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IBERVILLE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE **ANNUAL REPORT**



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Addressing a public meeting on juvenile crime, Sheriff Brett Stassi displays a semi-automatic rifle confiscated from a juvenile.

Addressing juvenile crime

Dear friends,
During 2021 we experienced the harsh realities of more and more juveniles committing heinous crimes in Iberville and across the state. Due to the lack of juvenile facilities in the area, we must send arrested juveniles to Alabama for housing.

We are working on several fronts to address this need for a juvenile facility, but long-range solutions are complex and costly.

Meanwhile, we enhanced policing in high crime areas. This increased policing is absolutely necessary to keep our neighborhoods safe.

Fighting crime has never been more difficult and dangerous with the proliferation of weapons and angry juveniles. We cannot do this alone. We need residents' help and support. Too many times witnesses are silent, when the information they have would make a huge difference in solving crimes faster and easier.

As we continue this fight, I ask each of you to please join with us and help us. After all, this is our home. Let's work together to keep it safe.

Brett



Training for difficult times

Iberville deputies undergo well over 40 hours of training each year. During 2021 one of the training sessions was on self defense in compromised situations. In the photo above, a deputy completes non-lethal training.

The Sheriff's Office has also obtained defibrillators so that deputies can assist heart attack victims until medics arrive. In the photo at right, a deputy participates in training on how to operate the defibrillator.



Leading La. Sheriffs' Association

Sheriff Stassi was sworn in as President of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association in June of 2021. Under his leadership, the LSA assisted many parishes during and after major hurricanes and weather events, been at the forefront of public safety and law enforcement issues, and worked with state officials on legislation to help officers and communities fight crime. In the photo above, he addresses the media, along with state officials, on behalf of LSA.



Drug busts net big gun stashes

Drug investigations and busts are on-going among both road deputies and undercover units in Iberville Parish. The photos shown are among many of the busts made in 2021.

Note the semi-automatic weapons and sawed off rifles among the weapons. The cocaine and heroin confiscated in the middle right photo totaled \$100,000 in street sales. It was confiscated in a joint investigation led by the Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office which included several other parish sheriff's offices.



SHERIFF'S OFFICE STATISTICS

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Calls for service	9,061	9,373	9,177	9,050	10,842	10,431	10,727
DWI arrests	127	117	85	121	118	20	35
Drug arrests	602	597	437	422	132	131	287
Total arrests	1,568	1,365	1,132	1,511	1,245	624	1,427
Traffic accidents investigated	792	800	815	833	690	648	747
Felony assaults	43	62	63	49	179	145	24
Misdemeanor assaults	119	100	108	87	130	260	260
Felony battery	61	82	50	63	20	47	60
Misdemeanor battery	149	181	151	133	53	36	102
Thefts	452	395	390	367	394	315	290
Burglaries	94	88	130	112	101	93	77
Rape	4	9	6	9	3	4	2
Robbery	-	12	15	14	4	2	3
Homicides	2	1	1	3	1	2	2

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Helping our families: a daily duty and honor



Deputies get smiles after buying lemonade from local kids.



Community patrolling means reaching out to local youths.



Sheriff Stassi accepted thank you goodie bags for deputies from local students. They were happy to greet the Sheriff!



Scenes above are from Shop With A Cop, in which children are assisted by deputies in selecting Christmas gifts for themselves and family members, all paid by Sheriff Stassi's Charity Fund. In 2021 a total of 55 children and their families were helped.

Providing critical assistance in weather disasters

When back to back heavy rains threatened several areas of Iberville, the Sheriff's Office helped on numerous fronts, with sandbagging, assisting in evacuation efforts, security, traffic control, and even making sandwiches for those at the sites helping others (shown in photos at right). Deputies also put in hard work to help law enforcement officers in hard hit parishes after Hurricane Ida. They helped clean up flooded homes and clear downed trees off of homes (shown in the two photos below), along with providing patrol relief in severely damaged areas.



Giving farmers a helping hand



North Iberville farmers reached out to Sheriff Stassi after Union Pacific Railroad failed to respond to their concerns about blocking railroad crossings to their crop fields. Sheriff Brett Stassi arranged a meeting of the farmers and Union Pacific representatives that resulted in action to open up the crossings, and a better understanding by UP about the need to be mindful of farmers access to crop fields in rural areas.

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Stepping up education opportunities at jail

The HiSet Program, formally known as GED, is growing at the Iberville Parish Jail, and three inmates graduated after passing the test in 2021. In the photo above at left are Warden Pete Edwards, teachers Gail Edwards and Pat Nichols, one of the graduates and Sheriff Stassi. The program was reinstated in 2020 because nearly 50 percent of the inmates housed at the Jail do not have a high school diploma or GED. The La. Dept. of Corrections provides all materials and the testing stations shown in the photo above at right.



Steps taken to curb COVID among inmates

The Iberville Sheriff's Office avoided a major outbreak of COVID in the parish jail by taking numerous steps within the jail. Inmates were given the option to take the COVID vaccine and booster shots. Face masks were required, and contact between inmates has been limited. Inmates who tested positive were immediately sent to the state COVID infirmary, and steps were taken to disinfect the jail. In addition, visitors are required to wear masks, and staff has worn masks for long stretches during 2021.



Transport service a vital resource for many residents

The Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office provides a vital service to many Iberville residents - transport to doctor's visits on the Westbank or Baton Rouge, work commutes, grocery stores, pharmacies, hair salon visits, the post office, and even the Veterans Hospital in New Orleans. The program includes eight drivers, four vans in Plaquemine, two in east Iberville and two in north Iberville. The service has grown to more than 680 riders and receives some 25-40 calls for the service daily, with 85% of the cost paid by a state grant. Shown above are two of the Sheriff's Office transport vans.



Surprise drug sweep held at local plant to keep facility safe



The Iberville Sheriff's Office led an early morning sweep of a local plant in 2021 to make sure drugs were not found on the premises. The sweep included numerous drug sniffing dogs, along with more than 30 law enforcement officers from five different agencies. "Sometimes plant leaders contact us to make a sweep in order to ensure that their workplace is free of drugs and safe, and we always accommodate those requests," Sheriff Stassi said. "It is important to the safe operation of those plants." Other agencies assisting in the sweep included the La. Department of Corrections, and the Livingston, East Baton Rouge and West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Offices.



Saying thanks to deputies for service

In the photo above, deputies are treated to a crawfish boil by Sheriff Stassi as thanks for their hard work throughout the year. The annual event builds camaraderie and unity among deputies. In the photo at right, a group got together to thank local first responders, including Iberville deputies, by cooking a meal for them.





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- Iberville Sheriff's Office687-5100
- Sheriff's Office Dispatch.....687-3553
- Maringouin Sub-station625-2365
- St. Gabriel Sub-station642-5703
- Plaquemine Fire Department687-7335
- Poison Control 800-222-1222

LOCAL AGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

- Iberville Parish Council.....687-5190
- Iberville Clerk of Court687-5160
- Iberville Assessor687-3568
- District Attorney687-5210
- Iberville Council on Aging.....687-9682
- Iberville garbage/trash collection.....692-3844
- Iberville Animal Control687-5881
- Iberville Health Unit687-9021
- Iberville Social Services687-5243

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