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Dear Fellow Citizens of St. Tammany Parish:

As we continue our commitment to building a solid partnership with our community in order to preserve the wonderful quality of life we are so fortunate to have here in St. Tammany Parish, we are grateful for the vigilance of our citizens. A strong partnership between law enforcement and residents is absolutely vital to a safe community.

The mission of the Sheriff's Office is achievable because of our incredible team of people who continue to work diligently to serve and protect our citizens. I appreciate the hard work of all of our deputies and support staff and their commitment to make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

Our agency has seen the completion of several projects and implementation of new programs recently. We are excited about the School Resource Officer (SRO) program in partnership with St. Tammany Parish Public School System. At the start of 2018-2019 school year, we placed a School Resource Officer in all 25 public schools within STPSO jurisdiction in the parish.

Following the launch of the Crisis Intervention Team in 2017, the STPSO applied for and was selected to participate in the BJA VALOR Law Enforcement and Community: Crisis Intervention Training Model, providing our agency with the resources and expertise to assist us in adopting a Crisis Intervention Team strategy agency-wide to help address mental health issues in our parish.

We also implemented a new crime-reporting smartphone app, giving citizens the ability to report crime or suspicious activity in real time and allowing us to provide news updates, traffic alerts and public safety information to residents as they happen.

I am proud of all that we have accomplished in partnership with our community. I look forward to doing more good work to help bring about additional positive changes in St. Tammany Parish.

In the meantime, we continue to strive to be the benchmark for excellence in the law enforcement community and to deliver the absolute highest level of service to our citizens with professionalism, integrity, accountability and trust.

Your Sheriff,

Randy Smith

It is the mission of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office to protect the lives and property of the people we serve and to work in partnership with the community to preserve and promote the quality of life in St. Tammany Parish.



School Resource Officers

The STPSO partnered with the St. Tammany Parish School Board to place a School Resource Officer (SRO) in 25 public schools throughout the parish at the start of the 2018-2019 school year. SROs provide law enforcement services to schools and school grounds. They are specially trained, commissioned, armed law enforcement officers who work in collaboration with schools to maintain a safe learning environment. Additionally, they develop positive relationships with students and act as a law enforcement resource for students, parents, faculty and staff.



Crisis Intervention Team

To address the increasing suicide rate and the mental health crisis in our parish, Sheriff Randy Smith created the Crisis Intervention Team. These deputies are trained to use de-escalation techniques when dealing with individuals in crisis and to coordinate with the appropriate resources to provide follow up assistance to those in need. The goal of the team is to address the growing number of attempted suicides, behavioral health, PTSD and substance abuse related calls that come into dispatch. The team also works to address the homeless issues in the parish and are tasked with training other departmental personnel in crisis intervention techniques. They work hand-in-hand with National Alliance on Mental Illness, the St. Tammany Parish Government, the 22nd Judicial District Court System, the Coroner's office, the School Board and other entities to address the behavioral health and substance abuse issues in our parish.



Highway Enforcement Unit

Sheriff Randy Smith created the Highway Enforcement Unit to focus on drug trafficking, human trafficking and illegal immigrants along the I12/I59/I10 corridor. The HEU concentrates on traffic enforcement and intercepting traveling criminals primarily on the interstate systems that travel into and through St. Tammany Parish.

Redistricting

To better serve our public, Sheriff Randy Smith realigned the criminal patrol districts for the parish and moved the District III Headquarters from Collins Boulevard in Covington to south of I-12 at 784 Asbury Drive in Mandeville. The new location allows for improved response times, centralized manpower and increased visibility south of Interstate 12.

The change was made in response to the rapid population growth in west St. Tammany and the increase in traffic on the north and south arteries on that side of the parish.

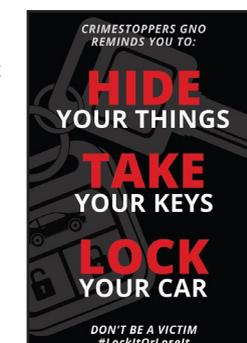


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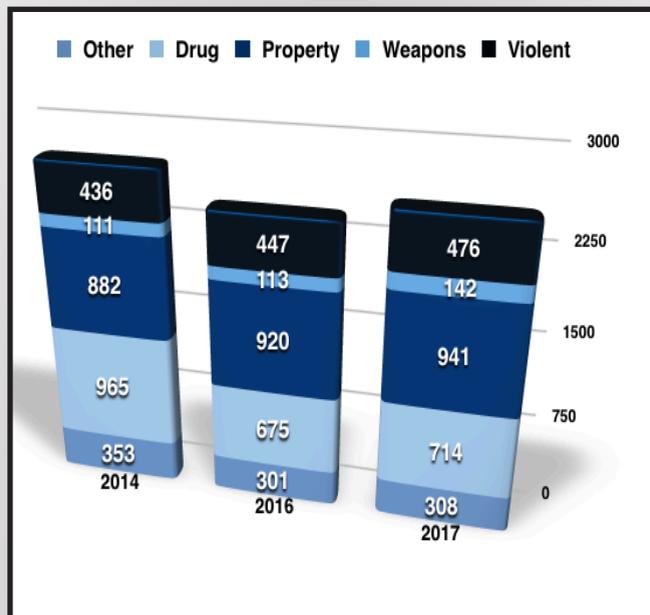
Crime is low in St. Tammany Parish in part due to the relationship law enforcement has with the residents who live here. You can do your part to help fight crime by calling in tips via Crimestoppers (504-822-1111) and/or our website, www.STPSO.com. You can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward through Crimestoppers.

You can help stop vehicle burglaries

One of the most common crimes is also one of the easiest to prevent. Sheriff Randy Smith has reduced the number of vehicle burglaries through his commitment to educate residents on the need to remove valuables and lock their vehicles. STPSO has adopted the hashtag #9pmroutine from other law enforcement, reminding residents at 9 p.m. to remove their valuables and lock their vehicle doors before going to bed.

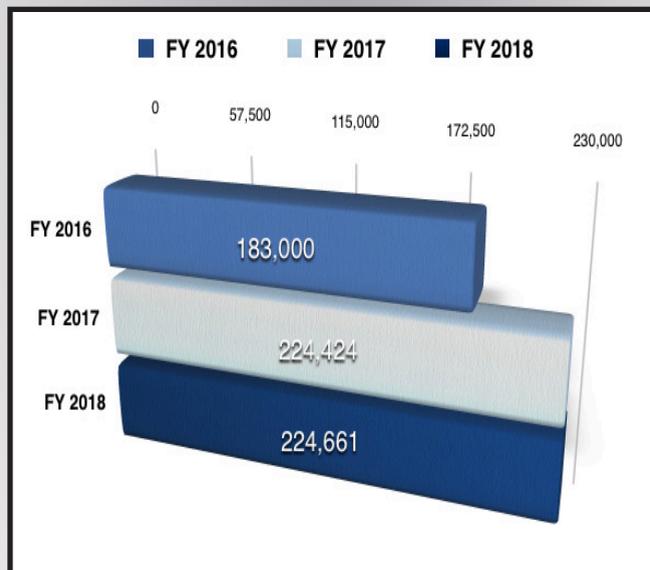


St. Tammany Felony Arrest



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STPSO Call Volume



Core Values

The core values of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office serve as a framework for all we do, guiding our work and decisions.

Professionalism
Accountability
Integrity
Public Trust



St. Tammany Parish has continued to maintain high felony conviction rates, far surpassing national averages, and crime rates remain low under the administrations of Sheriff Randy Smith and District Attorney Warren Montgomery, the Metropolitan Crime Commission said in a report released in November 2018. Some of information released in the report is included in a chart at the left of this page.



Privatized Jail Medical Services

Starting with fiscal year 2018, all inmate medical services have been outsourced to a private company. The transition that took place last fiscal year was smooth and successful. The outsourcing provided cost-savings as well as reduced the liability to the Sheriff's Office.

Our Vision Statement

The St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office strives to strengthen the community's trust by proactively identifying and addressing areas of concern in order to deliver the highest level of service to our citizens and to make St. Tammany Parish an even better place to live. As an agency, we endeavor to be the benchmark for excellence in the law enforcement community. We will work to continually improve through the assessment and evaluation of our systems and performance. We are committed to the ongoing training and development of our greatest asset, our people, and to promoting a mission-driven, positive work environment fostering teamwork, cooperation, and creativity.

Simunition Shoot House

As a part of our commitment to the ongoing training and development of our personnel, Sheriff Smith recently unveiled the agency's new simunition shoot house which allows training for STPSO personnel and specialized units related to urban entry techniques and tactics in residential and business settings. The facility also allows for improved training for potential active shooter situations through scenario-based training. Previously, STPSO personnel were forced to travel outside the parish to train at facilities that charge for use and/or presented scheduling challenges. Locally, this type of training has been limited to retired ammunition bunkers located at Camp Villere, which were converted for training purposes, but have deteriorated over time.



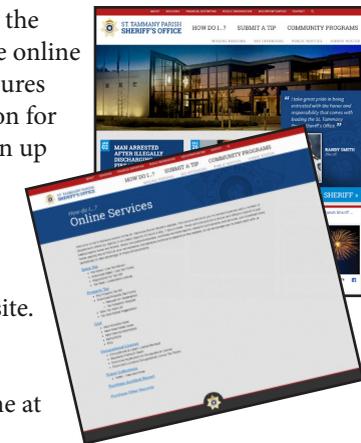
New Ballistic Vests

The agency has invested in new ballistic vest for personnel in divisions that handle arrests and transportation of offenders. Previously issued vests were expired or unserviceable and in need of replacement. Prior to the new vests being issued, deputies either purchased their own, went without, or wore a vest previously fitted for another deputy. Ballistic vests are vital in the protection of our deputies in an ever-changing world where violence towards law enforcement is on the rise.



Expanded Online Services

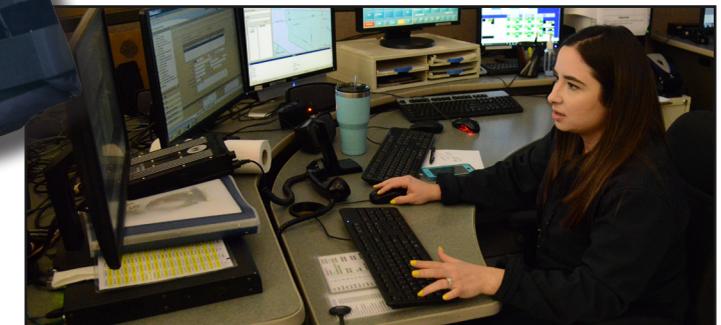
In order to increase efficiency and add convenience for our residents, Sheriff Randy Smith has increased the agency's online offerings. Residents can now pay tickets, taxes and purchase an accident report online. You can also submit an anonymous crime tip, schedule a detail and/or request a visit from a deputy at a school via the Website. You can deposit money into an inmate's account and send an inmate an email. You can now file a request for the return of property in evidence online and view sales list for foreclosures and movable sales. Registration for homeowners associations, sign up for Night Out Against Crime parties and registrations for community courses like Lady Beware or Citizens Academy are now all done via the Website. Current inmate roster with photos, charges and bond amounts are also posted online at www.STPSO.com.



Healthcare Savings



The St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office and Ochsner Health Network developed a partnership that reduces healthcare costs for services sought at Ochsner Health System facilities, including its partner hospitals, Slidell Memorial Hospital and St. Tammany Parish Hospital. STPSO is reinvesting savings garnered through the partnership to offset the cost of healthcare for employee dependents and to support the organization's operational budget. Sheriff Randy Smith was passionate about finding a creative solution to bring a cost management solution and worked closely with The Louisiana Sheriffs' Association and HUB International to develop this partnership, which results in a cost savings of approximately \$500,000 annually for the STPSO.



Consolidated Dispatch

Consolidating dispatch services within the parish allows for a more seamless approach to policing parish-wide and quicker response times for residents. In addition to unincorporated St. Tammany, Sheriff's Office dispatchers answer 911 calls originating from the city limits of Covington, Abita Springs, Madisonville, Folsom and Sun. Incoming calls are dispatched as appropriate, whether it be to a municipal police unit, an STPSO patrol deputy, Fire Department or Acadian Ambulance as required. Combining these services also allows for streamlined communication among our front-line law enforcement officers.

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Red Ribbon Week



Schools and Camps



Shop with a Cop



Senior Holiday Dinner



STARC Mardi Gras Float



United Way Red Beans and Rice Cook-offs



Food Drives



Night Out Against Crime



Lady Beware



SALT



Operation Sneaux



Coffee with a Cop

Emergency Call 911

Non-emergency dispatch (985) 898-2338