



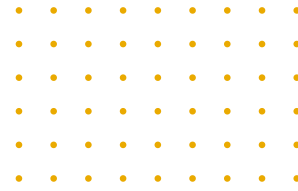
ANNUAL REPORT

LAFAYETTE CITY MARSHAL

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Message From Our Marshal



As we look back on 2023, we're proud of the progress we've made in securing the Lafayette City Court and supporting our community. The journey doesn't end here – greater things are on the horizon. In the upcoming year, we remain dedicated to making Lafayette safer and our community stronger.

As we reflect on 2023, it's with pride that we announce the successful completion of our final inspection by CALEA, marking a commitment to the highest law enforcement standards. Our dedication to community safety is evident through the expanded School Resource Officer program, implementation of D.A.R.E., and an increase in reserves, strengthening our capabilities.

These accomplishments are a testament to the hard work and collaboration of our team. Looking ahead, we're excited about the possibilities. The roadmap involves building on our successes, refining strategies, and embracing new initiatives for a safer and more resilient Lafayette.

Anticipate a year filled with continued progress and unwavering support for the community we proudly serve.

Reggie Thomas
Lafayette City Marshal

LAFAYETTE CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE YEAR REVIEW

Expansion of SRO Program

In a significant stride towards community safety, our School Resource Officer (SRO) program has expanded to include two more schools. We are now proudly serving Cathedral Carmel-School, Westminster Christian Academy, and Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy Middle School and High School. This expansion reaffirms our commitment to fostering a secure educational environment and strengthening partnerships within our community.



Increased Number of Reserves

In a notable enhancement of our operational capacity, we're pleased to share that the number of active reserve deputies has increased from three to seven. This strategic growth reinforces our commitment to responsiveness and readiness, ensuring a stronger and more agile force dedicated to serving and safeguarding our courts and community.

Final Assessment of CALEA

We are proud to announce the successful completion of the final assessment by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This marks a significant step in our journey towards accreditation, reflecting our dedication to upholding the highest standards in law enforcement. The accreditation process reaffirms our commitment to excellence and ensures that we continue to meet the rigorous criteria set forth by CALEA for the benefit of our community.



Revival of D.A.R.E. Program

We revived the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program in Lafayette Parish schools after an absence of more than 20 years. City Marshal Reggie Thomas is leading the initiative to educate students about the dangers of fentanyl and substance abuse. With a commitment to community well-being, the reintroduction of this program reflects our proactive approach to addressing current challenges and promoting a safer and healthier future for our students.

Established Motors Unit

The Lafayette City Marshal's Office has bolstered its law enforcement capabilities by acquiring motorcycles and investing in deputy training. Deputies are undergoing the TEEX Harley Davidson Basic Police Motorcycle Operator Course to enhance their skills for effective motorcycle navigation. This initiative underscores our commitment to staying at the forefront of law enforcement practices.



Toys for Tots Partnership

The Lafayette City Marshal's Office teamed up with the Marines for another year of the Toys for Tots initiative. Together, we brought joy to children in need by collecting and distributing toys during the holiday season. This partnership underscores our shared commitment to making a positive impact in the community and ensuring that every child experiences the warmth of the festive season.

Kiwanis Partnership

Lafayette City Marshal Reggie Thomas collaborates with the Kiwanis Club of Acadiana to support the homeless community. Providing blankets and socks demonstrates their shared commitment to addressing vulnerable needs. This partnership reflects the City Marshal's dedication to proactive community service, enhancing the well-being of those facing homelessness in Lafayette.



Jambalaya for Seniors

Lafayette City Marshal Reggie Thomas continues to prioritize community engagement and support by partnering with Parish Rice for another successful Jambalaya for Seniors event. This collaborative effort resulted in the generous provision of nourishing meals to over 500 seniors in our community. Marshal Thomas' commitment to enhancing the well-being of our seniors through initiatives like these exemplifies his dedication to fostering a strong and caring community in Lafayette.

Summer Camps

Lafayette City Marshal Reggie Thomas actively engages with the community, participating in summer camps where he educates kids about law enforcement and brings joy with refreshing snow cones. These interactions aim to build trust, promote understanding, and create a positive perception of law enforcement among the younger generation, reinforcing the City Marshal's dedication to community outreach.



Cook Team in the Community

City Marshal Reggie Thomas and his dedicated Cook Team have been active participants in numerous events, generously supporting schools and organizations throughout Lafayette. Their presence not only showcases a commitment to community engagement but also contributes to the success of various initiatives. Through their culinary efforts, they bring people together, fostering a sense of unity while providing valuable support to the educational and community-oriented endeavors in Lafayette.

MCIA TV Show

This year, the Lafayette City Marshal's Office hosted 31 episodes of the Marshal's Community in Action TV show. The show featured insightful interviews with community leaders, highlighted Lafayette's most wanted, and discussed upcoming events. This initiative strengthens communication, demonstrating a commitment to transparency and fostering a well-informed and safer Lafayette.



Marshal of the Year

Lafayette City Marshal Reggie Thomas, named the National Constables and Marshals Association 2023 Marshal of the Year, showcases outstanding leadership and dedication to public service. This honor reflects his commitment to excellence in law enforcement. His appointment as Chairman of the Louisiana City Marshal and City Constables Association further highlights his respected leadership within the law enforcement community. Congratulations to Marshal Reggie Thomas on these remarkable achievements, marking milestones in his exemplary career of service and community stewardship.

Harvard Certificates

This year, City Marshal Reggie Thomas showcased a commitment to continuous learning and leadership by attending Harvard University. He completed the Strategic Management of Regulatory and Enforcement Agencies program and earned a certificate in Leadership in Crises from Harvard Kennedy Executive Education. His dedication reflects a proactive approach to effective law enforcement and crisis management, serving the Lafayette community.



Awarded Grants

Under Marshal Reggie Thomas's leadership, the Lafayette City Marshal's Office secured grants totaling \$153,015.22, including the D.A.R.E. Grant and the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership this year. These grants underscore our commitment to community safety and proactive crime prevention, showcasing our dedication to staying at the forefront of law enforcement technology for the well-being of deputies and the community.

Halloween Community Engagement

In the spirit of community involvement, City Marshal Reggie Thomas actively engaged at Trunk or Treat events, handing out candy to excited children. His presence exemplifies a commitment to building positive connections, fostering unity, and bringing joy to Lafayette's youngest community members.



Giveaway of More than 1000 Backpacks

City Marshal Reggie Thomas hosted the Annual Backpack Giveaway, distributing over 1000 backpacks filled with school materials to prepare children for the upcoming school year. In collaboration with organizations like the Rotary Club and Beacon Communities, Marshal Thomas demonstrated a commitment to community support, ensuring that local children have the necessary resources for a successful start to their academic journey.



Mentorship Partnership

Marshal Reggie Thomas partnered with Junior Achievement to mentor young athletes, providing valuable insights for their athletic and personal development. Through hands-on guidance, he played a pivotal role in helping them navigate challenges on and off the field. This initiative highlights his commitment to empowering the next generation and fostering positive community growth.



Teaching Initiatives

Marshal Reggie Thomas engaged with the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (UL Lafayette) to emphasize the importance of voting and civic duty. He took the opportunity to educate students about the Lafayette City Marshal's Office, highlighting its crucial role in the community. Marshal Thomas passionately stressed the significance of active participation, encouraging students to exercise their voting rights. This initiative served as a pivotal moment for students to gain insights into local governance, electoral processes, and the essential role law enforcement plays in shaping the community's welfare.

More Information About Us



Lafayette City Marshal's Office

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.

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