

The next award is in memory of Woody Harrelson. This award is given to an employee that exemplifies the following qualities; professionalism, neatness, completeness of work, organizational skills, and compassion. This year's recipient has been employed with the department 8.5 years.

Though the main office often runs at a very hectic pace and numerous tasks seem to all near completion at once, this individual continuously greets her co-workers, supervisors and office guests with a smile and a kind word. Negativity, deadlines nor an overwhelming workload never affect her day-to-day professional attitude.

This year's recipient's attention to detail is impeccable, barring just a few misspelled words along the way. She exhibits the same attention to detail in her day-to-day professional attitude.

If it is detail you want, whether in preparing charts, graphs, letters, signs or outlines, she is your girl. She takes the time to complete each task, never failing to pay strict attention to detail. Her ability to follow the instructions of our staff attorney and our insurance adjusters is imperative as an incomplete file could lead to possible liability issues for LPSO-she has never failed to provide any information needed. She never misses a deadline.

Her compassion for others is exhibited daily. You can hear it in her voice as she deals with calls from frustrated residents of the parish and you can read it in the lines of her face when she receives a bit of disturbing news. She is willing to lend someone a shoulder to cry on. She never misses a year of participation in fund-raising projects such as relay for life, the American Diabetes walk or the race for the cure. She's cut her hair and donated it to locks of love (an organization that makes wigs for cancer patients).

Under her direction, the LPSO has raised over \$20,000 for worthwhile charities. She makes sure that all necessary permits are obtained, team shirts are designed, purchased and distributed, and also tallies up the money-not an easy task at all.

This year's Woody Harrelson award is given to a "quiet" go-getter. She is never abrasive or pushy; instead she uses her gentle nature to kind of coerce us into working with her on whatever

project she has undertaken. It's hard to say "no" as her requests for assistance are genuine.

This year's recipient, **Angela Stewart** exhibits those qualities that are the essence of the Woody Award. She is an organized, professional, who exceeds at the task she is assigned, be it something that is "old hat" or something brand new. Her organizational skills and dedication to the office are only seconded by her compassion and dedication to assisting those in need.



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CRAIG WEBRE, SHERIFF



Sheriff's Star: Lt. Shannon Delatte Receives Sheriff's Office Most Prestigious Award

By Larry Weidel

On Saturday night at the Lafourche Pride Awards Banquet, the last award presented was the Sheriff's Star. All of the awards presented were the result of an awards committee selecting the honorees. This Sheriff's Star is one Sheriff Webre personally selects as the one employee in the LPSO who has provided extraordinary service to the Sheriff's Office and/or the community.

In making the presentation, Sheriff Webre said, "This year's recipient is a person who started at the bottom but didn't stay there long. This individual worked at the Detention Center for 5 years before moving to the location of her current job. This person is POST certified and has a degree in Criminal Justice.

I once questioned the loyalty and commitment of this person because she conceived a child during the initial national accreditation process.

But now all is forgiven and the 2007 SHERIFF'S STAR goes to the head of our Information Technology section, LT. SHANNON DELATTE.

Shannon came to the Information Systems Division as a Computer Technician in January of 2001. She learned quickly and was soon on her own troubleshooting and fixing computers. For someone who knew nothing about computers when she took her current position she has come a long way. She is self-taught. Her success is due in a large part

to her work ethic. She gives a hundred percent of herself on any project she is involved in. Shannon does not watch the clock, and works until a job is done. When you give her an assignment, you can forget about it and consider it done.

She worked days and nights to get the tac net system installed in all of our patrol vehicles. She works on these vehicles days, nights and weekends and even at her house to keep these vehicles operating. Has taken this project to heart and is very protective of it.

During and after Katrina Shannon was responsible for keeping our computer network operating. The only time it ever went down during this crisis was the 30 minutes it took to plug everything into the generators and turn them on. This gave us access to the vital information and communication we needed to not only assist the citizens of Lafourche but also to assist other parishes that were harder hit.

When Terry Lyle was promoted to Major, Shannon Delatte stepped in and assumed supervision without missing a beat. Shannon treats all of the members of her IT Staff like family - she may be quick to call a "spade a spade" but she is also just as quick to offer a shoulder to lean on when times get tough for any of her team members. The point is - she is there when you need her - as a supervisor and a friend.

Shannon continues today to keep the Sheriff's Office up and on line with Tac Net and many other computer issues.

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The Fourteenth Annual Lafourche Pride Banquet and Awards Program was held at the Larose Civic Center on Saturday, September 29th. The Lafourche Deputies Association sponsors this evening with the financial help and support of member deputies and many local businesses. Besides good food, good music and good friends, this occasion is used by Sheriff Craig Webre to publicly honor those individuals who, over the past year have saved a life, captured a dangerous felon, risked their own personal safety for others, or performed their job in law enforcement in a distinguished or commendable manner. The awards presented are as follows:

Everyday officers of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office go above and beyond the regular call of duty. Civilians too, are included in this. Extra effort, new ideas, assistance to law enforcement, and assuming additional responsibility are ways we honor individual initiative with Certificates of Commendation. It's another way of saying, "Thanks, for a job well done. Here are the people who were selected to be honored:

The first Certificate of Commendation went to a deputy who was directing traffic at a crash scene when he was almost run over by a truck traveling at a high rate of speed. The deputy went after the truck and once it was stopped, the occupants were in possession of over 55 grams of crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia. The Patrol Deputy who apprehended these drug dealers and earned a Certificate of Commendation is **Deputy Aaron Montez**.

Another Certificate of Commendation was presented to a juvenile detective that was investigating numerous vehicle burglaries that occurred in the Bayou Blue community. As this detective was leaving the area, she noticed a subject on a bicycle who looked to be of high school age. She stopped the subject and found items on him that matched those that were reported stolen from the vehicle burglaries. He confessed and implicated another person. This took place on the detective's birthday. A Certificate of Commendation was awarded to **Detective Christine Cortopassi** for her keen eye and intuition.

The next Certificate of Commendation went to **Misdemeanor Probation Officer Christie Pepper**. This summer Christie received a call from one

of her probationers. This guy had a history of bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. He told her he planned to kill his ex-wife, attorney, and kids. She kept him on the phone as long as she could and then contacted the appropriate personnel so the potential victims could be warned and protected. The probationer was in Jefferson Parish and had taken his family hostage in the past.

The Jefferson Parish Swat Team responded and with her information was able to take the man into custody without incident and get him to a local psychiatric facility to receive treatment. Christie's efforts helped to avoid a potentially tragic event.

Many of the officers with the LPSO are paid compliments on a regular basis. This next officer is one who of those. A call came in from AFIS out of Jefferson parish saying that **Danielle Washington** should be congratulated. The caller explained that out of all the fingerprints and pictures they receive from all parishes that use the AFIS machine, Danielle has the best fingerprints and pictures. The caller said the prints and pictures are so good that if it were in her power she would hire Danielle Washington as a statewide trainer on fingerprints and pictures. Danielle Washington was presented a Certificate of Commendation for her good work.

Grants give us the ability to further programs within the sheriff's office and enable us to help those in need. The Metropolitan Battered Women's Service is a community domestic violence shelter program; we have a partnership with to serve the victims of domestic abuse in Lafourche Parish. The grants allowed **Ms. Tamara Joseph** to join the ranks of Police Social Services and she has assisted victims in obtaining over 200 protective orders, gave her time and lent her voice to advocate for those in need. Because of her diligence and commitment to this worthy cause, victims in Lafourche Parish live a much safer life and that is why she is being awarded tonight with a certificate of commendation.



Also receiving Commendation Certificates were members of D-Shift of the Patrol Division. The members are: **Lt. Mark Adams, Sgt. Todd Prevost, Sgt. Diedre LeBlanc,**



Sgt. Leeman Howard, Sgt. Danny Toups, Deputy Chris Garner, Deputy Aaron Montez, Sgt. Leo Naquin, Deputy Michael Kraemer, Deputy Shane Campo, Deputy Doug Fontana, Deputy Mary Amaker, Deputy Harold Hirsch, and Deputy Allen Moliason.

A second near tragic event took place on May 23rd of this year. Deputy Ben Dempster was engaged in the apprehension of a suspect who had committed an aggravated battery with a fire extinguisher on a person. The suspect was hiding under some covers alongside a bed in a FEMA trailer in Galliano. When Deputy Dempster entered the trailer and pulled on the bedcovers, the subject presented a 357 magnum handgun and began to fire, striking Deputy Dempster in the upper portion of his chest. Fortunately, the bullet was stopped for the most part by his bullet-proof vest, but did



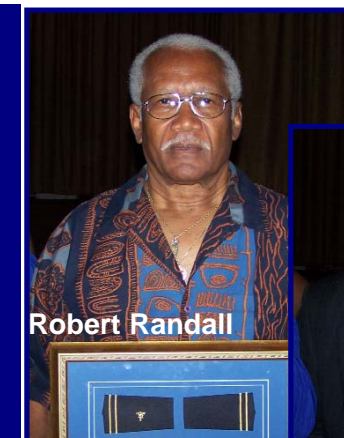
leave a serious contusion which required medical attention. Deputy Dempster did return fire which resulted in the subject's death. Deputy Dempster was still able to assist in the investigation, and maintain a professional demeanor throughout this extremely stressful ordeal. Two deputies, Jeff Prevost and Jude Cantrelle were assisting Deputy Dempster in apprehending this suspect when the subject began firing with a handgun at deputies inside, striking Deputy Dempster, who was able to return fire, exit, and take cover. Knowing the sub-

ject might be hit, and learning there was an infant inside, along with the danger the suspect now presented to neighbors, Deputy Cantrelle and Prevost elected to re-enter the trailer to secure the suspect. They located the subject who was unresponsive, and secured the scene. For their bravery and willingness to put the public safety before their own, a Medal of Valor was presented to **Deputies Jude Cantrelle and Jeff Prevost.**

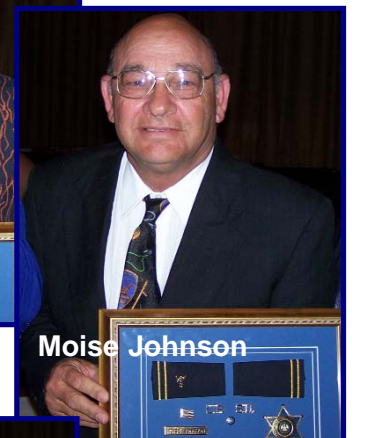
For the heroism and professionalism he demonstrated, and the injuries he sustained, **Deputy Ben Dempster**



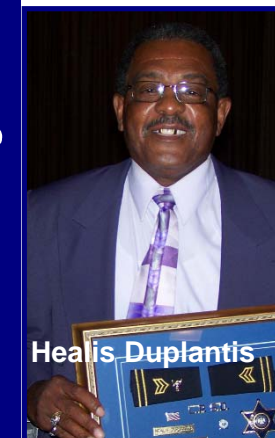
was awarded the Medal of Valor and the Purple Heart.



Robert Randall



Moise Johnson



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Mrs. James Noah receiving for her late husband Coach Noah

The **Purple Heart Medal** may be presented to any member of the department who is wounded while performing his/her official duties or acting in the best interest of the department while off-duty.

No one wants to win this next award. But it is handed out anyway. Unfortunately several of these medals were given out this year. This first person to be recognized for this award responded to a disturbance in Chackbay. An elderly man had fired some shots and when this officer arrived he noticed that the back of the man's house was on fire. Deputy Delaune Boudreaux tried to make contact with the old man by knocking on the front door and pushing it open to see if he could assist him from the home as it was filling up with dense smoke. Deputy Boudreaux heard a shot from a weapon and it appeared it was pointed at him. He feared he was being shot at and jumped over the hand rail on the front porch as he heard another shot ring out. This time he



felt a piece of debris hit him in the back of the right upper leg as he took cover. More shots were fired and eventually the house burned down with the elderly man found dead in the rubble. Doctors found metal fragments in Deputy Boudreaux's leg. For the injuries sustained, **Deputy Delaune Boudreaux** was awarded a Purple Heart.

The **Medal of Valor** is presented to a person who while endangering their own life performs a brave attempt to rescue someone or becomes involved in a life or death situation during the performance of their sworn duties.

An incident that took place on December 5, 2006, involved the theft of a pick up truck and the shooting of two police officers. It led to life saving efforts by fellow officers, a manhunt and arrest, and commendable support on the part of dispatchers and all the members of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office who participated in any part of that tragic event. Most of you know the story... Sgt Roland Guillot and Deputy Bridget Rupe performed a traffic stop on a vehicle reported stolen. Deputy Guillot radioed to headquarters, "shots fired". About 4 minutes later, Deputy Guillot radioed headquarters. "Officers hit"! Deputy Guillot was able to give headquarters a description of the truck and the direction it was heading. He gave his location and asked for an ambulance, "now"! He told dispatchers that both he and Deputy Rupe were on the ground and they both had been hit. Deputy Shane Campo arrived at the scene and radioed that there were two or three persons in the vehicle that fled away. Lt. Mark Adams and Sgt. Leo Naquin arrived on the

scene and observed Deputy Allen Moliason holding pressure with his hand on Deputy Guillot's lower back area. They also observed Sgt. Deidre LeBlanc and Deputy Shane Campo trying to hold pressure on Deputy Rupe's



arm which had a severe gunshot wound. Within a couple of hours the suspects' vehicle was located in a cane field and they were taken into custody a short time later. Deputies from D-Shift, K-9 Deputies, members of the CMU team, Water Patrol officers, officers from other agencies, and civilians all took part in the successful conclusion of this incident. Receiving Certificates of Commendation tonight were **Dispatchers Jodie Bergeron, Levy Serigny, and Tracy Price.**

Lifesaving medals were awarded to **Deputy Allen Moliason and Sgt. Diedre LeBlanc.**

A Medal of Valor and Purple Heart was presented to **Deputy Bridget-Rupe.**



Receiving the Medal of Valor, Purple Heart, and Lifesaving award was **Sgt. Roland Guillot.**



The next Certificates of Commendation were presented to two Patrol officers who became involved in a vehicle pursuit. One of these officers observed a vehicle with no license plate. When he attempted to stop the vehicle, a high speed chase ensued with the fleeing vehicle reaching speeds of 115 mph while swerving back and forth across southbound and northbound lanes on Hwy 1 in the Raceland area. The pursuing officer was joined by another in an effort to stop this vehicle. The car attempted to turn on St Patrick Street at a high rate of speed and clipped a telephone pole and came to a stop. Two of the three occupants ran and hid in an abandoned house and lot from the two officers. Within minutes the subjects were apprehended and taken into custody. The car was stolen out of Terrebonne Parish. The two officers who made the arrests were recommended for Certificates of Commendation are **Sgt. Leeman Howard and Sgt. Trent Duplantis.**



Two more Certificates of Commendation went to two outstanding detectives who dedicated much of their free time and



most of their waking hours in pursuit of a person who is believed to have killed 23 young men over a ten year period. The two detectives worked on the Serial Killer Task Force that was housed here in Lafourche Parish. In December, 2006, Ronald Domingue, of Terrebonne confessed to the crimes. Saturday night **Sgt. Todd Charlet and Lt. Chad Shelby** were recognized for their dedication & hard work.

During the 2006/2007 year, the LPSO Uniform Patrol Division handled more complaints than any other year. An average of over 55,000 calls for service kept these deputies busy. And these calls



range from lock jobs to domestic violence to a double murder. These front line deputies work nights, holidays, in the rain, heat, cold, and in imaginable conditions. The men and women of the patrol Division have dealt with situations in the past 12 months that most law enforcement agencies won't experience in 30 years. They have had to deal with four deputies being shot in the line of duty. The fact that they survived and continue to work has inspired everyone who carries a badge. The men & women of the Patrol Division were very deserving of this Unit Commendation. The award was accepted by their commander, **Captain Roy Gros.**

Major Marty Dufrene and Captain Milfred Zeringue were recipients of a Unit Commendation on behalf of the staff at the Work Release Center in Raceland. The Work



Release program is one of the best in the state and has entered into a contract with the Lafourche Parish Vocational Training Center to train inmates in job skills needed in their area. The Work Release Center also became re-accredited this past year.

Shutting down drug operations in Lafourche Parish sometimes takes a joint effort and with the help of DEA Task Force 31 the drug flow in our area has slowed. Through the various



operations in the Central Lafourche Area, 32 subjects were federally indicted, \$307, 640 dollars worth of drugs and \$400,000 worth of assets were seized in the last year. Because of their hard work we would like to present Richard Daniels and Craig Wiles of Task Force 31, **Lt. Chet Caillouet, Lt. Josh Champagne, Sgt. John Champagne, Ronald Methvin, Robert McGuire, Robert Mason, Josh Barbera and Mona Orgeron.** Courtney Curole also got an award for her undercover role in a drug bust at Nicholls State University.

The **Lifesaving Award** shall be awarded to a law enforcement officer or civilian for an act which saves or prolongs someone's life beyond reasonable expectations.

While swimming off the beach in Grand Isle this summer,



Tim Phillips, who happens to be the father of one of the LPSO Explorer Scouts, was nearby when he heard a mother call out that a rip tide was pulling her child out to sea. The child was holding onto an inner tube. Tim swam out and grabbed the child who had let go of the inner tube but could not swim. Tim put the kid on his back and swam toward the shore. His quick action saved the child's life. For this Tim Phillips was awarded the Lifesaving Medal. His son accepted in his behalf.

On September 5, 2006, 76 year old Ames Savoie and his 72 year old wife, Betty, were traveling down Hwy 308 in Cut Off when Ames lost consciousness and their car plunged into the Bayou and flipped over upside down. The Savoies were trapped in their car. Doug Danos was one of the first men on the scene who jumped into the water. Perry Felarise came by with his wife, Marie, to help. He also jumped in the water and along with some unidentified men was able to pull Betty Savoie out of the passenger side door. Marie helped to comfort Betty, whose only concern was her husband who was suspended upside down in the car trapped by his seatbelt. The rescuers knew right away Ames Savoie was dead. With a history of heart problems, Mr. Savoie apparently suffered a heart attack before he hit the water. Betty was transported to Our Lady of the Sea Hospital where she was treated for moderate injuries. For their heroic and compassionate efforts to save this elderly couple, A Lifesaving Medal was presented to **Doug Danos, and Marie and Perry Felarise**.

The Sheriff's Office received a letter from a mother saying there was a hero in Explorer Post 323. LPSO **Explorer DJ Fuselier** had just completed the 80 hour Explorer Training Academy on July 27th. Two days later, on the night of July 29th, 2007, DJ received a phone call from his father who lives in Slidell. The father was slurring his words and appeared to be in need of medical attention. DJ was able to contact the Slidell Police Department and direct them to where his father lived and get his father to the hospital. The father, had attempted suicide before and admitted to taking several sleeping pills that night. DJ said his two week Explorer training helped him through this. He said he remembered what he was taught, what questions to ask, and how to

give proper information to the Slidell Police. Based in DJ's



quick recognition of the problem and composure in the face of a very serious and life threatening situation, DJ Fuselier is credited with saving his father's life and was awarded the Lifesaving Medal.

Imagine traveling down Hwy. 90 near Raceland and seeing a pick up truck run off the road and crash into a grove of trees. Then imagine as you get to the vehicle to help the injured motorist, you see a 6 inch long, 1 inch wide branch in a person's neck that entered from the left and was sticking out on the right side of the neck. This is what Central Lafourche High School student **Derek Hotard** saw when he rushed to the aid of this motorist. Corey Dubois was alive but bleeding. Derek called 911 and held pressure on the wound to slow the bleeding until an ambulance arrived. Cars passed and slowed down but kept on going. Derek Hotard was the only one who stopped and his actions helped to save this man's life. For that heroic effort he received a Lifesaving Medal.

One of the most dangerous and difficult situations a police officer can face is trying to save the life of a person who is attempting to kill himself. This happened when two deputies responded to a call of an attempted suicide by a juvenile. The mother said her 16 year old son had taken a bunch of pills and locked himself in the bathroom. When the officers arrived, they tried to talk the boy out of the bathroom but he refused. They kicked the door in and found the boy



had just cut both wrists with a serrated blade kitchen knife and had fallen back on to the toilet. The officers took a pair of blue jeans and tied a leg of the jeans around each wrist. They applied pressure and called for an ambulance. The boy was transported to Lady of the Sea Hospital where he received medical treatment by the hospital staff. The

deputies who received these Lifesaving Medals Saturday night are **Deputy Christian Eagan and Sgt. Michael Beck**.

On September 16, 2006, a call came in over the radio that a car had wrecked on Hwy. 90, east of Prestos, and was upside down in about two feet of water. Three deputies from the LPSO and one from the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office arrived on the scene. Aided by unknown volunteers, these officers helped to lift the car up and hold the driver's head above the water until firemen arrived with a hydraulic pry tool to open the driver side door. The deputies were then able to cut the seatbelt holding the injured man and remove him from the vehicle on a spine board. He and his passenger were later transported to a hospital for treatment. This man owes his life to **Sgt. Walter Tenney, Deputy Chris Garner, Deputy Leeman**



Howard, and Lt. Herbert Fitch of the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office who all were awarded Lifesaving Medals.

The **Distinguished Service Award** is presented to a person for rendering services beyond the regular course of duty. It could be for someone who prevents or solves a major crime; apprehends a dangerous criminal; exemplifies dedication towards service to the public and Sheriff's Office; or any act of service approved by the Awards Board.

The first person to be honored Saturday night with a Distinguished Service Award has been around for decades donating his time and spending countless hours of dedicated service to the Sheriff's Office. This guy is one who is behind the scenes but is a vital part of the training curriculum. He has taught hundreds of new recruits lifesaving techniques and how to be safe as they do their jobs. His



efforts have saved lives and **Herb Theriot** was presented the Distinguished Service Medal.

Water Patrol Deputy Teddy Granier was investigating a theft complaint last January in reference to a subject stealing several items out of a boat near Lake Fields. Deputy Granier used outstanding investigating skills and located all the items stolen at the suspect's house. Once Teddy made contact with the subject, he observed him throw-



ing evidence into the middle of Bayou Lafourche before he drove off. To retrieve the important evidence, Deputy Teddy Granier did what very few people would have done in January. He jumped into the freezing bayou waters and searched the bottom of the bayou until he found the evidence. He then obtained warrants for this thief and had him arrested. The subject admitted to stealing the items and was booked into the Lafourche Parish jail. For his cold swim and determination, Water Patrol Deputy Teddy Granier was awarded a Medal for Distinguished Service.

Sheriff's Star, Continued

She has schooled the employees, the supervisors, the administration, other agencies, and the owners of mega-million dollar companies like L-3 and Thinkstream.

Shannon participates in the fund raisers for the various organizations the Sheriff's Office participates in. She never misses a Sheriff Office function.

And although Shannon works hard at the office and when called on, I know she has another life. I'm told that the sun rises and falls on her 7 year old daughter, Hailey. Shannon loves to camp and attend barrel racing shows to watch her daughter perform.

Her Husband is Kevin Delatte and he works for Shell Chemical. Her parents are Leo and Jackie Perque. Her father is one of her best friends. The mother is retired and the father works for the Parish Council. She has one sister Dawn, who is married to Darren Theriot. Dawn works for the DA. She has a dog named Bud-D but don't call him a dog because she considers him her son.

She is honest and to the point. Tells you exactly what is on her mind, you don't have to wonder where you stand with her. Right now I hope I'm pretty high on her list because Lt. Shannon Delatte is my choice for the 2007 Sheriff's Star."