

# 2022 Annual Report


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LAFAYETTE CITY  
MARSHAL  
REGGIE THOMAS



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# About LCMO

Steeped in a legacy dating back to its founding in 1910, the Lafayette City Marshal's Office has witnessed a succession of distinguished leaders who have left an indelible mark on its storied history. The inaugural City Marshal, Felix Latiolais, laid the foundation until 1914, followed by the dedicated service of J.C. Chargois from 1914 to 1936. The mantle then passed through the hands of Rene Domingue (1936-1939), Mrs. Rene Domingue (1939-1948), Malcolm Fisher (1948-1951), C.C. Sonnier (1951-1953), Gaston Hebert (1953-1955), and Dallas Broussard (1955-1981). Notably, Earl J. "Nickey" Picard held sway for an impressive six consecutive years from 1984 to 2014, solidifying his status as the longest-serving marshal.

In 2018, the office experienced a transitional period under the interim leadership of C. Michael Hill, following the removal of Marshal Brian Pope. A transformative chapter unfolded in 2020 with the historic election of Marshal Reggie Thomas, marking the first occasion where an African American citywide official assumed the esteemed role. Inaugurated on January 8, 2021, Marshal Reggie Thomas has since redefined the trajectory of the Lafayette City Marshal's Office. His tenure has been characterized by a commitment to honor, heightened transparency, amplified community engagement, and a steadfast dedication to comprehensive training for the officers under his purview, thereby leaving an enduring legacy within the proud history of the office.



# Lafayette City Marshal Reggie Thomas

Marshal Reggie Thomas, a U.S. Air Force veteran, began his policing career in 1990 with the Lafayette Police Department, holding various roles. In January 2016, he became Lafayette's Interim Chief of Police, implementing community-focused policies and obtaining the city's first police department accreditation.

After serving as Interim Chief, Reggie made history as Lafayette's first Deputy Chief of Police, focusing on force management, diversity enhancement, and anti-domestic violence policies. A graduate of the FBI National Academy and Leadership Lafayette Class XXXII, Reggie emphasizes community engagement and diverse voices in leadership.

In 2020, he further made history by becoming Lafayette City Marshal, the first African American citywide elected official in Lafayette, Louisiana.





# Meet Our Team



**CHRIS TRAHAN**  
CHIEF DEPUTY

Chris Trahan is the Chief Deputy for the Lafayette City Marshal's Office. He has 28 plus years of law enforcement experience and was hired by the Marshal's Office in 2021. Prior to him becoming Chief Deputy, he was assigned as Captain for the Lafayette City Police Department. He oversees all aspects of the office on a day-to-day basis.



**SALLIE SPEARS**  
CAPTAIN

Sallie Spears is the Captain for the Lafayette City Marshal's Office. She has 27 plus years of law enforcement experience and was hired by the Marshal's Office in 1996. Prior to her becoming Captain, she was assigned to Office Staff and the Civil Division. She is the direct supervisor of the lower deputies at all levels.



**SHANE DUPLÉCHIN**  
LIEUTENANT

Shane Duplechin is the Lieutenant for the Lafayette City Marshal's Office. Lieutenant Duplechin graduated from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 2001 with a Degree in Criminal Justice. Lieutenant Duplechin has 22 years of law enforcement experience and was hired by the Marshal's Office in 2001. Prior to being promoted to Lieutenant, he was assigned to the Warrant Division for 18 years and was a Task Force Officer for the United States Marshal's Violent Offender Task Force. Lieutenant Duplechin is the direct supervisor of the Warrant Division, Civil Division, Court Security, and the Training/ SRO Divisions.



# Vision And Mission

## Vision

The vision of the Lafayette City Marshal's Office is to be committed to being the finest City Marshal's Office in the State of Louisiana. We will strive to accomplish this by providing unlimited resources, impeccable training, and maintaining accreditation to fulfill our mission. We are committed to creating a culture of service, diversity and transparency, which enables all citizens' accessibility to the office, feeling of pride, and satisfaction that we live in a safe community. In the end, the Lafayette City Marshal's Office will strive to ensure all Deputy Marshals and Administrative Employees feel they are a valued asset of the organization and its success.

## Mission

The mission of the Lafayette City Marshal's Office is to provide security and serve and execute all orders and mandates of the Lafayette City Court. We will work together as a team, engaging with our community and impacting our youth by implementing programs and solving problems. We will lead by example, in order to establish trust, honor, dignity and respect for all the citizens of Lafayette we have sworn to protect and serve.





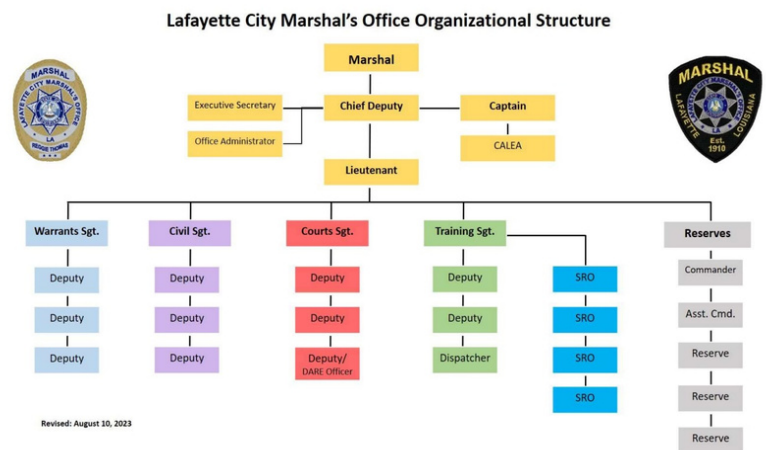
# 2022 Quick Look Statistics

People Entering City Court	<b>44,129</b>
Weapons Stopped from Entering City Court	<b>464</b>
Court Dockets Security for Judges	<b>423</b>
Prisoners Processed Through LCMO	<b>377</b>
Fingerprinting Services	<b>1172</b>
City Court Warrants Cleared	<b>2520</b>
Number of Warrants Executed	<b>1437</b>
Number of Warrants Recalled	<b>1312</b>
Civil Papers Served	<b>8744</b>
Subpoenas (Criminal) Served	<b>4788</b>
Juvenile Papers Issued	<b>487</b>

# 2022 Year Review

## Organizational Restructure

Marshal Reggie Thomas recently led a strategic restructuring of the Lafayette City Marshal's Office. This effort focused on improving operational efficiency, communication, and resource allocation. By carefully evaluating roles and responsibilities, the agency is now better positioned to meet the dynamic needs of our community. This initiative underscores Marshal Thomas's commitment to creating a more agile and effective law enforcement agency, dedicated to upholding the highest standards of public safety in Lafayette.



## Specialized Training



Marshal Reggie Thomas demonstrated a steadfast commitment to professional development within the Lafayette City Marshal's Office by consistently sending deputies for specialized training, such as the FBI LEEDA trilogy. This ongoing investment in education ensured that our law enforcement officers are equipped with the latest knowledge and skills essential for effective and modern policing. By prioritizing continuous learning and the pursuit of excellence, Marshal Thomas underscored his dedication to maintaining a high standard of service and safety in our community.





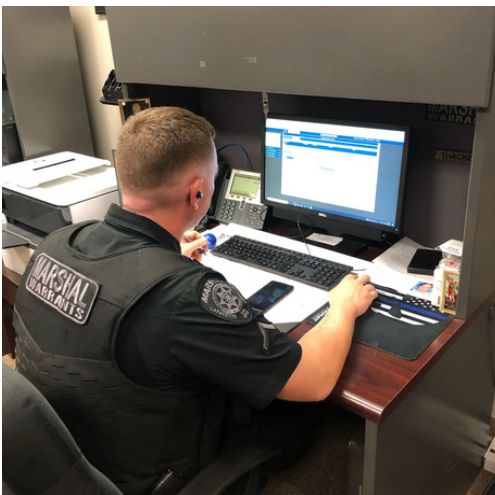
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## CALEA Process

Marshal Reggie Thomas has continued the diligent pursuit of CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) accreditation for the Lafayette City Marshal's Office. This commitment underscores our dedication to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, accountability, and operational excellence. As we progress through this accreditation process, we reaffirm our commitment to providing the community with top-tier public safety services.



## Awarded Grants



The Lafayette City Marshal's Office, under the leadership of Marshal Reggie Thomas, has successfully secured numerous grants, significantly enhancing our operational capabilities. Notable among these grants are the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership and Project Safe Neighborhoods. Since Marshal Thomas assumed office, the agency has received over \$141,000 in funding, reflecting a commitment to improving and fortifying our law enforcement efforts. These grants have played a pivotal role in advancing officer safety and supporting initiatives that contribute to the overall effectiveness of our Office.



# 2022 Year Review

## Non-Lethal Weapons

A significant stride in enhancing the Lafayette City Marshal's Office's commitment to safety and responsible policing has been the comprehensive initiative led by Marshal Reggie Thomas to equip every unit with non-lethal weapons. Recognizing the importance of minimizing the use of lethal force when possible, this proactive measure ensures that our officers have access to a range of non-lethal tools, promoting de-escalation and community-oriented policing. By investing in these resources, Marshal Thomas underscores our dedication to fostering a safer and more accountable law enforcement environment in Lafayette.



## SRO Program



Under the guidance of Marshal Reggie Thomas, the Lafayette City Marshal's Office has initiated a pivotal School Resource Officer (SRO) program, stationing officers at both Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy High School and Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy. This program establishes a proactive approach to school safety and community engagement. By placing dedicated officers in these educational institutions, Marshal Thomas aims to foster positive relationships between law enforcement and the school community, ensuring a secure and supportive environment for students, faculty, and staff. This proactive step aligns with our commitment to promoting safety and well-being within the Lafayette community.



# 2022 Year Review

## Mentorship Program

Marshal Reggie Thomas actively engages with the youth of Lafayette through various initiatives, showcasing his commitment to community mentorship. His involvement extends to numerous school visits and programs in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club of Acadiana. By addressing students directly during visits to city court, Marshal Thomas aims to inspire positive choices and foster a sense of responsibility. Additionally, the partnership with the Boys and Girls Club underscores his dedication to providing support and second chances for youth involved in delinquent behavior. These efforts exemplify the Lafayette City Marshal's commitment to shaping a brighter future for the community's youth through mentorship and guidance.



## Winning Cook Team



Marshal Reggie Thomas and the Lafayette City Marshal Cook Team proudly secured a 1st place award for their exceptional jambalaya, showcasing their culinary prowess. Beyond this well-deserved recognition, the team continued its dedicated efforts by preparing and serving jambalaya for numerous organizations, further contributing to the vibrant community spirit in Lafayette. Their commitment to culinary excellence not only brings people together but also exemplifies the Lafayette City Marshal's Office's dedication to actively supporting and enhancing the well-being of the local community through engaging initiatives.





# 2022 Year Review

## Police Memorial

Marshal Reggie Thomas demonstrated his commitment to honoring and supporting the law enforcement community by hosting the Police Memorial Fest in Lafayette, Louisiana. This event not only paid tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of fallen officers, with a special remembrance for Youngsville Police Officer Randy Guidry, but also served as a fundraising initiative. The funds raised during the fest are dedicated to supporting the families of fallen law enforcement officers, providing crucial assistance during challenging times. Marshal Thomas' leadership in organizing such events reinforces the Lafayette City Marshal's Office's dedication to both honoring the memory of those who have served and supporting the families left behind.



## CRIME Stoppers



Deputy Hatley of the Lafayette City Marshal's Office has been rightfully honored as a crime stopper, receiving the prestigious Officer of the Year award. This recognition is a testament to her unwavering commitment and exceptional service in ensuring the safety of our community. Deputy Hatley's dedication to the principles of "See it! Hear it! Report it!" has not only contributed to crime prevention but has also exemplified the values of the Lafayette City Marshal's Office. Her outstanding achievements underscore the office's ongoing commitment to recognizing and celebrating the commendable efforts of its personnel in safeguarding the well-being of Lafayette residents.



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## MCIA TV Show

Marshal Reggie Thomas upholds a commitment to community outreach through the continuation of the Marshal's Community in Action TV Show. In 2022, the Lafayette City Marshal's Office hosted 31 episodes, providing a valuable platform to inform citizens about safety tips, warrants, and engage with community leaders through insightful interviews. The show also plays a crucial role in highlighting individuals on the most-wanted list, seeking public assistance in locating fugitives. This initiative not only enhances public awareness but also encourages active community involvement, demonstrating the Lafayette City Marshal's dedication to transparency, communication, and ensuring the safety of its residents.



## Teaching Engagement



Marshal Reggie Thomas remains dedicated to community engagement and education by continuing his role as a guest lecturer at UL Lafayette and various other organizations. Beyond imparting knowledge about law enforcement practices, Marshal Thomas emphasizes the importance of civic duty in these lectures. By fostering a deeper understanding of both law enforcement and civic responsibilities, he strives to inspire students to become informed and active contributors to the community. This ongoing commitment reflects the Lafayette City Marshal's Office's dedication to nurturing a sense of responsibility and cooperation among future leaders.





# 2022 Year Review

## Annual Backpack Giveaway

Marshal Reggie Thomas continues to make a significant impact on the Lafayette community by hosting the annual drive-thru backpack and supplies giveaway just before the school year commences. In collaboration with esteemed organizations such as Beacon Community Connections and the Rotary Club, Marshal Thomas ensures that local children start the academic year equipped with the necessary tools for success. This initiative not only underscores the Lafayette City Marshal's commitment to supporting education but also highlights the power of community partnerships in fostering a positive and proactive approach to the well-being of our youth.



## Jambalaya for Seniors



Maintaining a cherished tradition, the Lafayette City Marshal's Office, continues to bring holiday warmth to seniors in the community. The Lafayette City Marshal Cook Team, led by Marshal Thomas, plays a pivotal role in preparing and delivering festive jambalaya to seniors around Christmas time. This thoughtful initiative not only spreads joy but also emphasizes the City Marshal's commitment to community engagement and support during the holiday season.



# Marshal Thomas

## 2023 Forecast

As we embark on the journey into 2023, I am filled with enthusiasm for what lies ahead. Our steadfast commitment to excellence is unwavering. We have ambitious plans to pursue CALEA accreditation, elevate our community presence, and invest significantly in the training of our deputies. Furthermore, we are actively exploring grants to enhance the resources of our office and forging new partnerships to fortify the bonds within our community.

Together, let us work towards making the Lafayette City Marshal's Office not just excellent but truly the epitome of excellence in the nation.

Sincerely,

Lafayette City Marshal Reggie Thomas





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