

Lafayette City Marshal's Office



2021 Year One

Marshal Reggie Thomas



On Friday, January 8, 2021 Reggie Thomas was sworn in as Marshal of the City of Lafayette. Marshal Thomas is the first African American to win a citywide election in Lafayette's history.

Marshal Thomas set goals and objectives for the Marshal's Office to include community policing initiatives such as youth mentoring programs, improving the image of the Marshal' office and getting re-accredited.

Marshal Thomas has over 30 years of law enforcement experience including as Interim Chief and Deputy Chief of Lafayette PD, he is a Veteran, and a graduate of the FBI Academy. Marshal Thomas leadership and experience will elevate the Marshal's Office to the Best in the Nation.

✓ **Digital Fingerprint Services**

The **Lafayette City Marshal's Office** is the only agency in the City to offer this service.



✓ **FBI LEEDA Agency Trilogy Award**

The Lafayette City Marshal's Office is first **Marshal's Office** in the State of Louisiana to receive this Award.



✓ **Community Relations Committee**



Marshal Thomas brought back the Community Relations Committee. This committee meets every Month to hear the concerns of the community in a joint effort to solve problems.



✓ **Fleet Rebranding**

Marshal Thomas wanted his Deputies to be seen in the Community. He totally change from the old ghost graphics to bright highly visible marked vehicles.



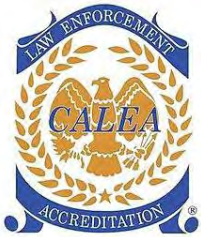
✓ **Research and Write Grants**

One Deputy was assigned by **Marshal Thomas** to be trained to research and write Grants. One grant has already been awarded with more to come.

✓ **Specialized Training**

Implemented training where all **Deputies** were crossed trained in all sections of the department to run more efficiently.

✓ **CALEA Recertification**



Marshal Thomas has implemented a plan to where the Marshal's Office will be recertified and accredited by CALEA.

✓ **Marshal's Community In Action**

*The Marshal's Community In Action is a weekly TV show hosted by **Marshal Thomas** highlighting different guests making a difference and change in the Community.*



✓ **Commission All Civil Deputies**

*Because some boundaries of the Marshal's service fall within the parish all Civil Deputies were **Commissioned**. Service in those areas was done by the Sheriff's office prior to Marshal Thomas becoming City Marshal.*



✓ **Shooting Team**

*As a member of the Louisiana City Marshals / City Constables Association **Marshal Thomas** put together a Shooting Team. During the Conference in Alexander, LA. Our Deputy came in 1st Place Expert Class.*



✓ **Increase the Reserve Unit**

*With the need to better assist with special events **Marshal Thomas** implemented a plan to increase the reserve unit. During the year we added two new **POST Certified Deputies**.*

✓ **Cooking Team**

***Marshal Thomas** put together a new Cooking Team of Deputies. They are most popular Deputies in the department.*



✓ **Community Walk**

As part of being engaged with the community **Marshal Thomas** hosted a community walk. This is community policing in action.



✓ **United Way of Acadiana**

The **Marshal's Cooking Team** and Marshal Thomas cooked for all the volunteers at the United Way of Acadiana's Day of Action.



✓ **Hurricane Ida Relief**

Marshal Thomas and his **Cooking Team** traveled to Thibodaux, LA. to cook for the hurricane victims.



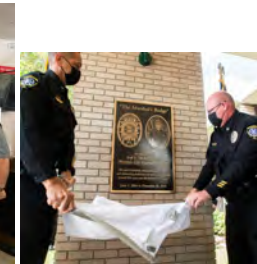
✓ **1st Annual Backpack Giveaway**

As a way to give back to the Community, Marshal Thomas had his 1st annual drive thru backpack giveaway. In less than two hours Deputies handed out over 500 backpacks loaded with supplies.



✓ **Honoring Marshal Earl "Nickey" Picard**

Marshal Thomas and his staff honored Marshal Picard with a bronze plaque affixed to the entrance to City Court. Marshal Thomas thanked Nickey for his unwavering dedication to service.



✓ Toys for Tots

The **Lafayette City Marshal's Office** partnered with Toys for Tots as an official toy drop location. As you see the public responded graciously.



✓ Faith House of Acadiana

Marshal Thomas and the Lafayette City Marshal's Office **Cook Team** had the opportunity to sponsor and help support the Faith House of Acadiana on their fundraiser event *Serving Hope Volleyball Tournament* to help families affected by domestic violence.



✓ 1st Annual Christmas Jambalaya for Seniors

As a way celebrate and honor our Senior Citizens, **Marshal Thomas** had his 1st annual Christmas Jambalaya for Seniors. Marshal Thomas and his Deputies served over 500 meals to our Senior Citizens.



✓ Lafayette City Marshal's Office

Marshal Thomas and his Department participated in numerous events this past year such as:

- Spoke at Lafayette Parish School Board
- Guest Speaker at Coffee Talk "Downtown Lafayette Unlimited"
- Supported Oschner and ACLA's COVID-19 Vaccinating efforts
- Hosted a Lourdes Blood Drive
- Deputies worked Family Fun Day at the Cathedral of St. John
- Guest Speaker at Center for Minority Excellence
- Attended the Lafayette Housing Authority Celebration
- Guest Speaker at the Lafayette Rotary Club
- Guest Speaker at the Beaver Club of Lafayette
- Deputies assisted in purchasing uniforms for students
- Participated in Community Honda's Coffee for Cops
- Guest Speaker at ULL discussing voter registration