

LDA Family Easter Egg Hunt and Monthly Update

By Greg Dumas

Easter Egg Hunt

The National Guard Armory, which houses the L.P.S.O. Academy, was buzzing with family and children on Saturday March 25th as members of the L.D.A. hosted their annual Easter egg hunt for Sheriff's Office employees.

Approximately 100 were in attendance for a day of fun, jumping on the bounce house, eating hot dogs and of course hunting for Easter eggs. The highlight of the day was when the Easter Bunny showed up and walked around playing with all of the kids outside before he came in to pose for the professional portraits with the children. Our hats go off to all of the L.D.A. members the Explorers for working so hard in organizing and making this a truly memorable event for our L.P.S.O. families.

LDA Update

Most employees pay their couple of dollars in dues to the LDA every month without even realizing what the LDA really does for its members.

Last year alone under the presidency of Ryan Dantin, LDA helped nine LDA members with extreme damage from Katrina, donated money to tsunami victims, built a handicap ramp for "Mouse" Bradberry, purchased personal items for St. Bernard deputies, and successfully put on a Christmas Party and Lafourche Pride.

LDA Officers and Representatives for this year are:

- President.....Nicole Frank
- Vice-Pres.....Mamie Pellegrin
- Secretary.....Christie Pepper
- Treasurer.....Barbara Morgan
- Representatives.....Dawn Lamkins (Main Office), Cindy Savoie (Whitney), Larry Weidel (S.L. Substation), Katie Degruise (Personnel), Bobby Gideon (Patrol), Rachelle Hitt (Training), Nancy Comardelle (Detention), Richard Lacour (Reserves), Mandy Falcon (Communications), Mona Ogeron (Narcotics), Emile Walker (Work Release), Melina Aucoin (COC).



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New LPSO Webpage is Launched Webpage receives facelift and added functions

By Rachelle Hitt

The LPSO webpage has been redesigned to appeal to all age groups from children to our senior citizens and offers several new services as well as interactive information.

The homepage of www.lpsos.net is designed to easily help guests navigate the site. The homepage contains excerpts and photos from at least three updated news articles. Navigating the webpage can be done by using the menu bar or by clicking on one of the many graphic buttons on the homepage.

In addition to pages featuring every division in the Sheriff's Office, buttons include: Locating Registered Sex Offenders; Who's Behind Bars; Lafourche Holdem: Top Ten Most Wanted; Report Crime, Give Tips, and Request our Services Online; Follow-up with a Deputy on a Recent Police Report; Rate Our Services; Sheriff's Sales: View Foreclosed Property; Pay Online

for Taxes, Tickets, and Fines; Rap Sheet; Just For Kidz; Senior and Victim's Services; Youth Services; Fun & Informative Classes; Volunteer and Make a Difference; Rewarding Careers; Monthly Events; Fallen Heroes; and Law Enforcement Links.

Some of the more creative features are pages such as Lafourche Holdem, which contains the top ten of the Sheriff's Office most wanted in a card game style. Guests can click on a deck of cards that deals out ten most wanted.

Upon visiting each division's page, a collage of that division is displayed. In addition, email links and phone numbers of the appropriate employee are provided for every service offered by that division.

The new webpage is not completely finalized. It will be frequently updated and enhanced. Please encourage your family and friends to take advantage of this new tool.

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LPSO Mounted Benefit Raised more than \$7,000 for NOPD

Money to benefit NOPD Mounted Patrol for equipment lost during Hurricane Katrina

By Larry Weidel

Members of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol Unit wanted to do something to assist their fellow officers of the New Orleans Police Mounted Patrol Unit. The NOPD lost everything but the horses at their barn when Hurricane Katrina inundated it with over eight feet of water. Deputy Tomas Blanchard, a veteran equestrian of over 25 years, and the head of the L.P.S.O. Mounted unit came up with a way to help. The idea was to host a two day Mounted Patrol School for police officers or departments that wanted to improve their riding and law enforcement skills.

Lafourche Parish Sheriff Craig Webre backed the plan and stated that all of the proceeds collected would go directly to the N.O.P.D. Mounted Unit. Funds from entry fees, sale of food, and auction items could be used for the designated purpose of quipping their horses for Mardi Gras season and beyond. Sheriff Webre said this was a good opportunity to help the internationally renowned Mounted Unit that patrols the French Quarter during Mardi Gras and other large events held in New Orleans.

The instructors for the two day event held at the neighboring Assumption Parish Agriculture Center were Dian Cecil from Caneyville, KY, Steve Cornelia of Jacksonville, FL, Bryan Donovan from Gulfport, MS, and Laura Pettler of South Carolina. They are all nationally recognized and donated their time and skills to help law enforcement officers who came from Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana to attend the event.

In addition to the mounted training, a forensics class was held during the weekend where Laura Pettler helped all of the attendees learn techniques of using forensics in solving crimes.



When the attendees had some down time they were treated to good southern Cajun cooking prepared by Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office's Chief Deputy Bud Dill. Everyone enjoyed jambalaya, white beans and rice, barbeque ribs and chicken, and hamburgers. On Friday evening, after a long day of riding and training, everyone was treated to great Cajun music. The band, called The Lost Boys, were accompanied by one of the instructors, Laura Pettler, who happens to have a new country CD being released soon.

Local businesses and individuals from the communities surrounding Lafourche Parish assisted in the event by making monetary donations along with door prizes and meals. Contributions are still being accepted. Anyone wishing to donate can send a check or money order to N.O.P.D./L.D.A. Fund, 200 Canal Blvd. Thibodaux, LA 70301.

Sheriff Webre is pleased to announce that so far there has been over \$7000.00 generated from this event that will go directly to the New Orleans Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit.



Spotlight on Deputy Kasey Autin

By Larry Weidel

Deputy Kasey Autin began her professional law enforcement career with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office in 1997, when she was hired as a Communications Equipment Operator (CEO). As a CEO, she was responsible for receiving complaints from the general public concerning police and fire emergencies and broadcasting orders to appropriate patrol units and personnel for proper response.

In 1998, while attending the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office Training Academy to secure P.O.S.T. certification, Deputy Autin was assigned the responsibility of developing the first "Supervised Misdemeanor Probation Program" for the

Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office. She successfully completed the effort and implemented the Program working in close coordination with associated state and parish agencies and entities.

Upon receipt of the FY1998 JAIBG Program funding, Deputy Autin was assigned to fill the newly created position of "Juvenile Information Program Manager". As "Program Manager", she is responsible for the development, implementation, and maintenance of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office Juvenile Information Sharing Program. Her primary job duty is to ensure that program activities are managed and implemented in accordance with both the policy directives of the Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition, as well as associated grant program regulations. In 2004, Deputy Autin transferred to the Patrol Division and received the VFW Outstanding Officer Award in 2005.

S.L. Deputy of the Year

Larose VFW honors Deputy Dufrene

By Larry Weidel

Deputy Adam Dufrene began his law enforcement career with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office on November 25th, 2002. After becoming POST certified, he was assigned to the Patrol Division where he continues to work today.

At the recent awards banquet, Adam received a letter of commendation for his involvement in the solving of the July 2005 Bank One robbery in Larose. The subject was apprehended within less than an hour of the robbery. He also received the life saving medal for pulling his lieutenant, who had suffered a broken ankle, out of a burning barn that had been set afire by a would-be suicide subject on E73rd St. in Cut Off. The subject, who resisted all attempts to help him, was also removed and is OK.



Deputy Adam Dufrene has also earned the marksman-ship award for shooting, and was recently selected to become a field training officer by his supervisors.

Deputy Dufrene has handled over 2800 complaints/incidents as primary officer and numerous more assisting, which cover the entire range handled by deputies, from lock jobs to fatality accidents, a stray cat to the report of a rape. He has over 60 arrests which include drug offenses, domestic disturbances, warrants, drunks, and DWI's; and more than 50 summons issued, and over three dozen tickets handed out for various offenses issued.

Deputy Adam Dufrene is a very reliable, professional and dedicated officer. He is an asset to the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office. On Wednesday, March 15, Adam was presented the Larose VFW Outstanding Law Enforcement award for the south Lafourche area.



The faithful trio: Beccy Hebert, Shannon Delatte, and Lana Pennison at a Christmas Party Together.

SCUTTLEBUTT..

Lt. Labat and **Lt. Foreman** participated in a 5K fund raiser recently at Raceland Middle School and placed first in their respective age groups. Good job guys!

Babies, babies, and more babies! Communications Shift Supervisor, **Lacie Mayon** gave birth to baby **Nathan Scott Dominique**. He weighed in at 6 pounds 11 ounces. Baby, Mother, father Scott, and big brother Caleb are all doing well.

Congratulations to NaNan **Bridgett** and Parin **J.P. DeGravelles** on the birth of their Godchild **Noah Hotard**. Bridgette's sister Millicent, baby Noah, NaNan and Parin are all doing fine.

Trent Duplantis also became a godfather to **Hunter James** 7 pounds, 2 ounces and 20 inches long! Proud parents Darrin and Celeste Doucet and baby are all doing fine.

Communications Deputy **Tracy Price** gave birth to a baby girl on December 6. **Kellie Michelle Price** weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces.

Personnel Clerk **Dale Savoie** became a grandmother on March 3 to **Hannah Belle Norwood**, 7 pounds, 1 ounce and 20 1/4 inches.