

SHERIFF HENRY WHITEHORN, SR.

## SHERIFFS OF CADDO PARISH

ALEXANDER BOYD STERRETT  
1838-1840  
MATTHEW WATSON  
1840-1857  
THOMAS R. SIMPSON  
1857-1858  
1865-1868  
HENRY JOHN GREY BATTLE  
1859-1860  
NATHAN HASS  
1860-1862  
ISRAEL W. PICKENS  
1862-1865  
JOHN J. HOPE  
1868  
JOHN J. O'CONNOR  
1868-1869  
MICHAEL A. WALSH  
1869-1875  
JAMES W. WILSON  
1875-1876  
WILLIAM HEFFNER  
1876-1877  
ALONZO FLOURNOY  
1877-1878  
J.D. CAWTHONE  
1879  
JOHN LAKE  
1879-1892  
JOHN S. YOUNG  
1892-1900  
SAMUEL J. WARD  
1900-1906  
J.P. "PAT" FLOURNOY  
1906-1916  
THOMAS ROLAND HUGHES  
1916-1940  
J. HOWELL FLOURNOY  
1940-1966  
JAMES M. GOSLIN  
1966-1976  
HAROLD TERRY  
1976-1980  
DONALD E. HATHAWAY  
1980-2000  
STEVE PRATOR  
2000-2024  
MARK "JAY" LONG  
2024  
HENRY WHITEHORN, SR.  
2024 -

Dear Caddo Parish Residents,

As I reflect on my first 100 days as your Sheriff, I am proud of the progress we have made in building trust within our community. From day one, my focus has been on enhancing transparency and ensuring that our law enforcement practices are rooted in fairness and accountability. These early days have been a crucial period for establishing new partnerships, reinforcing our commitment to community engagement, and beginning key initiatives that will help us serve you better in the years ahead.

Together, we are laying the foundation for a safer, stronger future for all. We thank the community for your unwavering support and partnership over the past 100 days. Your engagement has been instrumental in our efforts to enhance public safety and improve the quality of life in Caddo Parish.

Over the past 100 days, our commitment to public safety has driven a series of initiatives aimed at reducing crime and fostering community trust. This report outlines key efforts to ensure a safer environment for all residents.

## Public Safety Initiatives

*July 1 - Present*

**Collaborations and Partnerships:** We are actively engaging with all police chiefs and constables in the parish to enhance support for their crime-fighting initiatives. In partnership with our federal law enforcement partners, we are developing strategies aimed at reducing violent crime in local neighborhoods. Additionally, we are formulating a proposal to assist the Shreveport Police Department with increased patrols within the city limits. We have prioritized community engagement by meeting with numerous local organizations to strengthen partnerships and address community needs.

**School Resource Officer Program:** We have hired additional trained deputies as School Resource Officers, successfully fulfilling our goal of placing an SRO in every high school at the start of the school year.

**Community Relations/Crime Prevention Unit:** The newly established unit is creating youth programs designed to engage the community in crime prevention strategies, in partnership with non-governmental organizations.

**Active Shooter Training Exercise:** The Caddo Sheriff's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP), along with the Shreveport City Marshal's Office, hosted a training event at the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission. It was designed to test and enhance the cooperation and readiness of first responders in Caddo, Bossier, DeSoto, and Red River parishes. Participants practiced operating under the Active Shooter Incident Management (ASIM) to provide a coordinated response when multiple agencies are involved in an emergency.

**Firearm Instructor School:** In July, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office hosted its first Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) Firearm Instructor School. The two-week program was held at the Regional Training Academy and attended by law enforcement agencies from throughout the state. Sgt. Michael McConnell and Deputy Cory Bourn attended the school and fulfilled the requirements established by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers to become FLETC firearms instructors.

**Enforcement Detail:** On September 27, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office partnered with Louisiana State Police, the Shreveport Police Department, and Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office for a saturated enforcement detail. The operation resulted in 78 traffic stops and 55 citations.

**Drone Unit:** The team responded to 40 callouts for searches related to wanted suspects, missing children and elderly individuals, special operations, and other activities. Additionally, the Drone Team provided support to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, FBI, ATF, and DEA. These callouts led to 10 arrests over a total of 39 flight hours. The Drone Team members have accumulated more than 60 hours of training flights.

**Livestock Division:** 165 calls for service that resulted in the recovery of loose livestock.

## **Community Outreach & Youth Activities**

*July 1 - Present*

**Misdemeanor Warrant Resolution Event:** The inaugural event assisted 150 people in resolving their warrants by helping them make payments or establish a payment plan. CPSO partnered with Caddo District Attorney James Stewart, Judge Donald Hathaway, Jr., and Clerk of Court Mike Spence to allow individuals with outstanding misdemeanor warrants to settle their cases.

**National Night Out:** CPSO participated in National Night Out and accepted applications for block parties in the unincorporated areas of Caddo Parish. On October 1, deputies joined residents at dozens of neighborhood gatherings and crime prevention events to encourage the public to take a stand against crime.

**Range Opens for Sighting Rifles:** The Regional Training Academy opened to the public on October 8 for rifle sighting in preparation for the upcoming hunting season. Targets are provided and deputies are available to assist participants.

**Hunter Safety Education:** The Regional Training Academy hosted a safety education course for hunters. The two-day class gave hunters the opportunity to obtain their state certification.

**Youth Firearms Safety Education Camp:** Campers were paired with certified deputies for activities on the firing range, focusing on firearms handling and instruction. Children learned about gun safety and competed in target shooting. The program included a special demonstration by the K9 Unit, Special Response Team, and Shreveport Fire Department Bomb Squad.

## **Inmate Rehabilitation & Skills Development**

*July 1 - Present*

We have prioritized providing inmates with meaningful opportunities for rehabilitation and personal growth. Several key programs have been successfully completed by inmates, aimed at enhancing their skills, reducing recidivism, and promoting successful reintegration into society upon release.

**Substance Abuse Programs:** 270 inmates have completed substance abuse programs aimed at addressing critical behavioral health needs with a focus on breaking the cycle of addiction.

**Vocational Training:** Inmates have enrolled in a variety of vocational courses, including carpentry, fiber optics, and forklift operation, with 36 participants actively developing valuable job skills that will facilitate their successful reintegration into the workforce. The carpentry program is certified by the National Center for Construction Education and Research, where students gain expertise in constructing and renovating residential and commercial buildings following industry standards. The fiber optics course equips inmates with the essential skills to install and repair fiber optic cables, vital for high-speed data transmission and communication infrastructure. Additionally, in October, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office started a partnership with Bossier Parish Community College to offer a forklift operation program for inmates.

**Heartsaver (AED) Program:** Starting in July, Bossier Parish Community College began offering a curriculum developed by the American Heart Association. 67 inmates now have the ability to perform CPR and use an automated external defibrillator.

**Trust Based Relational Intervention:** TBRI is led by Volunteers for Youth Justice and 80 students recently graduated from the program. It is designed to educate parents on mindful caregiving with a focus on how childhood trauma impacts the brain and influences behavior.

**Reentry Program:** The Caddo Correctional Center gives resources and support for people to successfully return to their communities after incarceration with a goal of reducing recidivism. 77 graduates have been equipped with resources for housing, health care, substance abuse treatment, and counseling services.

## New Programs/Initiatives

**Transitional Work Release Program:** The Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections has approved a transitional work release program, and CPSO will partner with several companies to launch the initiative in November 2024 with qualified participants.

**Explorer Program:** Scheduled to launch in January 2025, the youth-focused curriculum will provide students with a platform to explore their career interests and develop skills in law enforcement. This program is part of a broader career education effort for Caddo citizens aged 13 to 18.

**Organizational Effectiveness:** We are in the process of restructuring the Sheriff's Office to increase efficiency. CPSO will be incorporating technology and innovative practices to enhance our ability to serve and protect our community.

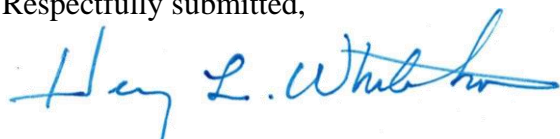
**Recruitment Efforts:** CPSO is filling vacancies in corrections, patrol, investigations, communications, and administration. We are developing an aggressive recruitment plan to maintain a pool of qualified applicants.

**Fiscal Responsibility:** We are correcting the findings from an external audit and are conducting a critical self-review of the agency's policies, procedures, facilities, and operations. We want to ensure that our policies meet an established set of professional standards recognized as best practices by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

**Strategic/Transparent Communications:** CPSO launched a new website in October, which will continually improve as we implement a crime mapping feature that allows you to view any reported crimes in your area or any location within Caddo Parish. The dashboard will provide insight into parish crime trends and enable us to make data-driven decisions to effectively deploy deputies to high-crime areas. On October 17, we will introduce a new app that will provide the public with push notifications, which will alert you instantly to important updates from the CPSO. Another addition is a real-time link providing live calls for service across Caddo Parish, including all major cities.

Our mission is clear: we are working to serve the citizens of Caddo Parish with respect, trust, professional law enforcement services, and financial stewardship. I am honored to lead a strong department with dedicated personnel who work tirelessly every day to ensure our mission is fulfilled. As we move forward, we will remain committed to upholding the highest ethical standards while relentlessly pursuing justice in a fair and equitable manner.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Henry L. Whitehorn, Sr.", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Henry Whitehorn, Sr.  
Sheriff, Caddo Parish Louisiana