## Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office is proud to participate in the DARE program. DARE is a popular drug abuse prevention education program designed to equip elementary, middle and high school children with knowledge about drug abuse, the consequences of abuse, and skills for resisting peer pressure to experiment with drugs, alcohol and tobacco. The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office DARE program is based on the premise that prevention is the only long-term answer to drug abuse. The emphasis of DARE is to help students recognize and resist the many direct and subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, inhalants, or other drugs or to engage in violence.

This unique program uses a specially trained Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Deputy to teach a formal curriculum to students in a classroom setting. DARE officers work with children to raise their self-esteem, teach them how to make decisions on their

#### **Crime Victims Reparations Program**

Victims of violence and their families must deal with emotional, physical, and financial aftermath of crime. The Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Program through the Sheriff's Office helps innocent victims and their families when they have no other means of paying for the financial cost of crime. Effective July 1982, the State of Louisiana established a program for the pay-

ment of compensation to the victims of certain crimes. The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office is responsible for supporting victims of crime through this process.

Sheriff Daniel Edwards believes that no one should have to face these challenges alone. If you have been a victim of a violent crime, please contact the Sheriff's Office for support.

#### **Sheriff Auction**

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office sells property held pursuant to court ordered writs of executory process throughout the year. The property is seized and sold to satisfy debt.

When sales of personal property are ordered, the Sheriff's Office posts notices to the public, announcing the dates, times, and locations of the sales, and may include brief descriptions of the items involved. When sales of real property are ordered, notices are published in local newspapers of general circulation as required by law. In the future, as a service to you, we will be listing upcoming sales on our website at www.tpso.org to provide another opportunity for citizens to learn of these sales.

Other property seized by the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division is also for sale at various times of the year.

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own, and help them identify positive alternatives to drugs. Through role-playing, the DARE curriculum emphasizes the negative consequences of drug use, and reinforces the skills to resist peer pressure and intimidation.

#### TPSO Young Marines Program

Victims OF CRIME In 2004, Sheriff Daniel Edwards implemented the Young Marines Program into the Sheriff's Office. The Young Marines Program is a youth education and service program for boys and girls, ages 8–18 that directly deals with issues facing the youth of Tangipahoa Parish. The Young Marines promotes the mental, moral and physical development of its members. The program focuses on character building, leadership and promotes a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. Sheriff's Office personnel, instructors and senior staff act as positive role models,



instilling in its members ideals of honesty, fairness, courage, respect, loyalty, dependability, attention to duty, love of god, family and fidelity to our country and its institutions.

# Internet Crimes Against Children (I.C.A.C.) Division

Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff Daniel Edwards established the ICAC Division to combat online sexual exploitation of children. The ICAC Division uses the following three-prong approach to accomplish its mission:

- Proactive online investigations where detectives aggressively patrol cyberspace for Internet predators and child pornography collectors
- 2. Maintaining and utilizing the latest technology and advanced methods used in cyber investigations
- 3. Educating the public about Internet safety



To keep our neighborhoods even safer, the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office has created a data base of convicted sexual offenders. These offenders can be referenced by cities or street addresses. Families can register their primary address as well as addresses for family and friends for online notification if a sexual offender moves near their home. This is another example of the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office using technology for better law enforcement. Visit www.tpso.org and click on Sex Offender Data Base. Then follow the easy 3-step process to register. Your child's safety is our number one priority.





The Rape Aggression Defense System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The RAD System is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. RAD is not a Martial Arts program. Courses are taught by nationally certified RAD Instructors and provide each student with a workbook/reference manual. This manual outlines the entire Physical Defense Program for reference and continuous personal growth, and is the key to our free lifetime return and practice policy for RAD graduates.

The RAD system objective is based on the philosophy of choices, "to develop and enhance the option of self defense so that they may become more viable considerations to the woman who is attacked." It is a completely natural response when an individual resists during a violent encounter. Yet, unless a woman has developed her options of resistance with education and training, the resistance she attempts may be futile. RAD helps to strengthen innate survival techniques by making her options more available. Preparation through education and training is usually the best way to survive an assault situation.

#### **Domestic Violence Intervention**

Domestic violence intervention remains one of the highest priorities for Sheriff Daniel Edwards and the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office. Domestic violence often refers to violence between spouses, or spousal abuse, but can also include cohabitants and non-married intimate partners. Domestic violence occurs in all cultures; people of all races, ethnicities, religions, sexes and classes can be perpetrators of domestic violence. It is cited that 1 out of 3 women around the world has been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused during her lifetime.

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence Outreach Program is here to support and create community awareness across Tangipahoa Parish. This program is responsible for making a direct response for services to victims referred by the sheriff's office and parish police departments. Victims are also referred to the appropriate collaborating agencies as a part of this program.

# Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.)

This program is designed for senior citizens in the community to stay informed about the services provided to them by the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office. Members of the SALT team maintain all reports that may concern the well-being of the senior citizens in Tangipahoa Parish. The SALT team also maintains a national directory of certified contacts to help them provide services to the parish's senior citizens.

#### **Neighborhood Watch**

Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country, bringing citizens together

with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer. Across our parish, crime remains a major concern. Neighbors and other concerned citizens, working cooperatively with the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office, can have a positive effect on crime prevention. Funded by the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office, Neighborhood Watch is gaining popularity in many area neighborhoods. Neighborhood Watch works because it reduces opportunities for crime to occur; it doesn't rely on altering or changing the criminal's behavior or motivation.



#### Louisiana Victims Notification System (LA.V.N.S.)



LAVNS is a free service provided by the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office which monitors the custody status of adult inmates in all parish and state prisons. By calling our LAVNS LINE at (866-LAVNS-4-U) or by accessing our website at www.tpso.org, you may inquire about an offender's status and register to be notified upon any change to that offender's custody status.

#### **TPSO Reserve Program**

The TPSO Reserve Program is a division that consists of volunteers who donate their time to assist in the operation of the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office. Reserve officers go through the same training

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required by full-time officers, including weapon qualification, physical fitness, and classroom training. The Reserve Deputies contribute over 14,000 hours per year serving our parish.

### Juvenile Delinquency Program

This program is designed to help adolescents and teenagers change their ways before entering the criminal justice system. The Juvenile Division of the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office offers a structured program to meet with the offending youth and their parents or guardian to teach corrective behavior. This includes three monthly meetings with topics such as Anger Management Techniques and Resisting Peer Pressure. Juveniles are referred to the Juvenile Division from the Family In Need (FIN) Divisions of City Court and District Court. Juveniles are referred to this program from arresting officers as well.



#### Dear Friends,

Tangipahoa Parish is a great place to live. As your sheriff, I can assure you the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office is diligent in its efforts to fight crime. The sheriff's office provides a number of programs to make your life and property safer.

These programs are free to the public and each program is designed to address the needs of a particular segment of our community.

I invite you to review this information and then take part in the programs your sheriff's office offers to protect you and your property.

If I can be of any service to you, please feel free to contact me. For more information on the services we offer, please contact us or visit our website at www.tpso.org.

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We are here to serve you.

Daniel H. Edwards
TANGIPAHOA PARISH SHERIFF

In the quest to become the best sheriff's department in the state, Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff Daniel Edwards has instituted a number of programs to ensure the safety of our community.

These programs range from early education about the dangers of drugs and alcohol to programs designed specifically for the seniors who live in our parish. Each of these programs is conducted by deputies specially trained in all aspects of the programs. The information is timely, practical and informative.

Sheriff Edwards, along with his dedicated and talented deputies, are constantly working on bringing new and effective programs to the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office.

These programs are for the public and we invite you to participate in the programs that address the needs you may have. We hope you find them useful and helpful.



The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office is here to serve you. If you have any questions about the programs we offer, please give our office a call.

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