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ST. CHARLES PARISH...WE'VE GOT MORE THAN JUST ALLIGATORS.

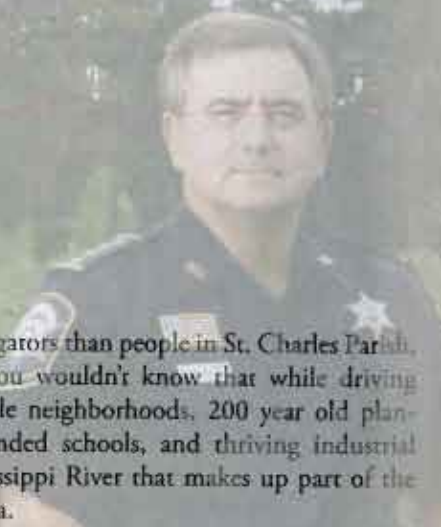


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There may be more alligators than people in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, although you wouldn't know that while driving past the parish's upscale neighborhoods, 200 year old plantation homes, well-funded schools, and thriving industrial plants along the Mississippi River that makes up part of the Port of South Louisiana.

Nevertheless, the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, led by Sheriff Greg Champagne, makes sure its marine division is ready to hit the water to assist the hunters and boaters who flock to the marsh, wetland forests and bayous that make up more than two-thirds of the parish's 279 square-mile area or respond to port facilities and oceangoing vessels in the Mississippi River which dissects the Parish.

Located just 20 miles west of the City of New Orleans, St. Charles Parish's numerous industrial facilities include the Waterford 3 Nuclear Power Plant, two large oil refineries, and more than 30 other large scale petrochemical plants and grain transfer facilities. They provide not only tax revenue and jobs, but law enforcement challenges that range from Homeland Security concerns along a busy section of the Mississippi River to law enforcement challenges that are typical in a suburban community.

Created by the Louisiana Legislature in 1845, each sheriff in the state's 64 parishes, the equivalent of a county government in other states, have complete autonomy from other local government and are unique among their nationwide counterparts in three distinct ways: each is the chief law enforcement



With more than two-thirds of his jurisdiction comprised of picturesque wetland forest, bayous, rivers and lakes, all in the shadows of a large urban area and thriving international port, Sheriff Greg Champagne heads the sole law enforcement agency in St. Charles Parish.
Photo by Craig Mulcahy

officer; the chief executive officer of the court; and the official tax collector for the parish in which he has been elected. The St. Charles Sheriff's Office is exceptional in that there are no incorporated cities or towns within its boundaries making it the sole law enforcement provider.

"The diverse makeup of St. Charles Parish does provide challenges," said Champagne, a former prosecutor who was recently elected Secretary of the National Sheriffs' Association. "We enjoy a relatively low crime rate compared to other jurisdictions in the region. We are located within a large metropolitan area with numerous industrial facilities and major deepwater port. Our neighborhoods are diverse, ranging from fishing communities populated by the descendants of the original German and French settlers who came here in the 1600s, to recent transplants from across the globe who came for high-skill jobs in the petrochemical plants that replaced ante bellum plantations along the river," Sheriff Champagne added.

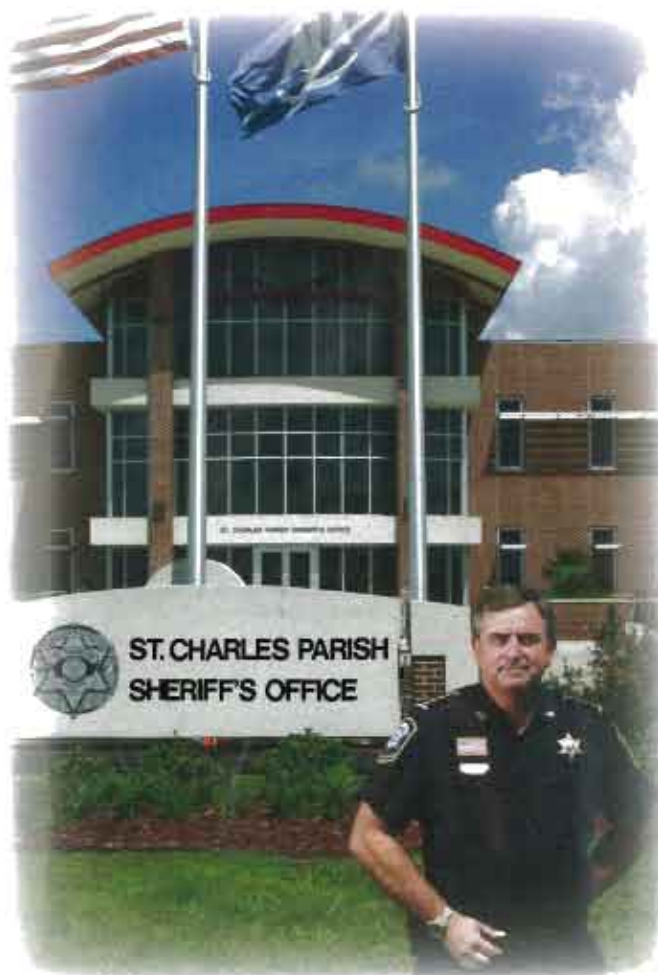
Sheriff Champagne, who took the oath of office for the fifth time in July, has overseen an office that has grown dramatically in recent years. The force of 368 full-time deputies is 57 percent larger than in 1997. Together, they provide a comprehensive array of resources that includes patrol, investigations, corrections, and community outreach and crime prevention programs. The agency also collects property taxes and issues business licenses on behalf of other taxing bodies in the parish. And in a place where many subdivisions were carved out of cypress swamps, dealing with stray alligators, coyotes, and other critters is just part of the job for deputies.

The Correctional Facility

Enforcement and investigation services demand a great deal of the office's resources to service a rapidly growing community. Since crime increases along with population, Sheriff Champagne spearheaded the construction of a new correctional facility, which houses offenders from St. Charles Parish, as well as federal and state offenders. Through contracts with the state and federal agencies to house offenders, he was able to build this facility without increasing taxes.

The correctional facility replaced a smaller center inside the parish courthouse that had become too small to serve the needs of the community; the office's new facility is comprised of 93,000 square feet on 63 acres. It houses over 600 state inmates and detainees, and is designed to accommodate addition expansion to 1200 by adding additional pods. There are 130 deputies assigned to the correctional facility which include a full medical staff and pharmacy.

Deputies offer a wide variety of rehabilitative programs for the offender population including GED, reentry training, life skills training, project transition, transitional work programs, financial management, anger management, drug and alcohol rehab, parenting classes and individual counseling classes.



A sheriff's Office of 368 employees, Sheriff Greg Champagne heads the only law enforcement agency in St. Charles Parish. The agency's Headquarters 39,000 sq ft complex houses all enforcement operations under one roof. Photo by Craig Mulcahy

The facility has over two hundred sentenced minimum security offenders that are utilized as a labor force under the direction of deputies both on the facility grounds and on various community service projects. The offender work force is utilized at the facility for grounds keeping, food preparation, and facility maintenance.

Inmate Services

Road crews daily perform litter abatement along the highways and road ways throughout the parish. They are also utilized to paint schools, public buildings, and provide other needed services for community civic organizations. Yearly, the offender population supplies parish residents with sand bags during weather events and participates in a wide range of programs and projects that include farming on site to reduce food cost.

Also located on the property is the Fleet Maintenance Shop that maintains the department's fleet of over 350 vehicles and watercraft.

Violence Prevention Program in Schools

Electing to take a proactive approach to curb the rise in school violence in local public schools, the Sheriff's Office developed a Violence Prevention Program that to date has yielded as much as an 89% reduction in violent incidents since it was first introduced during the 1994 - 1995 school year. Sheriff Champagne has seven officers permanently assigned as Resource Officers to the parish's Middle and High Schools, and alternative school. There are also three additional deputies assigned to teach DARE in the parish's eleven public and private elementary schools.

What makes this Safe Schools program distinctive is that it addresses the root causes of violence and offers training to prevent future incidents. Students who fight at school are arrested. They can then choose to avoid prosecution by participating in a diversionary program that addresses the need for conflict resolution training and teaches better communication and problem solving skills. This program has been duplicated in several other school systems with similar results.

For the past fifteen years, Sheriff Champagne partnered with the Boy Scouts of America to provide a week long camping

experience for parish youth. On average, 60 boys a year participate in Sheriff's Camp at the Boy Scout Reservation in nearby Mississippi. Deputies serve as chaperones and offer positive interaction with youth. In addition, the department has an active Law Enforcement Explorer Post teaching teens the importance of laws and preparation for a possible career in law enforcement.

Crime Victim Assistance Division

Sheriff Champagne implemented a Crime Victim Assistance Division to improve the manner in which law enforcement personnel treat victims. This has had a tremendous impact on victims' willingness to cooperate with investigations and the prosecution of cases, as well as possibly increase their overall satisfaction with the criminal justice system. These deputies are a resource for victims aiding in their ability to recover both physically and emotionally from the aftermath of a crime.

Victim assistance coordinators and advocates call every victim who files a police report, regardless of the severity of the crime. A follow-up letter is sent if contact by phone is not possible.

Through a partnership with United Way and other area service providers, patrol deputies can request a licensed counselor come out to the scene of a secure incident and assist the victim or family of the victim of violent crimes or the unusual incidents



*A fleet of 350 vehicles, St. Charles Parish patrol vehicle markings are as distinctive as the parish they patrol. St. Charles Parish's history dates back to the 1600s.
Photo by Pam Negrotto*



*According to Sheriff Champagne, the motorcycles bring an added dimension the Sheriff's Office community policing effort. Since some areas are more easily accessible on the Harleys, increased visibility and patrols around the parish has been observed.
Photo by Pam Negrotto*

that could warrant a professional counselor. The patrol deputy is then free to continue his duty of investigating the incident.

To better serve the growing senior population of the parish, Sheriff Champagne implemented a Triad Program where seniors serve on a committee to recommend ways to improve development, implementation, and evaluation of acceptable solutions to reducing crime against the elderly.

The Sheriff's Office Complex

By re-financing bonds used to pay for the complex, Sheriff Champagne was able to consolidate most of the office's operations into a new \$7 million law enforcement complex that opened in 2011.

The 39,000-square-foot storm-resistant building is located on high ground near the foot of the Hale Boggs Memorial Bridge that spans the Mississippi River. The new complex enabled the office to consolidate offices that were scattered around the parish, as well as providing more space for crime scene analysis and evidence storage.

Many of the recent improvements in the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office have been designed with one thing in mind: to be able to function and to communicate with, during, and after major events.

The point was driven home by the impact of four hurricanes that battered coastal Louisiana since 2005.

Many of the improvements were made in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which struck the New Orleans area on Aug. 29, 2005. Although the brunt of the storm missed the New Orleans area, the collapse of poorly built federal floodwalls led to widespread flooding in the city.

St. Charles was comparatively unscathed by the storm, though there was extensive wind damage. But many residents had evacuated and getting real-time information to them was a challenge.

Power and phone systems suffered widespread outages for the first few weeks, leaving residents who stayed with even less information.

Communications had improved to some degree three years later when Hurricanes Gustav and Ike hit the Louisiana Coast in 2008, causing widespread power outages and tidal flooding that covered major traffic arteries.

The Sheriff's Office operates the parish's 911 communications center, which recently upgraded to state-of-the-art communications equipment. The center also dispatches the parish's seven volunteer fire departments, emergency medical services and coordinates closely with the parish government's 24-hour emergency operations center.

In 2010 the Sheriff's Office went live with the 700MHz state wide radio system. This system gives us the capability to have communications with all law enforcement and emergency

responders statewide. In the event of an emergency, agencies in Louisiana have the ability to communicate with one another on a common radio system. This state wide radio system also offers a level of redundancy only dreamed about on the previous radio system.

In 2011 the 9-1-1 Commission made the decision to upgrade the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) System and remodel the entire Operations Room. The new CAD System is designed with several failover features to keep the Center up and operational during any emergency and streamline emergency response in the Parish such as up-to-date maps as well as infrastructure information. Dispatch call information and status updates directly to computers in the patrol cars as well as show prior call information and history by address.

A backup communications center constructed by Sheriff's Office personnel in the Parish Courthouse has all of the features of the current 9-1-1 Center and is ready for service in the event of a disaster making the current 9-1-1 Center inoperable.

To keep everything operating efficiently and effectively, Sheriff Champagne implemented a comprehensive full service training department which operates only one of twenty-four P.O.S.T. Certification Academies, and a P.O.S.T./American Corrections Association Certification courses in Louisiana.

Wanting to be prepared for any situation that may arise, Sheriff Champagne created an Active Shooter Response Training program. For ten years now, this exercise prepares deputies for a variety of situations. One of the first of its kind, the course has been duplicated widely across Louisiana, which led to the creation of an Active Shooter Response Planning course, I.M.P.A.S.E., Integrated Planning for Active Shooter Events.

The training department is responsible for providing a 40 hour annual in-service training program to all deputies, coordinating all outside training, supervising field training programs for both patrol and corrections, operation of a full service firearms range, and managing all training records for the department. ★

S.R.T (Special Response Team) is a specialized division within St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, trained to respond to high risk situations. Equipped with specialized equipment, SRT officers duties include: performing hostage rescues, high risk arrest, and subduing barricaded suspects. Photo by Pam Negrotto



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Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 28 near Luling, LA

LATEST FORECAST FOR ST. CHARLES PARISH

The latest word we have is that winds will begin ramping up as the evening progresses to the point where we will see sustained hurricane force winds after midnight in the 70-80+ MPH range for several hours well into the morning with gusts in the low 90s.

Based upon past experience, electricity usually goes out when wind speeds reach the 40-50MPH range. Thi...See More

Sheriff Greg Champagne from St. Charles Parish, Louisiana uses his Facebook page to keep his citizens abreast of what is happening in the Parish.

In August of this year (on the eve of Hurricane Katrina's 7th Anniversary), Hurricane Isaac slowly moved into southern Louisiana. It dropped massive rainfall amounts on Louisiana and unleashed fierce winds.



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 29 via mobile

Just rode Luling, Mimosa, Boutte, Luling, Willowdale. Lots of branches, trees down, standing water. Power out widespread. Our Big concern is now storm surge from the south with these southeast winds to continue for several hours. Surge won't peak here for hours. Storm surge from Lake Pont. Is a concern as well as flooding from rain.

Deputies are responding to true emergency calls and did throughout.

We do not recommend that evacuees attempt to return today- we are expecting strong winds and rain through the day.

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Erin Stant Hotard How is Destrehan?
August 29 at 10:08am via mobile · Like · 2



Debbie Donaldson Botts I am amazed that we still have power in Norco
August 29 at 10:10am · Like · 2



Trisha Charrier-Duane Lorio Thanks for the Update...Duane
August 29 at 10:10am · Like



Claire B. Landry Thanks! Let us know about DesAilemands
August 29 at 10:10am · Like · 1



Bonnie Richard Stay safe and THANK YOU for the update.
August 29 at 10:10am · Like



Shannon Naquin Ferguson A lot of Norco is out of power. Lots of branches, leaves, fences down.
August 29 at 10:11am via mobile · Like



Cory Savoie Thanks Sheriff. If you catch a guy in the mimosa area in a big black ford 4x4, treat him extra special just for me.
August 29 at 10:11am via mobile · Like · 1



Cindy Russell How is Debra Court in Luling?
August 29 at 10:11am via mobile · Like



Victoria Gaskins We still the power on n. arnault rd. in Metairie so far. Keeps going off and on. Everyone keep safe.
August 29 at 10:13am via mobile · Like



Bonnie Richard Fences can be fixed, power will be back on ~ thank God we are not going through what they are seeing in Braithwaite.



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 28

Power out for approx 700 homes in SCP. Just went on emergency generator at SCSO Headquarters and Courthouse. Wind gusts over 50 MPH. Will be gradually strengthening as the evening progresses. Light to Moderate Rainfall thus far.



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 29 via mobile

Reports from Deputies around Parish is pretty much the same around the parish. No devastating damage seen, but usual Expected Hurricane damage, a few trees down, high standing water- I have no confirmed reports of homes flooded yet, but the worst is yet to come with high water. Bayou Gauch Island has 1 foot of water on the road. Our radio tower sustained heavy damage in Bayou Gauche due to roof of electronics shed blown off.

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Kathy Oquell McGraw Thank you!
August 29 at 11:01am · Like



Thelma Dodson Patricia Badeaux, here s a lil info, be safe
August 29 at 11:19am via mobile · Like



Jamie Schrader When are they gonna start restoring power in bayou gauche
August 29 at 2:58pm via mobile · Like



Larry Matherne sometime after the storm I'd guess. Must be an Alabama fan!
August 29 at 4:23pm · Like



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 29 via mobile

Just spoke to EOC Director. We can expect Tropical Storm force winds with gusts up to 75mph for the next 8-10 hours. This is far from over. We really need for everyone to stay home and not sightsee.

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Jena Madere No girl it's still here the hurricane
August 29 at 10:55am via mobile · Like



Christine Trevett Thanks for the updates. Still concerned about the storm surge and how it will affect Willowdale. Please give us updates on that as soon as you have them.
August 29 at 11:03am via mobile · Like



Jena Madere Yea is the storm surge gonna effect Luling n if du from what body of water?
August 29 at 11:08am via mobile · Like



Thelma Dodson Flooded streets and some idiot passed fast making waves! Driving like a bat outta hell, hope his truck floods
August 29 at 11:13am via mobile · Like



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 29

We need everyone to remain home ! There are too many out driving around! We are in the middle of tropical storm winds for the next several hours. The storm surge is headed our way through Barataria Bay and Lake Salvador and it will be high. We are also going to be fighting rising water from the rain alone which presents its own flood emergency. I-10 has been closed at Laplace due to high water in both directions. Those who have evacuated need to stay where you are. There is no viable entry route into St. Charles Parish at this time.

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Trisha Charrier-Duane Lorio @Rick...tested/mgsd someone in Willowdale and he said they are good for now....Duane.
August 29 at 12:38pm · Like



Phyllis Fisher White Are the pumps working in Willowdale. My sister said the water's rising pretty quickly.
August 29 at 1:13pm via mobile · Like



Shalonda Hill any news on old spanish trail?
August 29 at 1:14pm · Like



Carolyn Daspl USE COMMON SENSE!!
August 29 at 1:48pm via mobile · Like



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 29

The curfew is being reinstated in St. Charles Parish EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY until further notice. Parish Public Works crews are in the process of returning en mass to their stations. Sightseeing will hamper both their efforts and that of our deputies doing their work. We face a real danger of flooding this afternoon from both rain and tidal surge. Our dispatchers are beseiged with complaints of vehicles pushing water into homes. There are no stores, or gas stations available. There is no legitimate reason for residents to be cruising around our neighborhoods. Emergency reasons for travel will be considered.



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 29

We are hopeful that the pumping systems will be able to handle the tremendous amount of rainfall we are and will be receiving this afternoon. What is unknown is the effect storm surge will have on both the Eastbank west of the spillway/Laplace area. I-10 is closed west of Laplace in both directions due to storm surge from Lake Pontchartrain. The storm surge on the west bank will continue to rise for hours to come into tomorrow. There is no scientific way of measuring how high it will get against the Willowdale, Mimosa, Boutte, Paradis, Bayou Gauche and Des Allemands areas. It is being monitored closely.



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 29

Photo from I-10 at Laplace



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 29

730PM UPDATE HURRICANE ISAAC

The Laplace area north of Airline Highway is experiencing extensive flooding from the storm surge in Lake Pontchartrain. I have heard first hand accounts of as much as 3-4 feet of water in some homes. People are being evacuated by boats.

In St. Charles Parish, I am just being advised that "a few" homes in Montz have taken on some water (inches at this time). Of cou...See More



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 30

Good Morning;

We are closely monitoring high water levels caused by storm surge along the south side of St. Charles from the Jefferson Parish Line through Des Allemands. Storm surge is actually still rising to our South but not as fast. Bayou Des Allemands levels are approaching the record highs during Hurricane Juan a few years ago. The risk of flooding on the West Bank in lower lying neighborhoods from storm surge is still a possibility.

Curfew; The mandatory Curfew in St. Charles Parish is being lifted at daylight today Thursday August 30 at daylight. It will go back into effect at 10 PM tonight through 6AM Friday morning since we expect that large areas in SCP will still be without power.

Residents will be allowed to re-enter St. Charles Parish but are advised that there will be few stores, gas stations, pharmacies and restaurants open today, though some have expressed interest in opening later today.

At this time, I-10 in Laplace is still closed west of the I-55 junction and Airline Drive between LaPlace and Norco is still closed, both due to high water. The Luling Bridge is open.

Though the curfew is lifted, we urge anyone who does not have to be on the road to please not do so.

Sheriff Champagne addressed the situation minute by minute throughout the storm and for the next several days. As you can see from the screen shots provided here, he did an excellent job of alerting his residents during a dangerous situation.

This is Facebook at its best, providing a very useful tool and making it available for the public.



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 30

Having a conference call with Louisiana Sheriff's Association at 8AM. Will have a good idea of highway situations and flooding throughout the area after that.

As far as Roads in St. Charles AS OF NOW.

I-10 closed at Laplace WEST of I-55
I-310 OPEN

Airline Drive closed between spillway and Laplace. We expect it will reopen later today.

Highway 90 closed in both directions at Davis Diversion. We

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Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 30

Serious Flooding problems in Slidell area up through St. Tamary and Washington Parishes with Bogue Chitta River rising.

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Eanice S Alexander How is willowdale/savanna dr?
August 30 at 9:50am via mobile · Like



Sheriff Greg Champagne Willowdale / Willowridge is ok, water still high behind the subdivision, could still see some rising water there in Willowridge, but it is looking better.
August 30 at 9:53am · Like · 3



Cindy Casanova Thanks Greg! Appreciate you and all the information. Outstanding job by you and your staff. Much appreciated!
August 30 at 10:02am via mobile · Like · 1



Dana Robinson Goodman Thanks from Houston! It's the only updates I am getting about my Mom and sister. Keep up the great work Greg and all your coworkers!
August 30 at 10:25am via mobile · Like



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 30

Just advised by LSP that I-55 from Hammond to Laplace is open.

I-10 west of I-55 junction is still closed.

Highway 90 at Davis Diversion is still closed.

Airline Highway between Spillway and Laplace still has standing water, but 1 lane is open in both directions.

River Road is Luling near Monsanto REC park is shut down until low hanging power line can be removed.

Some convenience stores and restaurants beginning to open, don't have complete list at this time.

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Michelle Renee Cain Winn Dixie and CVS in Ormond is open but do not know if the pharmacy is open at CVS.
August 30 at 1:40pm · Like



Cristy D'Angelo Watson Thanks Greg for all your hard work, just get the power back on for Cottage Drive, please, we lose it first and last to get it back during last hurricane.
August 30 at 1:42pm · Like



Laura Blouin Brown What about hwy 90 at St Charles and Jefferson parish line? Is it open?
August 30 at 2:26pm via mobile · Like



Pat Power Thank Sheriff Greg for keeping the St. Charles residents up to date and informed. Can't say as much for our Parish President. Keep the info coming. Again Thank You.
August 30 at 2:37pm via mobile · Like · 1



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 30 · 🌐

There is a sudden flooding emergency along Tangipahoa River in Tangipahoa Parish. Thousands of residents asked to immediately evacuate. This will affect traffic on I-55 in that area.

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Sheena Candles Is I-55n/b from Laplace to ponchatoula open?
August 30 at 2:31pm via mobile · Like



Sheriff Greg Champagne State Police says it is.
August 30 at 4:18pm · Like



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 30 near Destrehan, LA · 🌐

Causeway of Lake Pontchartrain is now open. We are doing everything we can to get the Corps of Engineers to open up 90 at the diversion and move those sand baskets that are serving no useful purpose. It is causing traffic problems in Luling, diverting tons of traffic to river road and tying up about 8 deputies not to mention the state policemen and JP deputies on the other side.

I've been on the phone even with a US Senator. The Corps of Engineers is obviously its own sovereign government not accountable to anyone.

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Cynthia Ockman Hymel Thanks for all the updates. You have given us much more info than the Parish President!
August 30 at 9:29pm · Like · 🔄 1



Scott Morse Don't hold back sheriff. Tell us how you really feel. That's why I'm glad you're our sheriff. Keep up the good work.
August 30 at 10:58pm via mobile · Like · 🔄 1



Lori Lloyd Treadaway You rock!
August 31 at 12:01am · Like

Netting Yeah you right!
at 11:44am · Like



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 30 near Destrehan, LA · 🌐

I wish to thank everyone for their patience. We realize that everyone wants everything back to normal NOW. We need to be thankful. I was able to fly over Laplace in a helicopter earlier today. The neighborhoods north of Airline Highway are devastated. I estimate several hundreds of homes were flooded. The water is receding, but their lives will not be back to normal for months.

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Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 30 near Destrehan, LA · 🌐

Going off line for a while. Heading out with Sheriff Newell Normand to survey the entire area by chopper.

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Susan Simoneaux How far from us in Luling did the water stop?
August 30 at 9:32pm · Like



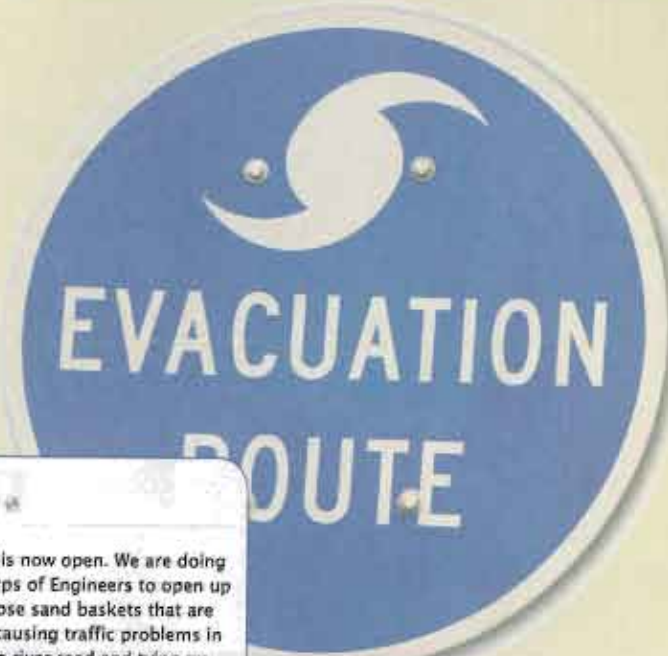
Paul D'Amico Thanks for that bit of info Sheriff. I read once that 3 miles of marsh help knock down 1 foot of surge. We are fortunate to have so much marsh back there to help absorb that surge... See More
August 30 at 9:50pm · Like · 🔄 3



Gary Warren Ask him to get on facebook, so all of us in metairie can have the updates like you provide for SCP. I hope they appreciate the hard work you do to keep them informed.
August 31 at 5:24am · Like



Trisha Charrier-Duane Lorio @Paul The Davis Pond Diversion is NOT a land building project.....Duane.
September 2 at 11:23am · Like





Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 31

The Parish is asking for you to post on THEIR FB page if you still don't power. Not here. Please go there and post your address if you don't have electricity. The FB page is <http://www.facebook.com/stcharlesgov> I will beat you all there, since I don't have power either.



St. Charles Parish, Louisiana

The mission of St. Charles Parish government is provide high quality, efficient services to sustain and enhance the quality of life for all residents of St. Charles Parish. Please note if you have an emergency situation that needs to be reported, do so by calling EOC at (985) 783-5050. Page: 6,364 like this.



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 31

A helicopter is a lot like a nice fishing boat. It is better to have a good friend that owns one that to own one yourself. Thanks, Sheriff Newell Normand.



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 31

The Curfew in St. Charles Parish will NOT be reinstated tonight. So, no curfew tonight. Our triple manpower on patrol will remain the same tonight. We will continue to be out on aggressive patrol and will focus on any neighborhoods that will still be without power. Any suspicious persons or vehicles are subject to stop and questioning, especially in areas with no electricity.



Sheriff Greg Champagne
August 31

I learned today that at least 5-7 St. Charles Parish Deputies who live in Laplace had their homes flooded. They have been granted leave to handle their personal business. It is ironic that more SCP deputies had their homes flooded in SJP than the total of homes flooded in St. Charles. They are resilient and we will assist them getting back to normal.

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Sheriff Greg Champagne
September 13

Inmate Trustees assisting public works department clearing trees from the Rathborne Lakewood Park.

