

The Crisis Management Unit takes pride in their ability to serve the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office in whatever capacity is required. CMU has successfully managed operations that have spanned from hostage to lost child recoveries. CMU duty is a collateral assignment that requires the operator to be on constant ready at all times. The events of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita tested the CMU team in all ways. For the first time in the history of the Sheriff's Office the unit was placed on full activation. Operators were assigned to aid stations, banks, and any other area where people were flocking in great numbers.

Three women arrived at the Operations Center in total despair and asked for Sheriff Webre. They had left their eight children with a babysitter while they traveled to Raceland to work. After Katrina, they were unable to return and the children's babysitter informed their moms that she was leaving town without the kids. CMU was sent to New Orleans and arrived back that same night with their caravan containing all eight children safe and unharmed.

The next day a supervisor from LOOP requested that CMU escort a team of technicians into a building that had been damaged by the storm and overrun with looters. The building contained several million dollars worth of technical data and equipment. It was also only one block from the 17th Street canal breach. CMU was able to maintain the location's security for two hours while data and equipment was secured.

CMU was initially assigned to Louis Armstrong International Airport and was placed in charge of securing the entire evacuation process. The sights, smells, and desperate misery were almost too much to humanly comprehend. The CMU team took charge and over 5,000 people were processed and boarded on planes and trains to be evacuated to destinations nationwide.

The CMU team made tactical street patrols along with SWAT teams from across the country. They were then sent to St. Bernard Parish where officials were attempting to enforce mandatory evacuations from the ravaged areas and control looting. Operators loaded up daily on military trucks and made their way through sludge and oppressive heat. These grueling days were spent in unwashed clothes and heavy sweat-laden tactical gear.

The spirits of the operators were lifted late one morning when they located a 79-year old woman who had been

in her attic for a week. They continued their searches for people sometimes meeting with success, often with regret for being too late. People confronted the team with praise and thanks, others with defiance. One night a St. Bernard deputy, exhausted from his work, fell off the upper level of the riverboat they were staying on into the muddy waters of the Mississippi River. One of our CMU operators witnessed the event and with the help of other operators, helped the deputy hang on until he could be fished out.

Operators helped in many parishes while continuing their off time sleeping on floors and bathing with hoses. CMU spent weeks in New Orleans assisting SWAT teams in the city. There were many hours spent walking through the dark streets with night vision goggles facing armed confrontations and high speed pursuits, all reminding these officers how fortunate they were to live and work in Lafourche. CMU teams also were sent to Grand Isle, and after Rita, they went to Vermillion, Calcasieu, and Allen parishes to provide relief and restore order.

The personal sacrifices made and the weeks gone by without seeing family and friends were very difficult for the operators to handle at times. Some had damage

to their own homes, and even had to prepare for the arrival of Hurricane Rita, but they sacrificed and remained on assignments because that is what they do...what ever it takes.

The members of our CMU team witnessed things unimaginable and endured unbearable hardships while serving others. Together they relied on their training, compassion, and bravery to sustain them under the most heartbreaking conditions and catastrophic circumstances. On Saturday night, the following officers who are members of this remarkable team that were presented one of the highest awards that can be earned ... the Medal of Valor.

Scott Silverii, Lt. Josh Champagne, Dty Trent Duplantis, Lt. Andrew Labat, Sgt. Todd Prevost, Dty. Jeff Prevost, Sgt. Will Constant, Dty. Damon Ourso, Dty. Darrin Doucet, Dty. Simon Besson, Sgt. Chad Shelby, Sgt. John Champagne, Agt. Robert McGuire, Kevin Johnson, Sgt. Corey Himel, Ronald Methvin, and Robert Mason



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CRAIG WEBRE, SHERIFF

RAP sheet



The Sheriff's Star goes to Anderson

The most prestigious award handed out at the Lafourche Pride Banquet is the Sheriff's Star. The Sheriff's Star recipient is the one award selected by Sheriff Webre as the one employee in the Sheriff's Office who has provided extraordinary service to the Sheriff's Office and/or the community. Over the past several years, this very prestigious award has gone to some outstanding law enforcement professionals of the Sheriff's Office. Those currently still with the LPSO are Chief Bud Dill, Lucie Morvant, Major Marty Dufrene, Lt. Alma Douglas, Captain Eddie Rodrigue, Sgt. Wilbur Lewis, Captain Terry Lyle, Major Todd Diaz, Process Server Philip Avery, Records Clerk Luci Morvant, CO Nancy Comardelle.

Sheriff Webre started out by saying, "Tonight we will add one more name to a distinguished list. It is a person who has gone about his job quietly for the past 14 years serving the citizens of this parish at all hours of the night and day. He is assigned to a division yet serves the whole agency. He never says no, never complains and you never hear him speak in a negative manner. You all know this guy. He is well liked and admired by everyone. This individual never stops and no one knows how he does it or when he sleeps. This person plays a major roll in the Sheriff's Office in the area of equipment technology. Tonight it is my honor to present the lucky 13th Sheriff's Star to Detective Byron Anderson."

Sheriff Webre then gave some back-

ground on the 2006 Sheriff's star winner. "Byron is the eldest of two children. His parents are Barry and Dolly Anderson. His father, Barry, is as well a member of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office serving as a Reserve/VIP protecting his neighborhood by patrolling on his time off. Byron is the proud Godfather of Derrick, the first son of his sister Christie and her husband Shannon.

Byron came to work for the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office and attended our first full time Academy, graduating October 19, 1992 beginning his career on the road as a uniform patrol deputy. Byron's assignment was the "Bayou Blue Deputy". He patrolled this area the majority of his career as a uniformed police officer.

Byron later transferred to the Narcotics Section where he explored with the use of cameras, body bugs and recording devices for undercover operations and found his calling. He continued his education in electronic technology while working full time. Byron graduated from Ret's Electronics Training Center in New Orleans with a 4.0 in Basic Theory and Math.

During the four years that Byron served in Narcotics he attended courses on surveillance, covert vehicle installation, investigative video techniques, and intelligence operations serving as the point of contact for all electronic services for the agency.

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LAFOURCHE PRIDE ISSUE

The Thirteenth Annual Lafourche Pride Banquet and Awards Program was held at the Thibodaux Civic Center. This was the post-Katrina-Rita Banquet and we had much to be proud of and thankful for. The Lafourche Deputies Association sponsored this evening with the financial help and support of many local businesses. Sheriff Craig Webre was invited to present the awards and 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.

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This award is presented to a person for rendering services beyond the regular course of duty; prevents or solves a major crime; apprehends a dangerous criminal, exemplifies dedication towards service to the public and the Sheriff's Office, or any act of service approved by the awards board. Here are the winners:

The first two Distinguished Service Awards were presented to two detectives who were sent to Grand Isle about 20 hours after Hurricane Katrina came ashore. These detectives established a police force on Grand Isle during the time looting was taking place and there was no police pres-



ence on the island. For the first few days, these two men arrested looters and protected property. They were working 18-19 hours a day and slept on the floor of a flooded fire station. The men we honor tonight are **Detective Sgt. Chad Shelby and Detective Todd Charlet**. Once Chad left the island, Todd stayed there for the next several weeks away from his family setting up a police force with other agencies to protect lives and property as the island residents returned home to rebuild. Both of these men were very deserving of the Distinguished Service Award.

The recipients of a Distinguished Service Medal were another dynamic duo, **Deputies William Powell and**



Richard Reidel are members of the POP Squad. These two guys have handled approximately 450 calls for service; issued over 300 citations; and arrested more than 275 subjects as they patrol the subdivisions and neighborhoods of Lafourche Parish. The POP Squad is also involved in the sex offender accountability program. Officers Powell and Reidel have issued several warrants for non-compliant sex offenders and located them. They also patrol troubled neighborhoods on bicycles. Deputies William Powell and Richard Reidel came up and received their Distinguished Service Awards.

The Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office could barely get along if not for its Reserve Officers. These dedicated volunteers devote countless numbers of hours in service to the citizens of this parish. Such is the case with **Melinda Rodrigue**, a Reserve Deputy who was asked to assist with Mounted Patrol during the 2006 Mardi Gras season. Deputy Rodrigue, who is still completing her Intermediate Reserve Training, stepped up to the challenge and then some. She completed a riding



school in February of this year. She then donated the services of two of her own horses and helped participate in 7 parades for a total of 64 hours. Her supervisor, Tommy Blanchard said her performance during these assignments was outstanding. For this unselfish service and commitment to the Reserve Deputy program, Deputy Melinda Rodrigue was recognized with this Distinguished Service Award.

When faced with a difficult task some people shrink away from the responsibility and others accept the challenge with vigor and vitality. The one person assigned to be the newly appointed accreditation manager took off running with her new position. Through gentle coercion and a soft spoken plea for cooperation, **Sgt. Gretchen Toups** accepted the challenge of re-accreditation. She put her heart & soul into the process putting many long hours and sleepless nights. She made sure we were all up to standard. Gretchen worked diligently until the task was completed and we were ready for the inspectors to come

in and grade us on our level of excellence. She went above and beyond and Sgt. Gretchen Toups certainly earned a Distinguished Service Award.



A Distinguished Service Medal was long overdue for this next group of dedicated officers who risk their lives daily in an attempt to keep Lafourche Parish drug free. The agents of the Lafourche Parish Drug Task Force have been very active in our parish these past few months. From October 1, 2005 until August 9, 2006, Task Force agents have made approximately 339 arrests ranging from possession to distribution of illegal narcotics and have confiscated over \$800,000 in drugs, money, vehicles, and weapons. These agents also assisted the US Coast Guard in conducting operations on the waterways along the coast and in the Gulf of Mexico. The agents of the Task Force have worked many long nights getting drug dealers and users off the streets, while good citizens of the parish sleep. Agents also assist with "Dead Beat Dads" roundups as well as attending training so they can keep up to date on current drugs and drug trends across the country.



Throughout all of this, agents still find the time to help educate the public on the dangers of drug use by giving talks at schools, churches, and civic organizations all over the parish. Most members of the Task Force are actively involved with the CMU Team ranging from tactical operators to police snipers. The following Task Force members received the Distinguished Service Award:

Lt. Chet Caillouet, Lt. Josh Champagne, Sgt. John Champagne, Sgt. Paul Lagraize, Agt. Ronald Methvin, Agt. Robert McGuire, Agent Robert Mason, SSGT Scott Robinson, and Mona Orgeron.

The next Distinguished Service Award was a little unique because the individual receiving it is not a law enforcement officer although he met the requirements for rendering services above and beyond the call of duty. This individual is ten year old **Tristan Bagala**, a fifth grade student at St. Mary's Nativity School in Raceland. During the aftermath of Katrina, Tristan was touched by the evacuees he encountered at his elementary school and on his visits to area emergency shelters. He started baking cakes to take along with supplies he collected for local hurricane shelters. Others began to help him. Eventually he collected clothes and supplies for displaced students at St. Mary's. He had a raffle to help raise money to cover the tuition costs for the displaced students at his school. Tristan was honored as the youngest of eight students in the state with a Louisiana Young Hero award. He continues to want to help and has demonstrated compassion along with a unquenchable need to help the less fortunate. For his unselfish acts, Tristan Bagala was honored with a Distinguished Service Award.

These are individual awards given to persons who have performed outstanding duties in the course of their regular law enforcement responsibilities or to persons that have assisted law enforcement officers in the line of duty.

The first Certificate of Commendation went to three deputies who were dispatched to a house in reference to illegal drug activity. They surrounded the house, made everyone exit the residence, and then conducted a search that rendered large amounts of cocaine, marijuana, pills, and paraphernalia. For their fast actions, **Deputies Christopher Garner, Damian Ourso, and Kasey Autin** were awarded certificates of commendation.

The next person that was honored with a Certificate of Commendation works for the Communication Section. She is



Daisy Grabert. For 12 weeks, Daisy took over the responsibilities of acting Communications Shift Supervisor in the absence of Lacie Mayon, who was on maternity leave. Her knowledge and dedication has proven she

is an asset to the Communication Section.

Earlier this summer, an officer responded to a disturbance at Nocko's store in Chackbay. A subject believed to be high on drugs had just damaged his wife's truck and was confronted by his brother-in-law. The subject went to his car to arm himself with a gun and headed toward the store where his sister and brother-in-law had retreated for safety. The store was filled with people. When the officer arrived he observed the officer walking towards the door of the store pulling the slide



back on the semi-automatic pistol. The deputy immediately drew down on the subject ordering him to drop the weapon. The subject turned towards the officer and

paused. When again ordered to drop the gun, he complied but started walking toward the deputy ignoring his orders to get on the ground. The deputy applied one handcuff and the man began to resist. He was then sprayed with Freeze Plus P, and was subdued and taken into custody. A potential tragic circumstance was averted. For his professionalism and

coolness under extreme pressure, **Deputy Shane Campo** was presented a Certificate of Commendation.

The next Certificate of Commendation was presented to **Deputy Kasey Autin.** She responded to a call about a stabbing that took place in Galliano. On the way to the scene she saw a man matching the description of the suspect sitting on a swing in a nearby yard. He could not speak English and refused to obey her commands. As he tried to leave, Deputy Autin was assisted by **Water Patrol Deputy Sgt. Jeremy Granier, Golden Meadow Police Officer Perry Griffin, and Deputy Damian Ourso** in handcuffing the subject. She obtained an interpreter so that he could be questioned. It was learned that he stabbed his roommate in the stomach and would have done more but the knife broke off in the door. He was arrested for Attempted Second Degree Murder and because of her efforts in arresting a dangerous felon and illegal alien, Deputy Autin earned this certificate.

Dispatchers are our greatest asset. On April 19th one of our dispatchers received a 911 call from a woman in Thibodaux on a three way line that was on the phone with her brother in Mississippi. The brother's ex-wife was attempting suicide. She lived in Farmington, New Mexico. The brother was on the other phone talking to his two daughters, four & five, who said mommy was in the bathroom and was going to kill herself. The ex-wife owned a

40 caliber Glock and had been diagnosed as bipolar. No one knew the exact address but Jessica got on another line and called the Farmington, New Mexico Police Department to get a unit rolling to the neighborhood as the father of the girls tried to get a correct address. The address was obtained and the Farmington Police got there in time. The mother and children are all fine. For her quick action and professional response, **Jessica Cressonie** was presented a Certificate of Commendation.



Another recipient of a Certificate of Commendation was Correctional Officer **Sgt. Neil Ledet.** During his five years with the Sheriff's Office, Sgt. Ledet has performed duties for the Detention Center and Work Release facility. Sgt. Ledet was instrumental in coordinating and conducting an aggressive drug testing, dorm shake down and inmate search program. Most recently, he coordinat-

ed efforts with oncoming shifts; the Reserve Deputy section; and the K-9 section to conduct a complete shake down of the facility to include all inmates in the Work Release Center, Sgt. Neil Ledet's efforts reflect great credit upon himself as well as the Work Release Center and the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office.



On February 22, 2006, **Water Patrol Deputy Teddy Granier** discovered an abandoned vehicle on Hwy 307 about three miles from Hwy 182. Deputy Granier learned that the vehicle was stolen from Hamburg, Arkansas and the license plate displayed was taken from Bourg. Deputy Granier also learned that two teenagers from Arkansas had staged their own violent murders, stole a vehicle, fled the state and possibly burglarized a convenience store



along the way. Deputy Granier researched several possible leads and eventually located the two subject teenagers hiding in an abandoned boat near the Grand Bayou boat launch in Chackbay. The subjects were apprehended and later extradited back to Arkansas. Because of his dedication, thoroughness, and commitment to good police work, Deputy Teddy Granier was awarded a Certificate of Commendation.

Everyone knows drug traffickers represent the under belly of our society. It is in this dangerous world that our Lafourche Parish Drug Task Force works. In April of this year, **Narcotics Agent Robert McGuire** assumed an undercover role posing as a mid-level drug dealer. He was able to make contact by phone with a suspected cocaine buyer in the South Lafourche area. Agent McGuire was able to negotiate a transaction for 414 grams of cocaine for the purchase price of \$7,500. He met the buyer at a pre-arranged location and completed the

drug transaction. At this time the Lafourche Parish Drug Task Force moved in and arrested the suspected buyer. Agents recovered the 414 grams of cocaine from a fanny pack around the buyer's waist. As the investigation continued, a search warrant was obtained for the suspect's safety deposit box and another \$1,500 was recovered. Agents learned the money used in the transaction by the suspect was funds



derived from FEMA claims from Hurricane Katrina. The \$9,000 seized was awarded to the Lafourche Parish Drug Task Force by the court system. For his **bravery, strong work ethic, and dedication**, Robert McGuire earned a Certificate of Commendation.

Agents Robert Methvin and Robert Mason of the Lafourche Parish Drug Task Force headed up an investigation involving a residence on East 72nd Street in Cut Off. The investigation stemmed from numerous citizen complaints of drug activity in this neighborhood. These two agents were able to secure a search warrant and on June 22nd the war-



rant was executed on a suspect residence on East 72nd street. Agents arrested 7 suspects (1 dealer and 6 users). They recovered a total of over \$11,000 worth of drugs in this operation that was destined for distribution throughout the South Lafourche area. Two guys who deserve a lot of credit for many drug busts in our parish are Agents Robert Methvin and Robert Mason who were asked to come up to receive their Certificates of Commendation.

This award may be presented to a division, section, group or organization within the Sheriff's Office. Hard work, professionalism and dedication to the goals and advancement of law enforcement in Lafourche Parish are just some of the criteria used to determine the winner of this year's Unit Commendation.

The award this year went to the Accreditation Committee. This group has gone above and beyond the call of duty this year with the third CALEA assessment of the Sheriff's Office. Their hard work, dedication and professionalism made the assessment a rousing success. The visiting team of assessors unanimously recommended that we receive accreditation for another three years. The award went to these individuals:



Kathy Lagraize, Phyllis Guidry, Sue Crocker, Dean Savoie, Joanie Dean, Martha Woods, Becky Chabert, Debra Zeringue, Leslie Peters, Wanda Wawrose, Mamie Pellegrin, Cindy Savoie, Deanne Dufrene, J.P. Degravelles, Sheila Landry, Candy Lafont.

Another group to earn a Unit Commendation this year was the Detention Center. In 2005 the Lafourche Parish Detention Center went on full phase alert for two major hurricanes. During Hurricane Katrina the staff at the Detention Center managed to evacuate all the female inmates to Richland Parish in Monroe in a matter of 3 hours. A bus was brought to the Detention Center and all necessities were loaded into the bus and escort vehicles. With the assistance of K9 Officer Joe Young, the trip departed on a 14 hour journey to Monroe. Staff at the Detention Center then went on double shifts and remained that way for over 7 days. During this time the Post Certified Officers were assigned to Patrol where they assumed various duties. These duties ranged from traffic control to security at shelters. The remaining officers handled security at the jail and directed trusty crews throughout the Parish and Grand Isle. The Detention Center's kitchen staff cooked at least 2 hot meals every day for the Sheriff's Office staff for various sites throughout the Parish. Throughout this time, the jail was without power and ran on a generator for over a week. No air condition in a jail environment was a daily thing The Detention Center endured. During Hurricane Rita the jail went totally dark when the generator failed to work. For over six hours Detention Center's staff maintained order with the power of flashlights. During both hurricanes officers contributed funds from their pockets to help provide food and drinks for the staff. Members of the staff also collectively volunteered time with preparation of the meals supplied to staff. Under the harsh conditions The Detention Center's Staff were able to maintain and control all the adversities that were delivered to them. The following employees were honored:



Captain Eddie Rodrigue, Lt. Cortrell Davis, Lt. Sean Scott, Lt. Chad Carter, Lt. Kim Johnson, Jonathan Angle, Christine Adams, Jamie Ledet, Denise Boudreaux, Phil Percle, Andrew Duplantis, Jacob Thibodaux, Desmond Larousse, Sgt. Darrin Charpentier, Donna Guidry, Joanie Dean, John Hoyt, Starla Reidel, Chris Ordoyne, Venice Esponge, Sgt. Gene Richard, Nancy Comardelle, Lt. Laura Normand, John Foote, Chantel Chouest, Kristen Pitts, Gail Meyers, Aaron Montez, Angeliqe Wintzel, Michael Wintzel, Shane Campo, Belenda Henderson, Mae Rougee, Christine Cortopassi, Mike Danos, Heather Erwin, & Mandy Naquin.

Not to be out done, another group of employees were honored at the banquet from the Work Release Center. This group of dedicated employees has developed into a team with a unified purpose. Not only do they house and feed over 150 clients working for businesses and industry throughout the area, this facility provides thousands of meals a month to senior citizens and the Maritime School next door. They have begun to improve in all categories and make sound informed decisions. This facility has become the flagship of work release centers around the state. Those that were honored are:



Capt. Milfred Zeringue, Lt. Michael Leclair, Sgt. Carla Landry, Lt. Wilber Lewis, Sgt. Ben Constant, Sgt. Kelly Jacuzzo, Sgt. Neil Ledet, Sgt. Mike Tabor, Sgt. Weldon Lebouef, Sgt. Yvonne Ordoyne, Jack Stewart, Evans Adams, Wayne Dolen, Jane Bascle, P.J Aucoin, Robert Grayson, Gary Robichaux, Lynn Able, Stanley Guillot, Cunningham Bradberry, Samantha Ordoyne, Lesley Peters, Patricia Kraemer, Linda Carson, Merril Guertin, Emile Walker, Milton Chauvin, Edwin Callais, Henry Cancienne, Earl Babin, and Dwayne Jennings.

On July 11, 2006, **Deputy Richard Reidel** assisted patrol officers in a disturbance involving a young woman,



armed with a razor blade, who was shouting that she wanted to kill herself and had nothing to live for. Deputy Reidel began talking to the woman trying to convenience her to drop the razor. After minutes of negotiations, the young woman began slicing her arm open from her elbow to her hand. She sliced herself several times. Deputy Reidel sprayed her with Freeze P and grabbed her forcing her to drop the razor. She was rushed to the emergency room at Thibodaux Regional Medical Center where it was learned that she had hit several main veins and had 20 cuts over 8 inches long and nearly a quarter inch wide. The lady survived the ordeal thanks to the quick action of Deputy Richard Reidel who received a Lifesaving Medal.

Seven year old **Nicholas Cuneo** was the recipient of the next Lifesaving award, On May 20, 2006. Nicholas saved the life of a 2 year old child that was drowning in a public pool. After a successful baseball tournament, the team was celebrating at a home in Larose with a backyard pool. The kids were splashing and playing around in the pool with the parents nearby. Nicholas noticed a young child he had seen walking by the pool was no longer there. He looked down and saw the child face down about a foot under water. Nicholas jumped in and pulled him out. Had Nicholas not seen the boy, he may have drowned right there without anyone seeing him before it was too late. The child was fine after spitting up some water and crying awhile thanks to his rescuer Nicholas Cuneo.





The Kurt Woody Harrelson Award recognizes an officer that has an extreme sense of pride. The award is given to someone who shows not only in his appearance, but also in his job performance, his courteous manner to all he meets, and his professionalism.

This year's winner was Walter Tenney. He has been employed with the LPSO for six years. Walter has devoted his time to the Patrol Division, PSS, Mounted Patrol and also supplemental Mounted Patrol. He has always been willing to attend classes to improve his knowledge. Congratulations!

The Kurt "Woody" Harrelson Memorial Award was presented to Deann Barrios.



The Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office is very proud to recognize a group of men who have devoted years of service to the department.

- Roland Caillouet 29 years
- Moise Johnson 22 years
- Cunningham Bradberry 14 years
- Paul Lirette 28 years
- Harold Soignet 19 years

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As we congratulated ourselves and our officers on the outstanding effort exhibited by everyone during the two major hurricanes that hit our coastline last year, we would have been remiss if in fact, we did not recognize those who helped sustain and support us during the long hours of patrols and checkpoints and sandbagging and callouts during this state of emergency.

A new award was introduced at this year's banquet ...The Humanitarian Award!

Help can come from many places, but every bit of help is appreciated in times of Crisis. The following people rose above what was expected and played an intricate part of the continuation of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office during the aftermaths of Hurricane Katrina and Rita. These people and businesses made sure that our deputies had food, clothing, and many other necessities that enabled them to complete their tasks.

For their help & support representatives of the following businesses were presented the Humanitarian Award.

- Craig Nolan of Lafourche Sugar
- Jerry Gisclair of KLRZ-KLEB Radio
- Pastor Patrick Thompson of Bayou Blue Assembly of God
- Nick Matherne of Holy Savoie Church
- Brett Borne of Wal-mart
- Darlene Payne of McDonalds
- George Clement of Wal-mart
- Annette Soignet-Wal-mart
- Michele Bowers of Wendy's old Fashioned Hamburgers
- Rev. Timothy Boyd of Greater New Fountain Baptist Church

Bourgeois Meat Market-no name yet
Donald Rouse of Rouse's Supermarket
Pastor Danny Knight of Victory Life Church

Sheriff's Star, cont.

Byron moved on in his career by transferring to the Detective Section and is known today throughout the Lafourche Pariah Sheriffs Office as the "Tech Man". Some of Byron's tasks today include maintaining our telephone systems, two-way radios, base radios, surveillance equipment, photographing all major crime scenes, autopsies and disaster areas, alternate evidence custodian, and many other duties.

Byron's skills have been a true asset to this agency. One of his most rewarding creations is the Hostage Negotiation Phone Kit he created that allows the Crises Management Unit to ability to deploy a throw phone as the form of communications in a hostage situation. With this system, all incoming and outgoing calls can be monitored. A similar system ranges in costs at approximately \$20, 000. Byron was able to create ours at an approximant costs of \$500 and in about three weeks" concluded the Sheriff.

A slightly embarrassed and humble Byron Anderson gratefully accepted the plaque, ribbon, and thunderous applause from his fellow officers.

