

Caddo Sheriff's Office participates in Love the Boot Week

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Caddo Sheriff Henry Whitehorn and Caddo Sheriff's deputies collected trash on North Spring Street and the Spring Street Service Road in front of the Juvenile Justice Complex as part of Love the Boot Week. Love the Boot Week is an initiative by "Keep Louisiana Beautiful," a state program organized under the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

To combat litter, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office litter crew patrols the parish and cleans up roadside trash each year, removing over 10,000 pounds of litter.

Litter is not a new problem for Louisiana. For decades, litter has become increasingly detrimental to our communities, leading to a multitude of repercussions such as:

- Blight on natural areas, cities, towns, roadways, and waterways
- Death of wildlife due to polluted habitats
- Decline in quality of life in neighborhoods
- A negative impact on economic development, infrastructure, and tourism
- Flooding caused by storm drains clogged with litter and debris.

Despite spending over \$91.4 million in litter abatement each year, Louisiana is still experiencing shocking levels of litter statewide. "Picking up litter is important, but litter education is the primary goal of Love the Boot Week," says Susan Russell, Executive Director of Keep Louisiana Beautiful. "If we can all learn the repercussions of litter and adopt behaviors to prevent it from happening in the first place, we will see a cleaner, greener Louisiana."

Attachments

