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St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Watson Killed in the Line of Duty

It is with a heavy heart that the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office reports the loss of one of our deputies yesterday evening in a vehicle crash.

At around 8:45 PM, Sunday, August 4th, Deputy Jeff Watson was traveling north on LA Hwy 52 while responding to a call for assistance when he struck a vehicle that turned in front of him at the intersection of Post Street in Luling, Louisiana. Watson's vehicle then veered into the South bound lane striking an oncoming SUV. Subsequently, a motorcycle struck the rear of the SUV. Deputy Watson was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the SUV was taken to the hospital with critical injuries. The two other drivers received minor injuries. The Louisiana State Police is investigating the crash.

It is a sad day for The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office. Deputy Watson was a dedicated public servant who will be deeply missed by all St. Charles Parish residents. Please keep his family, the other drivers involved in this tragic accident, and The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office in your thoughts and prayers.

A twelve year law enforcement veteran, Watson joined the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office in October 2005. He was 41 years old. He previously worked for the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office. A resident of Destrehan, Louisiana, Deputy Watson is survived by his wife Lynsey and stepdaughter Abrial, and his coworkers with the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Watson is the first St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Deputy to die in the line of duty since 1982, and the fourth line of duty death in the department's 200 year history. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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End of Watch – 8/4/2013