

FIGHTING A KILLER



**A LETHAL DOSE
OF FENTANYL**

**2023 ANNUAL REPORT
IBERVILLE PARISH
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



Today's drugs are lethal and accessible

Dear friends,

The drug landscape is more deadly than ever before. Drug dealers are using synthetic fentanyl to reduce costs in making drugs while increasing addiction in users - and it is a killer!

It takes only a fraction of a raindrop of fentanyl to cause a drug overdose death. In fact, drug overdoses have skyrocketed since fentanyl came on the scene. The worst part is that people taking these drugs can't see, taste or smell the fentanyl, and often don't realize fentanyl is in the drugs.

IBERVILLE IS NOT IMMUNE! Parents - talk to your kids about the dangers of taking drugs. One pill, one sniff, one drop can be deadly!

We will continue to fight drug dealers in our parish, but these drugs are being sold in many ways - social media, e-commerce sites, and on the streets. I urge you to be aware of the dangers to your family and take action to protect them. As always, call me if I can be of assistance to you.

Sheriff Brett Stassi



Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to

50x

stronger than heroin

100x

stronger than morphine

Local overdose stats

Below is the documented usage of Narcan to save overdosed drug users by EMTs or first responders in Iberville Parish for 2023:

70764 (Plaquemine)	51	70740 (Grosse Tete)	1
70776 (St. Gabriel)	9	70772 (Rosedale)	9
70788 (White Castle)	9	70780 (Sunshine)	9

Plaquemine's Fire Department reported 14 overdose deaths in 2023. Of those 14, only two did not include the use of Fentanyl.

The Sheriff's Office has received \$74,767 in opioid settlement funding and that funding is being used for addiction/recovery education services among jail inmates, many of whom had been drug users.

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Over 150 people die every day from overdoses from synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

Street Names for Fentanyl

Apache	Jackpot
Tango & Cash	Friend
Goodfellas	Murder 8
Dance Fever	

Information provided by
US Center for Disease Control

Our exceptional support staff keeps the office running efficiently

Many people do not realize the detailed regulations the Sheriff's Office must follow, or the amount of paperwork involved in providing its services and duties. The support staff shown here works hard daily in our Warrants, Records, Transportation, Civil, Taxes, and Criminal Records departments.

"Our support staff is vital to the efficient and effective operation of our office, and I am grateful for the great job they do daily to serve the public," said Sheriff Stassi.



Maria Small
Warrants/Records



Carly Daigle
Warrants/Records



Mae Reeves
Receptionist



Leontine Walker
Civil



Brittney Pitslata
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Gabbe Purpera
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Transportation



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Criminal Records



Alexis Albert
Criminal Records



Kayla Engolio
Criminal Records

SHERIFF'S OFFICE STATISTICS

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Calls for service	9,177	9,050	10,842	10,431	10,727	14,397	16,245
DWI arrests	85	121	118	20	35	19	26
Drug arrests	437	422	132	131	287	138	147
Total arrests	1,132	1,511	1,245	624	1,427	919	1,001
Traffic accidents investigated	815	833	690	648	747	691	657
Felony assaults	63	49	179	145	24	41	28
Misdemeanor assaults	108	87	130	260	260	39	33
Felony battery	50	63	20	47	60	99	73
Misdemeanor battery	151	133	53	36	102	58	69
Thefts	390	367	394	315	290	429	357
Burglaries	130	112	101	93	77	60	54
Rape	6	9	3	4	2	4	5
Robbery	15	14	4	2	3	2	3
Homicides	1	3	1	2	2	4*	5

*The 4 homicides listed in 2022 were 2 cases of murder/suicides

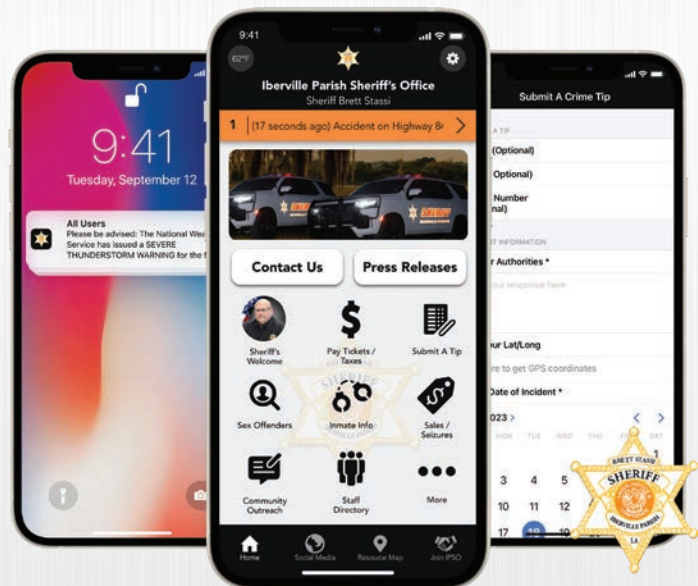
Sheriff's Office introduces app with extensive info.

The Iberville Sheriff's Office now has an easy-to-navigate app that provides a tremendous amount of information about the Iberville Sheriff's Office at your fingertips 24 hours a day.

Information provided through the app includes:

- how to pay your taxes or a ticket,
- how to submit a crime tip to law enforcement,
- how to get information on sex offenders,
- sign up to be notified of emergencies/severe weather,
- a list of inmates in the parish jail,
- property up for sale from seizures,
- a Sheriff's Office staff directory,
- information on the Sheriff's public transportation service,
- how to submit a tip to a School Resource Officer,
- and more.

Scan the link at right to get the app, or get it from the App Store on your mobile device.



Sheriff's Office mobile app

Navigating critical information has never been easier.



Scan QR code to download



Sheriff ramps up litter control with grant funds

The Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office has received a \$60,000 grant for the purchase of a truck, trailer and equipment for a litter abatement program manned by parish inmates. Sheriff Brett Stassi said the grant was provided by the Keep Louisiana Beautiful program, under Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser.

The crew of inmates work several days a week along main travel highways in the parish. The Sheriff's Office also provides inmates for the parish's litter abatement program. This crew is a second crew of inmates picking up litter on a weekly basis.



More cameras being added around parish to help solve crimes

The Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office has increased the number of traffic cameras on major roadways as a proactive measure to increase public safety and help in solving crimes, Sheriff Brett Stassi said.

"This technology helps us solve crimes when we have no witnesses, and helps insure we arrest the right people so that we keep our communities safe," he noted.

The Sheriff's Office has had cameras in operation through high-traffic arteries, such as Interstate 10 and La. Hwy. 1, for some time. "The equipment has proved very beneficial in both helping us solve crimes, and also providing evidence needed in court to convict criminals." Sheriff Stassi said.

"We're a big parish, spread out over 600 miles, and this technology is a great tool in helping us fight crime," he said.

The additional cameras mark Stassi's latest effort to enhance the department's technology and crime-fighting tools.



Fire extinguishers and first aid kits were purchased for all patrol units so that deputies can better respond to fire or other emergencies until other emergency responders can get to the scene. Shown with them are Detective Jeremy Balcuns, Sheriff Brett Stassi and Lt. Randy Vinson.



VLS Marine & Environmental Solutions donated a Point Blank body armor vest to the Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office. Shown at the presentation are representatives of VLS Marine & Environmental with Sheriff Stassi and Major Monty Migliacio.

Dow donates mini shields for deputies

The Dow Chemical Company has partnered with the Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office to purchase 50 tactical mini shields that are capable of stopping .223 rounds fired from an AR-15, multiple pistol rounds, and 308 hits.

Every School Resource Officer and road deputy is equipped with the mini shield, which is secured in their school campus offices, and in road units. This equipment will protect deputies in responding to threats.

Through community partnerships with major organizations like the Dow Chemical Company, the Sheriff's Office stands ready to protect our communities from the many threats of today's world.





In an effort to reach out to local youths and build relationships with them, the Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office has established the Together Today, Better Tomorrow initiative. The program includes deputies spending time monthly with boys and girls age 12 to 15 at the COPAC Center in Plaquemine. They play games, provide mentoring, and bring in speakers and other opportunities for motivational and life skills presentations. Registration forms are available at schools and at the Sheriff's Office.

Reaching out to youths is on-going priority

Sheriff Brett Stassi has always made reaching out to youths a priority of the Sheriff's Office. This includes providing School Resource Officers at all schools, supporting school programs like Moving Forward Mondays, and Sheriff Stassi taking time to talk with students about drugs and bullying each year (shown in photo at right). Deputies also work within neighborhoods across the parish to build positive interactions with youths.



Iberville Sheriff's Office community involvement reaches from young to old



Deputies participate in bingo with residents at a local nursing home.



Gov. Jeff Landry with Sheriff Stassi during distribution of IDs to children at a local school.

Sharing in the spirit of holiday giving

Sheriff Brett Stassi again shared the holiday spirit of giving with citizens throughout the parish during November and December. To kick off Thanksgiving, 100 turkeys and hams, donated by SNF, were delivered to families in need.

In December, Sheriff Stassi and staff delivered a Christmas gift to every 4th grade student in the parish. "Fourth grade is tough. Students are transitioning from elementary school to middle school, and they have their first experience with LEAP testing in school," said Sheriff Stassi. "We want them to know how much we care about them and that we are here for them, whatever they may need."

And, as they have done for many years, Sheriff's Office employees visited local nursing homes to sing Christmas carols and bring gift bags to the residents.

"This is a time for us to share with our community and to let people know that they are not forgotten," said Sheriff Stassi.

These programs were made possible through generous donations to the Sheriff Brett Stassi Charity Fund.





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Maringouin Sub-station 625-2365
St. Gabriel Sub-station 642-5703
Plaquemine Fire Department 687-7335
Poison Control 800-222-1222

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