

## Second Annual Tactical Expo--Second Annual Success



Once again, business and community leaders were invited to view and test some of our latest weaponry. And once again, not only were they impressed with our equipment and day-to-day operations, they also had a great time.



The approximately 50 participants praised the professionalism of our deputies, and were given an opportunity to speak to our deputies.



Deputies did a wonderful job teaching participants how to use the equipment and explaining the responsibilities and challenges of their individual jobs.



Here are some photos to reflect the time they had. Thanks to all who participated. It was definitely a group effort.



## Funny Quotes Heard in Offices in America but Definitely Not Here

By Larry Weidel

A magazine recently ran a "Dilbert Quote s" contest. They were looking for people to submit quotes from their real-life Dilbert-comic-strip-type managers. These were voted the top ten quotes from some managers across corporate America:

"As of tomorrow, employees will only be able to access the building using individual security cards. Pictures will be taken next Wednesday, and employees will receive their cards in two weeks." ?(This was the winning quote from Fred Dales, Microsoft Corp. in Redmond WA)

"What I need is an exact list of specific unknown problems we might encounter." ?(Lykes Lines Shipping)

"E-mail is not to be used to pass on information or data. It should be used only for company business." ?(Accounting manager, Electric Boat Company)

"This project is so important we can't let things that are more important interfere with it." ?(Advertising/Marketing manager, United Parcel Service)

"Doing it right is no excuse for not meeting the schedule." (Plant Manager, Delco Corporation)

"No one will believe you solved this problem in one day! We've been working on it for months? Now go act busy for a few weeks and I'll let you know when it's time to tell them." (R&D supervisor, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing/3M Corp.)

Quote from the Boss: "Teamwork is a lot of people doing what I say." (Marketing executive, Citrix Corporation)

My sister passed away and her funeral was scheduled for Monday. When I told my Boss, he said she died on purpose so that I would have to miss work on the busiest day of the year. He then asked if we could change her burial to Friday. He said, "That would be better for me." (Shipping executive, FTD Florists)

"We know that communication is a problem, but the company is not going to discuss it with the employees." (Switching supervisor, AT&T Long Lines Division)

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CRAIG WEBRE, SHERIFF



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## LPSO Gives Big to Relay for Life Sheriff's Office raised almost \$10,000 for event

By Angela Stewart

This years Relay For Life event held in Thibodaux on April 7, 2006, was very successful.

Dave Paul's crew helped set up (and stayed late to take down) the tents and cooked the food for everyone to enjoy.

The American Cancer Society was able to reach their goal of raising over \$200,000 with \$30,000 of that amount raised on event night. The Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office won the "Most Money Raised by a Governmental Agency" award by raising over \$9,700.00 for the American Cancer Society.

Dale Savoie and Wayne Foret raised over \$1,500.00 just by shaving their heads. LDA's dunking booth raised \$572.00, the jail raised \$779.00, and onion mums, drinks and the raffle raised over \$1,000.00.

All of this could not have been done without everyone working together and volunteering their time.

We also won the "Best Team T-Shirt" award (Thanks to Rachelle for designing our shirt).

Some of our LPSO participants are cancer survivors:

The American Cancer Society awarded Lenore Rink with a scholarship, the Explorers assisted with parking, Greg Dumas recited the pledge, and our Honor Guard presented the Colors at the opening ceremony for the event.

Lenore Rink (Team member)  
Sue Croker (Team member)  
Ryan Dantin  
Penny Zeringue (Team member)  
Linda Bernard

As always we remember our employees who lost their lives to cancer: Donna Fanara and Traci Duplantis.

Everyone's hard work went into making this event enjoyable to all.



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## LDA Report

By Christie Pepper

The LDA held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser and sold 200 dinners, which made a profit of approximately \$700.00.

The board members would like to thank all who helped out in the fundraiser and all who purchased dinners, without the help of our members it would have not been a success.

We are planning a softball tournament fundraiser on the weekend of August 4th-6th. We are asking for anyone who is interested in volunteering time to please contact one of the board members.

All help is appreciated. We are hoping for a good turnout and hoping to get the LDA back to what it originated as.

We are in the process of planning Lafourche Pride which will be at the NSU ballroom on September 9th.

The LDA is also discussing the possibility of holding a family fun day for the members, and with the help of Ronnie Thibodaux holding a car show as a fundraiser.

The secretary, Christie Pepper, in an effort to get more people involved and informed of what the LDA is doing, has been typing the minutes submitting them to the other board members to proofread and then posting them to all deputies on the bulletin board.

The LDA is here for you and through the testimonials that were heard at the mandatory meeting, it is evident that we are here for you when it is needed.

We are asking for more members to try and help out in our functions, or even to be present during meetings. We all understand that we have demanding jobs and schedules, but the meetings are usually just an hour a month.



## Spotlight on Shirley Collins



By Larry Weidel

Shirley Collins has been working for the LPSO for about 5 ½ years now. She began on December 11, 2000 and was first assigned to Gary Price in the financial section. About two months later Shirley was transferred to CID and began the academy. For two years she worked at CID. While there, Shirley took advantage of training opportunities and became an instructor for RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) and a supplemental officer for PSS (Police Social Services). Her Captain was John Morse. She then transferred to Patrol.

While in Patrol, Shirley Collins applied for and was assigned to the position of Disabilities Coordinator in PSS. In that position, she developed a training curriculum for law enforcement officers who respond to persons with disabilities along with a video for victims of crime. The grant for this position ended after three years. Shirley is now a Domestic Violence Specialist in PSS.

To Shirley Collins, being with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office is a family affair. She is married to Allen Collins, who is a Patrol Deputy. She also has three daughters, Sheena Birnberg (another Deputy) and Sandy Birnberg, a member of the Sheriff's Explorer Scout program.

Shirley and her husband, Allen, are not originally from the "the bayou" but have made Lafourche Parish their home. If you listen to them speak, you might even detect a little Cajun influence in their conversations. Yeah, right!



## Kindergarten Kids Honor Deputies Larose Elementary School students express their gratitude

By Larry Weidel

In celebration of the Police Officers National Memorial Week in May, students from kindergarten to the second grade at Larose Elementary School participated in drawing pictures and sending messages to members of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office.



Deputy Charlene Rodrigue, SRO for the schools in Larose, called me one day to share with me hundreds of cards and letters made by the children to be sent to deputies throughout the parish. Cards of every color and level of art that can be produced by a five to seven year old were presented to me to hand out to our officers.

Some of the messages read:

"Dear officer, you are the best people ever." *Natalie*

"Dear officer, thank you for keeping our country safe...what kind of dogs do you have?" *Jules*

"Dear officer, thank you for risking your life for us. And killing the bad people so I do not die. And I would love you to keep doing what you are doing. Oh, before I forget thank you for keeping our world safe. And our water clean too." *Mary Alice*

"Dear police officer, thank you for helping us wene those bad guys stol my scooter bike and scooter scatboard." *Ty*

"Thank you for keeping our water safe and helping pepole that's lost." *Tyler*

"We love you cops." *Madeleine*

The cards and letters were decorated with flowers and hearts. There were pictures of police cars, boats, and small children walking with their large friend, the policeman. Almost all the cards were signed with "we love you".

This exercise allowed these young children to express their love and appreciation to our fellow police officers. We can all return the favor the next time we see one of these very impressionable children.

We just can't draw as well as they can.

## TORCH RUN '06

