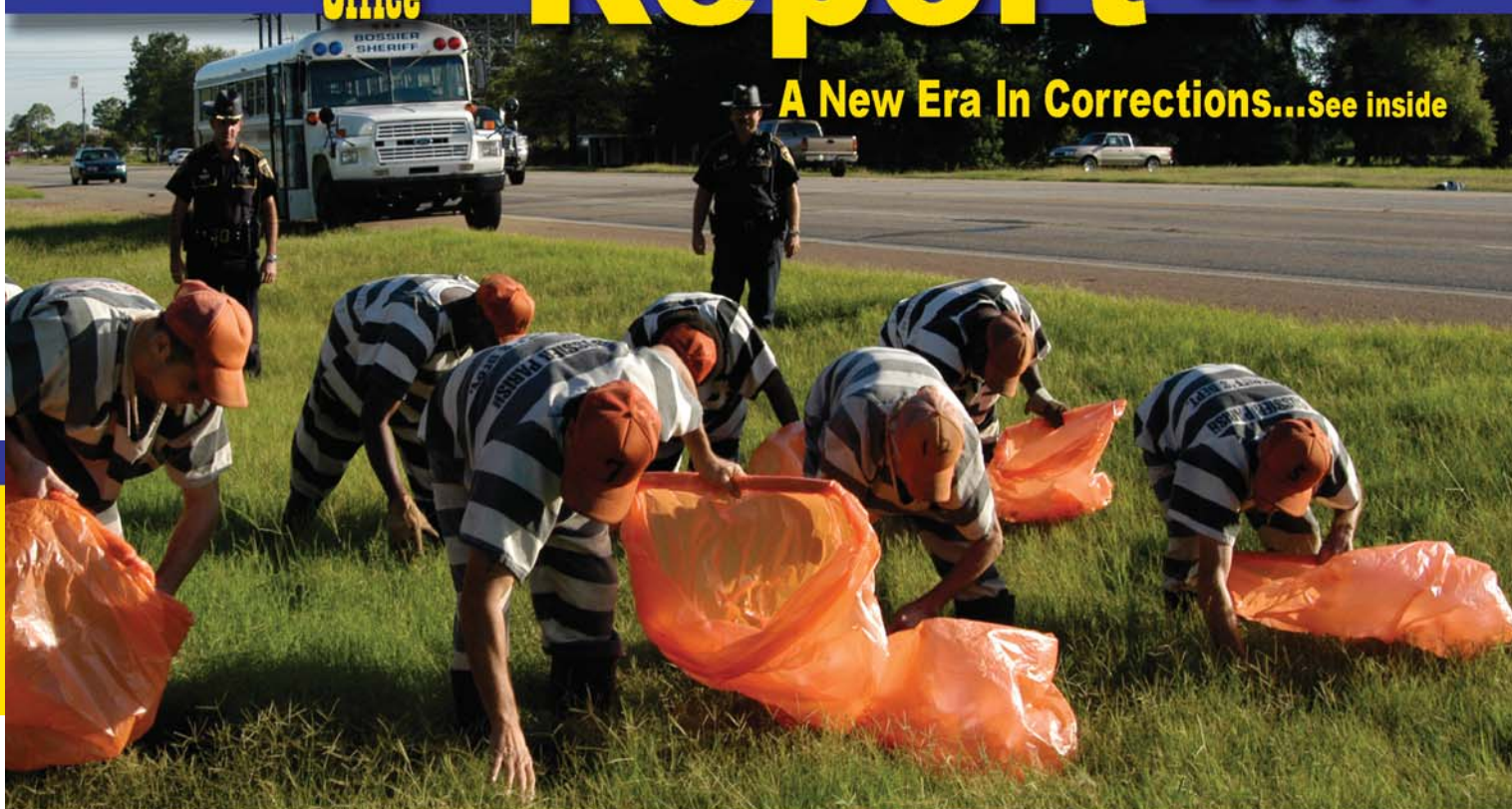




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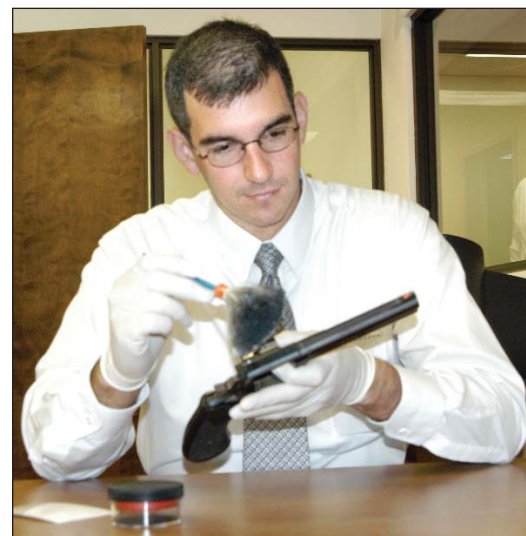
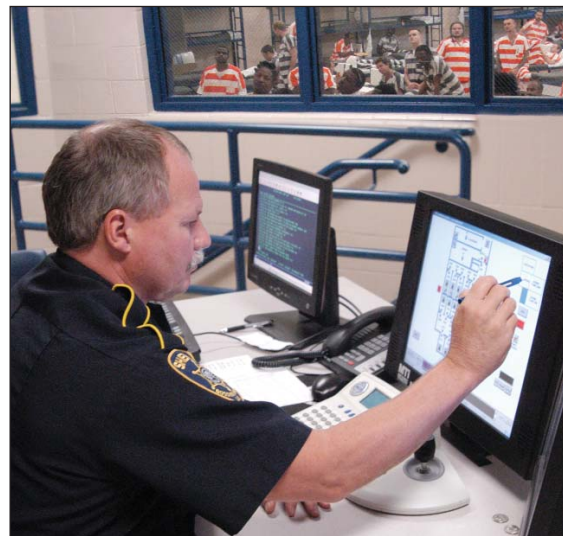
Annual Report 2004



A New Era In Corrections...See inside



Your Sheriff's Office in Action...Making Bossier Parish an Even Safer Place to Live and Work.



A New Era in Corrections in Bossier Parish

BOSSIER SHERIFF CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The Bossier Sheriff Correctional Facility is the second of three facilities that will comprise the corrections system in Bossier Parish.

Our new state-of-the-art correctional facility is completed and open for housing. It was constructed near the Penal Farm, located between Benton and Plain Dealing on Old Plain Dealing Road. The facility was designed to hold minimum- and medium-security inmates, but it is also equipped with a maximum-security area. The design allows for eight dormitories of 75 beds each, with areas for isolation.

The facility was constructed at a cost of approximately \$8 million with **no indebtedness to taxpayers.**

The facility was built as a long-term housing facility for sentenced inmates from Bossier Parish. Programs are being put into place in efforts to reduce repeat offenders.

This facility completes the second phase of the new infrastructure that will make the criminal justice system in Bossier Parish second to none.

Capacity: 600
Size of facility: 65,000 square feet
Sheriff's Office employees: 49
Opened: June 2004

BOSSIER PARISH PENAL FARM

Bossier Parish Penal Farm work programs, involving minimum security,

non-violent offenders, have been effective and may be expanded. Presently, four outside work crews are in our parish, working on streets, highways and public properties. These programs have added to the quality of life in Bossier Parish. For example, **during 2004, prisoners cleaned 1,150 miles of roadway, picking up 47,208 bags of trash, saving Bossier Parish \$192,267.80.**

During past storms, inmate crews have been used to fill sandbags to fight rising waters and to clear highways from wind damage.

The Penal Farm is also a working farm which produces peas, tomatoes and other produce which is used to reduce food cost.

The Penal Farm was built to house minimum-security offenders and was the first step in the Bossier Parish Correctional System infrastructure.

Capacity: 240
Size of facility: 25,000 square feet
Sheriff's Office employees: 33
Year opened: 1995

BOSSIER PARISH MAXIMUM-SECURITY FACILITY

Brown Builders, Inc. is presently in the process of constructing a new maximum-security/intake facility for Bossier Parish. It is being constructed near the Bossier Sheriff Correctional Facility on Old Plain Dealing Road. This facility will replace the current intake/jail presently located on the fifth floor of the Bossier Parish Courthouse. Work is on-schedule and a targeted completion date for the

\$22.7-million facility is June 30, 2005.

This facility is a state-of-the-art correctional facility. Representatives from the Bossier Sheriff's Office met with national experts in the design phase of the facility, and those ideas were transformed into what is to be one of the most up-to-date correctional facilities in the country.

Deputies are eagerly anticipating the transition and opening of the new facility. The level of control of the inmates will be something that has never been seen before in Bossier Parish. The facility will be equipped with 288 cells, which will be either single or double occupancy, according to classification of the inmates.

A complete medical section is included to meet medical needs of inmates not only in this facility, but in other facilities operated by the Sheriff's Office.

New technology has been installed to provide video arraignment, to reduce transportation of inmates to court. Also, video visitation is to be implemented, to reduce movement of inmates throughout the facility.

This facility will complete the three-part system of corrections facilities that will put Bossier Parish at the forefront of the field.

Capacity: 544
Size of facility: 140,000 square feet
Employees: projected at 88
Year opens: projected July 2005

Fighting Crime – Our Top Priority

TODAY'S CRIME, TODAY'S DETECTIVES

White collar crime, computer fraud, identity theft, counterfeiting and illegal pornography are some of the new threats presented to the average family, and your detectives are pursuing the latest methods of combating these threats.

At the same time, your detectives are aggressively and effectively targeting those who commit crimes such as property theft, illegal drug traffic, assault and other crimes against individuals.

The performance of your detectives has been exceptional. The detectives of the Bossier Sheriff's Office maintain a **case clearance rate that is approximately three times the national average.**

They are highly trained in the latest developments in forensic science and experienced in old-fashioned police work.

Their skill in processing crime scenes and gathering evidence has helped prosecutors to obtain convictions, putting criminals behind bars and sending a message to would-be law breakers.

PATROL DEPUTIES – THE FRONT LINE

Your patrol deputies are dedicated to the safety and well-being of the people of Bossier Parish.

These well-trained, highly professional front-line officers stay in touch with the people of Bossier Parish and unflinchingly meet the tough challenges faced by patrol officers today.

Our patrol deputies practice community-oriented policing, a highly effective approach to reducing and preventing crimes. Resident deputies live in the areas they patrol, so they know the people and the areas which they serve. This is one of the reasons Bossier Parish remains one of the safest places to live and work.

MOTORCYCLE PATROL

Four motorcycles have been added to the Bossier Sheriff's Patrol Division, to help enforce traffic laws and to enable deputies to go where a car sometimes cannot.

Often speeders get away with breaking the law, by slowing down when they see a patrol car, but these motorcycles are less visible. The motorcycles are deployed in areas where speeding violations are reported, such as in residential areas where children are endangered by speeders.

The motorcycle units sometimes work with the Bossier Sheriff's mobile traffic monitor, a portable device that measures the speed of a car and shows the motorist an electronic readout of his speed on a large roadside display.

Another advantage a motorcycle has is that when a roadway is blocked at the scene of an accident, a motorcycle can get through the traffic, allowing a deputy to take charge more quickly and assist victims.

SHERIFF'S TACTICAL OPERATIONS PATROL

The Sheriff's Tactical Operations Patrol, or S.T.O.P., is a six-man anti-crime unit consisting of three marked patrol units and three unmarked undercover units. These units cover the entire parish.

Some of the types of crime that Sheriff Deen's S.T.O.P. team reduces are:

Armed robberies – In an effort to prevent armed robbery attempts, S.T.O.P. officers patrol businesses in Bossier Parish. The officers are armed and may or may not be uniformed.

Burglaries – S.T.O.P. officers patrol every Bossier Parish neighborhood. The officers use marked and unmarked vehicles.

Drugs – Like Sheriff Deen's narcotics agents, the S.T.O.P. officers are on the lookout for drugs throughout Bossier Parish.

DWI – The S.T.O.P. team works hard to get serious offenders off the streets and into jail.

Thefts – Sheriff Deen wants every citizen to believe that his personal belongings are safe in Bossier Parish. The team will remain alert and watching for suspicious activity in neighborhoods and parking lots.

Traffic violations – Irresponsible driving leads to serious accidents. The S.T.O.P. team issues citations to those who choose not to drive safely.

Striving for Excellence in Safety and Service

TRAINING

A deputy's training does not end with graduation from the police academy. At the Bossier Sheriff Training Facility, deputies' skills are constantly being honed through the use of in-service training sessions covering such topics as firearms, defensive tactics and S.W.A.T. tactics.

They also learn less-than-lethal weapons, such as chemical weapons, bean bag projectiles that do not penetrate, the pepper ball and the Taser, which temporarily incapacitates by use of an electric current.

Our instructors also share their expertise with the public in hunter safety and women's self defense courses.

SHOULD DISASTER STRIKE

When construction equipment is needed to cope with manmade or natural disasters, Disaster Immediate Response Team, or D.I.R.T., is ready with men and machines.

A cooperative effort between your Sheriff's Office and Louisiana Machinery of Bossier City, the mission of **D.I.R.T. is to respond immediately in Bossier Parish with personnel and equipment in the wake of disasters where life or property is threatened.**

D.I.R.T. will be activated by the Bossier Sheriff's Office. Louisiana Machinery will provide the equipment, and trained volunteers will report to the scene of any disaster to remove debris and search for sur-

vivors.

SHERIFF'S POSSE VOLUNTEERS

The Bossier Sheriff's Posse is an invaluable asset in helping your deputies to serve and protect the people of Bossier Parish. The 270 Posse volunteers are men over 50, who are in uniform and ride in patrol units that are indistinguishable from the sworn deputies' patrol units.

Posse men are trained in CPR, reporting accidents, crime scene preservation, home vacation checks and directing traffic at accident scenes.

These volunteers and their wives in the Posse Auxiliary operate the food bank, Operation Blessing. They also telephone elderly residents to check on their welfare in the **Sheriff's Telephone Reassurance Program.** Many of the Auxiliary members volunteer their time at Willis Knighton Hospital.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Bossier Sheriff's Office has two programs to help young people to overcome the threats of drugs, violence, academic failure and worse. They are the **Bossier Sheriff's Young Marines and Drug Abuse Resistance Education (the D.A.R.E. program).**

The Bossier Sheriff's Young Marines are taught the values and discipline to help them overcome these threats.

The trainees begin the program when they are 8-16 years old. They receive boot-camp style training,

physical training, drill and instruction in moral values and military bearing. The training is similar in some ways to that of the U.S. Marine Corps, but there is no training in weapons or combat.

The D.A.R.E. program teaches every fifth grader in Bossier Parish public schools about the dangers of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and violence and the ways to resist them.

SPECIAL SERVICES

The Office of Special Services performs a wide variety of programs to aid the poor, the elderly and victims of crimes. Here are just a few:

Operation Blessing is a food bank for the elderly and handicapped individuals. It is operated by Posse and Auxiliary volunteers. Recipients of this service must qualify by income, age or disability. In a separate home delivery program, elderly shut-ins have a 50-pound box of food delivered once a month by Posse volunteers.

In the **Telephone Reassurance Program**, shut-ins are called once a week to check on their well-being.

In the **Follow-Up Program for Elders**, every elderly citizen who is involved in an incident report is contacted to be sure his or her needs were met.

The **Crime Victims' Reparations Program** assists people in being reimbursed for medical bills and loss of wages that result from being the victim of a crime.

A Message From the Sheriff



Dear Fellow Residents of Bossier Parish,

These are exciting times for the Bossier Sheriff's Office. Our agency is presently experiencing unprecedented expansion.

There have been many new projects and programs added recently, in corrections and in other areas. Please take a moment to read our 2004 Annual Report and see a few of the things your Sheriff's Office has been doing to help make Bossier Parish one of the best, safest places in Louisiana to live and work, and to help make the criminal justice system in northwest Louisiana second to none.

Thank you for letting us serve you.

Larry C. Deen,
Bossier Sheriff

Annual Report Survey

Please give us your input!

Fighting crime, maintaining the very best in corrections and keeping a high quality of life in Bossier Parish is a team effort. With your help, we will continue to work to make Bossier Parish an even greater place to live.

Please take a moment to complete this brief survey. You can mail, fax or deliver the survey to our office in the Bossier Parish Courthouse in Benton or to our Substation on Viking Drive between Benton Road and Airline Drive in Bossier City. Or, you can e-mail me personally at ldeen@bossiersheriff.com.

Thank you,
Larry C. Deen,
Bossier Sheriff

1. How are we doing? Please rate our quality of service.

Excellent Good Average Poor

2. In the past year, have you had reason to call your Sheriff's Office for assistance?

Yes No

3. If 'yes,' how would you rate our service?

Excellent Good Average Poor

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What is the most important issue your Sheriff's Office can address ?

What can your Sheriff's Office do to better serve you?

How long have you lived in Bossier Parish?

What is your Zip Code? _____

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