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Sheriff announces expansion of Law Enforcement Complex

St. Charles Parish Sheriff Greg Champagne announced today plans for the construction of a 34,000 square feet addition to the department's Law Enforcement complex on Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway in Luling. The new building will house the sheriff's training center and Special Services operations and will complete Sheriff Champagne's vision of consolidating major operations of the office at one central location.

The new building will be located on 2.34 acres adjacent to the St. Charles Parish Law Enforcement Complex in the Dufresne Business Park. The facility was dedicated in March 2011. The facility is centrally located in the Parish allowing quick response to emergencies in any area in the Parish.

The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office operates one of twelve Regional P.O.S.T. Training Academies in all of Louisiana. Presently located inside a wing of the

Boutte Adult Education facility owned by the St. Charles Parish School Board, the Academy has outgrown it's current space due to the ever-expanding training offered to local law enforcement and surrounding agencies.

In addition, the Special Services Division, with oversight on numerous community outreach and crime prevention programs, presently resides in two separate locations, a modular building next to the parish courthouse and the former VFW building on River Road in Hahnville. Having these services in one location and near other vital functions of the sheriff's office will make these efforts more efficient and cost effective.

Designed to withstand hurricane force winds of 150 mph, the building will offer larger updated classrooms and a gym area for physical training. Also included are office space for both divisions and a commercial kitchen to be used during emergencies.

"Since taking office in 1996, I envisioned uniting all my enforcement divisions in one place - under one roof where officers could communicate better and share case information quickly and more efficiently. Today we are realizing this vision – for the first time in modern history the St Charles Sheriff's Office will have a headquarters for operation with all divisions housed together. This new building will complete this process and continue the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office transformation to a modern, full-service law enforcement agency," Sheriff Champagne added.

The building was designed by Murray Architects of Destrehan Louisiana. Awarded to the low bidder, Aegis Construction Inc of LaPlace, LA, the project will cost \$6,512,602.00. The estimated completion date is June 2015.

Present Location of functions that will be housed in the Training/Special Services Complex.



Special Services Division located adjacent to the Courthouse



Leased Storage Space at EJ Landry School



Training Division in leased property at the Boutte Learn Center



Victims Assistance located in Hahnville in the Former Hahnville VFW