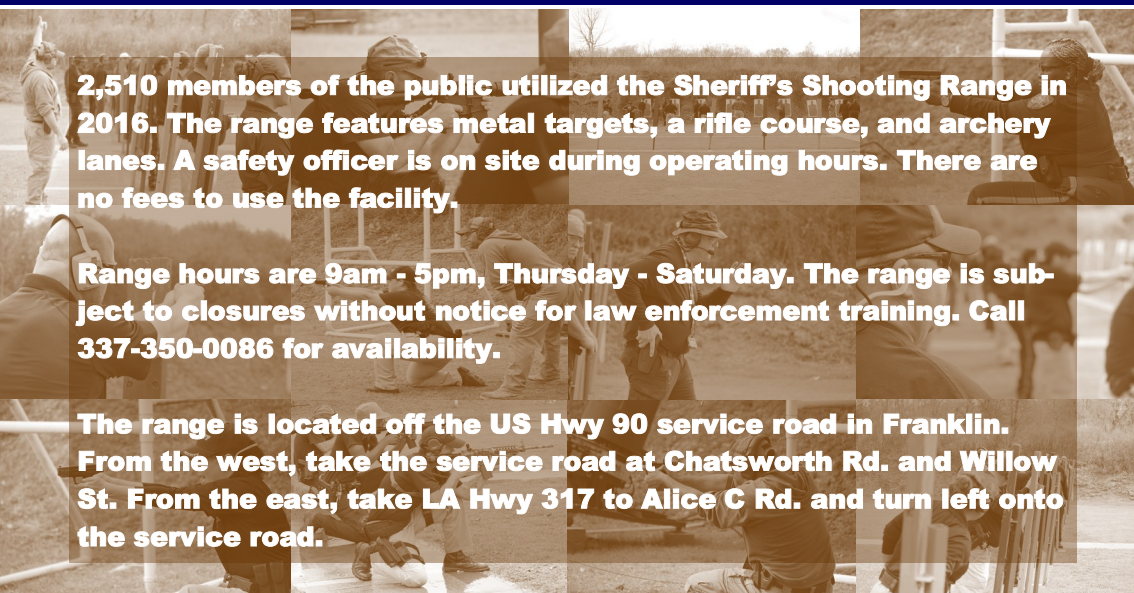


Dep. Oray Rogers
13 years



Cpl. William Comeaux
10 years

SHOOTING RANGE



2,510 members of the public utilized the Sheriff's Shooting Range in 2016. The range features metal targets, a rifle course, and archery lanes. A safety officer is on site during operating hours. There are no fees to use the facility.

Range hours are 9am - 5pm, Thursday - Saturday. The range is subject to closures without notice for law enforcement training. Call 337-350-0086 for availability.

The range is located off the US Hwy 90 service road in Franklin. From the west, take the service road at Chatsworth Rd. and Willow St. From the east, take LA Hwy 317 to Alice C Rd. and turn left onto the service road.

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337-828-1960
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Dispatch, Morgan City, LA:
985-384-1622
1455 Railroad Avenue

Narcotics Section:
985-702-1835

Sheriff's Shooting Range
337-350-0086

Law Enforcement Center
Inmate Information System
337-836-9509

Sex Offender Compliance Section
337-828-6965

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LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

2013

2014

2015

2016

Bookings

3,000

3,055

2,863

2,881