

# Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office



## 2014 Annual Report

# A Letter from Sheriff Steve Prator:

It is my pleasure to present the 2014 Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office annual report to the citizens of our parish. This report provides a glimpse into the daily activities of our deputies and some of the many services we provide to you, our citizens.

The Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office is responsible for law enforcement in the parish and assists other law enforcement agencies in incorporated areas. This past year, our deputies patrolled 2.8 million miles on parish roadways and thousands of miles on our waterways. They protected the parish courthouse and juvenile court facilities. They provided security for 9,300 inmates at Caddo Correctional Center - the largest direct-supervision jail in Louisiana. They answered SWAT calls and arrested suspects for drugs, financial crimes, and even a 26-year-old cold case homicide. We've continued to provide our deputies with the best training in the state, without leaving home, and have opened those doors to our citizens with programs designed for their safety. I am very pleased to say that all of these things contributed to yet another successful year and another annual decrease in crime in Caddo Parish.

I am overwhelmingly proud of each man and woman who wears the uniform of the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office. Because of their dedication, professionalism, and compassion, your Sheriff's Office is considered one of the most highly regarded law enforcement agencies in the state and beyond. We thank you for your support, cooperation, and the very important part each of you plays in keeping Caddo safe.

With 2014 in the books, we are already seeking new ways to serve the public. Thank you for the honor to serve as your Sheriff.

Best Regards,



Sheriff Steve Prator



# Safe Schools

Providing a safe learning environment for our children continues to be a priority of the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office.

CPSO provides:

- School Resource Officers at six high schools
- DARE officers at 11 elementary schools
- Safety instruction at Sheriff's Safety Town for all Caddo Parish 2nd graders
- Alcohol awareness presentations and Distracted and Impaired Driving Awareness Training for high schoolers
- Training exercises and drills for deputies to enhance school safety



## Community Programs

The Caddo Sheriff's Office partnered with the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2014 to bring a new mobile firearm safety trailer to North Louisiana. Students at Werner Park Academy were the first to receive the program, which teaches children gun safety by showing the dangers of firearms with a live-fire demonstration. It also tests the ability of students to distinguish real guns from toys. The program is available upon request by contacting Community Programs at 681-0875.

During the year, Community Programs conducted 1,964 programs for citizens of all ages with over 65,000 people attending. Personal safety, senior citizen assistance, and victims' assistance were among the most requested. Sheriff Prator distributed a total of \$163,780 to victims who were eligible for compensation through the state Crime Victims' Reparations Fund.





## Sheriff's Safety Town

Sheriff's Safety Town continues to be the most awaited field trip on every second-grader's list! To date, more than 37,000 elementary students from 103 schools have been taught the curriculum and visited Safety Town where children apply what they've learned in a child-size, hands-on environment. Students are taught the importance of being safety minded, especially when riding bikes and walking in their neighborhoods. Safety Town is also a recognized child safety seat fitting station and has been a National Drug Takeback drop-off point for the past five years. There are also programs for teens and adults throughout the year, including the Distracted and Impaired Driving Program for high school students.



## Regional Training Academy

The Caddo Sheriff's Regional Training Academy provided education and training to over 3,700 deputies, officers, and citizens at CPSO facilities in 2014 and trained thousands of other law enforcement officers across the state in public safety courses developed by CPSO staff. Two 14-week POST Basic Academies and one 13-week Reserve Deputy Academy were completed as well as in-service training, physical fitness testing, and firearms training for current deputies. New training included courses in combat casualty (keeping officers alive until medics arrive), meth lab safety, and responding to active shooter scenarios. Specialized training for citizens included a youth firearms safety education camp, First Gun Course for Kids, tips for improving security at churches and worship centers, and classes on Second Amendment Rights and concealed carry.



# Northwest Regional Re-Entry Facility

The Northwest Regional Re-Entry Facility was developed jointly by the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and the state Department of Corrections to reduce recidivism rates by better preparing offenders for successful reintegration into their communities.

This past year, 654 offenders graduated from the Re-Entry Program after participating in 100 hours of classroom education covering topics such as employment skills and job placement assistance, money management, problem solving, and personal development. Offenders can also participate in three vocational programs accredited by the Northwest Louisiana Technical College to receive training in carpentry, building maintenance technology, and welding.

Over 2,300 total offenders have graduated from the Re-Entry Program since its inception. The Carpentry Program has completed jobs for 33 non-profits including the Rescue Mission, YMCA, Shreveport Green, and the Louisiana State Museum. Jobs completed for the Caddo Sheriff's Office have saved \$278,000 in taxpayer dollars.



## Mobile App

The Sheriff's Office continued its outreach through social media and technology by introducing a new mobile app to stay connected with citizens.

Citizens can use their Apple or Android phones and tablets to receive emergency messages and alerts from the Sheriff's Office, view inmates currently in jail, check outstanding warrants, and submit a tip by text or video. The app also includes current CPSO news, a list of Sheriff's Office contacts, directions/maps to Sheriff's Office facilities, and information on local sex offenders and missing children. The Sheriff's Office can also use the app to geographically pinpoint specific neighborhoods to relay crime information to residents within that area.

The Caddo Sheriff's Office was the first area law enforcement agency to offer this service to its citizens. The app can be downloaded for free from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store by searching for Caddo Parish Sheriff. You can also connect with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office on [Twitter.com/cpso](https://twitter.com/cpso) and [Facebook.com/Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office](https://facebook.com/Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office).

### What can you do online?

-  Pay property taxes, tickets, fines, probation fees
-  View active warrants, current inmates
-  Check for registered sex offenders
-  Make a report
-  Purchase an accident or incident report
-  Get an employment application
-  Register for victim's assistance
-  View Sheriff's Sale properties
-  Participate in Tax Sales





## Marine Patrol and Substation

The Caddo Sheriff's Marine Patrol and Substation provides a visible law enforcement presence for boaters and recreational users of Red River. In 2014, Marine Patrol deputies responded to 2,832 activities and emergency calls on Red River, Caddo Lake, Wallace Lake, and Black Bayou including routine safety inspections, boater assists, and enforcement activities targeting unsafe boating operations. The Marine Patrol assisted with two search and recovery operations for drowning victims, participated in a Man Overboard Drill, provided security and transportation during the investigation of a small plane crash into Red River, and provided security for the USA Wakeboard Collegiate Nationals, Fourth of July Festival on Red River, and several major bass fishing tournaments. Deputies participated in the Red River Clean Up and several public demonstrations, providing information on water safety. The Marine Patrol also works in conjunction with the department's 10 certified divers who are responsible for underwater crime scene investigations, evidence recovery, and search and rescue.



## Homeland Security

The jointly operated Caddo-Bossier Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness closed its doors in 2014, and in its place emerged separate offices serving the specific needs of each parish. In Caddo, Sheriff Steve Prator was named director of the new Caddo Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Caddo OHSEP established its office in the E-911 Building on Texas Street with a staff of three who have more than 50 combined years of emergency management training and experience. The OHSEP coordinates responses to everything from acts of terrorism to natural disasters, including tornados, floods, winter storms and wildfires, to accidental or manmade disasters, such as transportation incidents and hazardous material spills.

# Traffic Safety Unit

The year 2014 marked the 10-year anniversary of the Caddo Sheriff's Traffic Safety Unit, which investigates all fatality crashes, major injury accidents, and deputy-involved accidents. Deputies assigned to the unit have investigated an estimated 200 fatal crashes since the unit's inception and have a 100 percent conviction rate in vehicle death cases. This past year, Caddo Sheriff's Traffic Safety deputies developed a Drug Recognition Expert Program with four experts certified in field testing and used grant funds to purchase a 3D scanner for crash scene investigations. The unit also operates the area's Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Unit, a "one stop shop" where deputies can administer field sobriety and breath tests, video suspects, and process all paperwork without leaving the scene of a DWI enforcement operation.

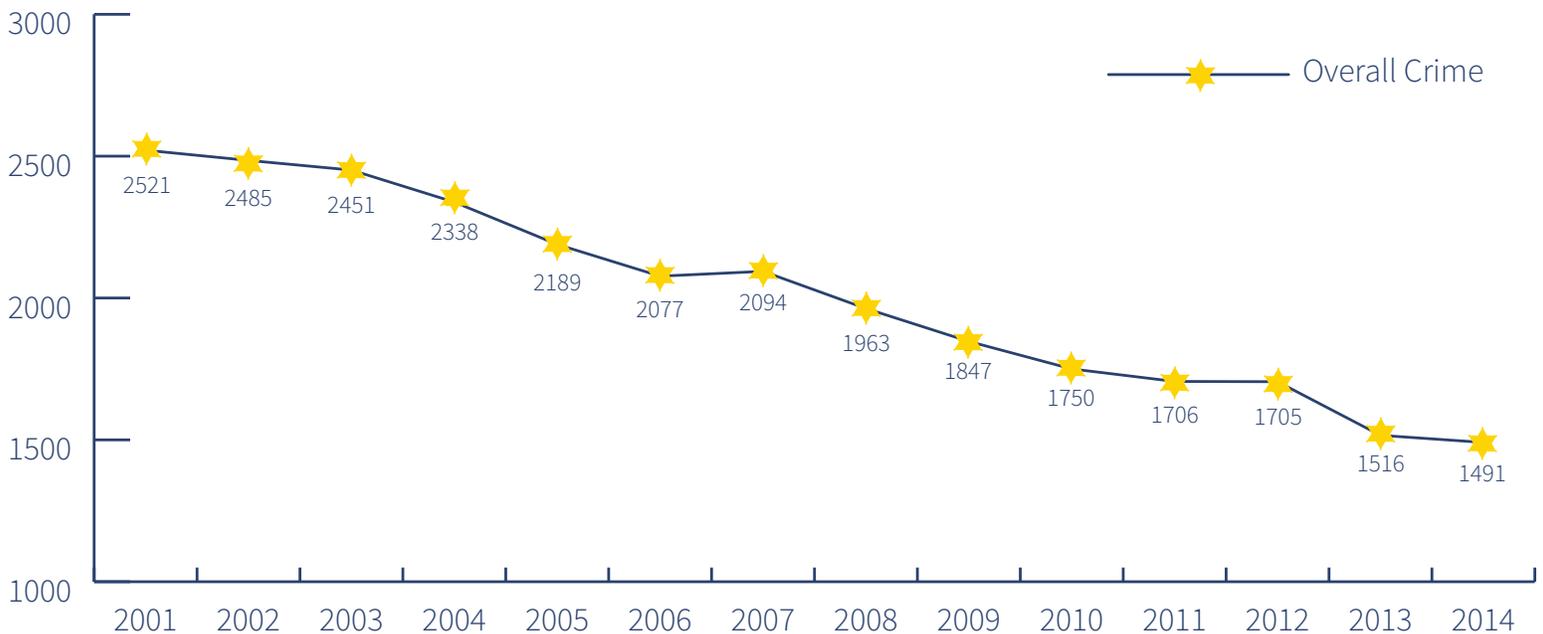
## Overall Crime

The number of crimes committed in rural Caddo Parish continued to decline in 2014 just as they have for the past 14 years.

A statistical analysis of violent crime, property crime, and overall crime shows over 1,000 fewer offenses reported in Caddo Parish between 2001 and 2014. The reporting area includes those unincorporated parts of the parish which rely on the Caddo Sheriff's Office for law enforcement service.

In 2014, there were 1,491 overall crimes reported, a two percent decrease from the previous year. Of those, 644 were categorized as violent and 847 pertained to property.

In 2001, there were 2,521 overall crimes reported. That number has declined every year but one, from 2006 to 2007, when reported crime went up by 17 offenses or one percent. In 2001, there were 1,201 violent crimes and 1,320 property crimes.



### Top 5 Crimes from 2014 Jail Bookings

1. Drug Possession and/or Distribution
2. Aggravated Assault
3. DUI
4. Burglary
5. Thefts

# 2014 Facts and Figures

(Data provided is from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2014, unless otherwise noted.)

## Revenues

- \$71 million budget

## Expenditures

- \$56 million personnel costs
- \$9 million health care costs
- \$2.2 million inmate food costs
- \$1.1 million fuel costs
- \$300,000 ammunition/training supplies

## Operations Division

### Patrol

- 28,297 calls for service
- 12,876 self-initiated calls
- 19,303 residential checks
- 34,142 business checks
- 70,950 area checks
- 756 traffic accidents worked
- 1,149 misdemeanor arrests
- 443 felony arrests
- 121 DWI arrests
- 1,759 traffic citations
- 1,614 citizen assists
- 2,783,703 miles patrolled
- 153 auxiliary deputies (19,423 hours worked)
- 55 reserve deputies (8,472 hours worked)

### Marine

- 2,832 activities

### Traffic Safety

- 17 major crash investigations
- 20 traffic fatalities



### Haz-Mat

- 17 calls for service

### Training Academy

- 9,000 trained regionally and statewide

### Investigations

- 1,260 investigations conducted (financial, persons, property, youth)
- 100 percent homicide solvability rate for 2003-2014

### Narcotics Task Force

- 690 felony arrests
- 204 misdemeanor arrests
- 108,609 grams marijuana seized
- 6,179 grams cocaine seized
- 2,157 grams meth seized
- \$526,405 cash seized
- \$3 million value of narcotics seized

### Financial Crimes Task Force

- 1,079 total cases
- \$1.1 million assets recovered

### Community Programs

- 1,964 programs presented
- 65,298 in attendance
- \$184,000 in crime victim reparations awarded

### Sheriff's Safety Town

- 5,985 second-grade visitors
- 4,848 other visitors
- 66,000 visitors since opening in 2008

### Crime Scene Investigations

- 438 investigations
- 6,798 fingerprint comparisons

### Identification

- 9,155 arrest reports processed
- 3,703 traffic citations entered
- 1,854 record checks

### Records/Permits

- 364 concealed handgun permits issued
- 1,967 prints processed
- 910 civil live scan prints processed
- 111 expungements processed

## Corrections Division

### Booking

- 9,300 inmates booked into CCC
- 1,133 average daily inmate count

### Bailiffs

- 9,100 inmates processed for court
- 80 bench/jury trials

### Litter

- 2,000 pounds collected weekly

### Food Services

- 1.2 million meals served

### Special Investigations

- 587 sex offenders registered with a 93 % compliance rate
- 763 residential compliance checks

### Re-Entry

- 654 Re-Entry graduates
- 87 vocational graduates

### Work Release

- 234 new inmate participants
- 65 business participants
- \$22,480 child support contributions from inmate earnings

## Administrative Support Division

### Tax

- \$233,668,922 total base (ad valorem) tax value
- \$230,034,109 total base taxes collected (as of 5-18-15)
- 98.44 % collected (as of 5-18-15)
- 155,227 original tax notices sent
- 13,105 delinquent notices sent
- 1,486 average number of properties sold at tax sales in past three years

### Civil

- 50,685 total criminal and civil papers received
- 42,682 total criminal and civil papers served
- 1,132 writs received and worked
- 554 restraining orders issued
- 573 foreclosures
- 528 garnishments
- 590 Sheriff's Sales (movable and immovable property)

### Warrants

- 4,191 new warrants added (CPSO, SPD, LSP, DA, Court)
- 4,708 closed

### Court Liaison

- 12,044 probation contacts
- 3,372 community service manhours
- \$147,425 victim restitution

### Courthouse Security

- Over 3,000 weapons seized from Caddo Parish Courthouse, Caddo Juvenile Court, and Bickham Building

### Fines & Bonds

- 5,785 tickets entered
- \$2,440,421 collected for courts

### Special Response Team

- 45 high-risk operations
- 350+ hours of training