



POLICE DEPARTMENT

"It's an honor and a privilege to be the chief of one of the best communities in the state known for its heritage, culture and its people friendly can do attitude."

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Carencro Police Department



"DEDICATED TO SERVING THE CARENCRO COMMUNITY WITH RESPECT, TRUST, & PROFESSIONALISM"



Chief Stout and staff assists with traffic control for school event

Carencro, Louisiana, is a great place to live, work and raise a family. It is a city which borders a major hub city (Lafayette, LA.) and is rather unique in its own way. Carencro is still considered a small community although its population continues to increase each year, with a current population of nearly 7,000 residents. The community is commonly known for its heritage, musical artist, Cajun food, and its friendly residents. The City of Carencro is continuing to grow and economic development is at the forefront of the city's future.

The Carencro Police Department is dedicated to keeping Carencro safe and continually looks for ways to continue our progress and increase safety and well being within our city. We have implemented prevention programs, supported and assisted youth programs, participated and supported non-profit social service projects in our city as well as in Lafayette Parish, implemented and were actively involved in aiding our senior citizens on their needs within our community. We are dedicated to becoming a model law enforcement agency within the State of Louisiana.

The key role in policing is the relationship between law enforcement and citizenry, which must be open, trusting, and mutually responsive. These traits will produce a professional and creditable department. Our agency, consisting of 19 regular employees and 10 volunteers, strives to achieve this type of relationship by following our motto, "Dedicated to Serving the Carencro Community with Respect, Trust, and Professionalism." By providing a good quality service of law enforcement, we recognize that our job as law enforcement officials is heavily dependant on how well we perform in the

eyes of the public. Sometimes it appears to be a difficult challenge, especially in light of the many different crimes and problems that our community as well as others face. I truly believe that working together, we can overcome these obstacles and continue to move forward in a positive direction for a better tomorrow. We will continue to run the police department as a business, and treat the public as our customers. It is our goal to make every experience with the Carencro Police Department as pleasurable as possible. This attribute will make our residents happy and it will provide a better working relationship within the community.

The police department employees continually attend training courses and conferences to further the education and knowledge in the field of law enforcement. This training may consist of diversity training, public relations, elderly service affairs, legal updates, CPR training, narcotics investigations, interview & interrogation or may involve sexual predator identifications via the internet. All employees are encouraged to receive continuing educational credits to offer a highly trained diversified police department. By having this proper training it reduces officer error and it eliminates civil liability suits.

As the Chief of Police for the City of Carencro, I realize the vital importance of working closely with all other police and criminal justice agencies local, state and federal. Several members of the department are assigned to state wide task forces as well as parish task forces. We combine our experiences to aid each other in times where extra man power is needed or special trained officers are utilized as an essential means of managing and resolving a particular situation. Working together with these different agencies, we share resources and information, which makes for a more efficient and effective city, parish, and statewide criminal justice system. My commitment to working together with agencies throughout the state has earned me the honors of being elected at large as President of the Southwest Chiefs of Police Association for the State of Louisiana. Our association consists of seventy- four (74) departments within the Southwest region. I often attend statewide conferences and meetings with other elected officials and conduct speaking

engagements representing the Southwest Chiefs Association as well as the Carencro Police Department.

We hope, through this report, that you will get an understanding of the variety of services and calls that we handle within our agency. Although we are a smaller city by population we often experience problems that affect bigger cities. With continued proactive approaches we can continue to see a decrease in our crime rate and this will make our city more attractive for future residents and businesses. I am very interested in your thoughts or concerns about the police department. We are striving for excellence and continue to have an open door policy to address your particular situation. I welcome you to come visit me at my office or call me to schedule a time where I can come to your home or place of business to discuss ideas you may have about how to solve some of the problems facing our community. I also invite you to visit our website (www.carencropd.com) and provide your feedback via email.



Chief Stout and Sergeant Jones demonstrating handcuffing procedures to a group of grade school students.

NEW STANDARDS OF OPERATION

The Chief and his staff are in the final stages of completing a new policy and procedure manual for the department. The new manual will follow standards, which are set forth by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement. The department will seek CALEA standard recognition. The new manual, which sets the standards of operation for the department, will assist the Chief in assuring that his staff is providing the highest quality of professional services to the community.

GRANTS OBTAINED

In an era when our public needs exceed our financial resources, successful grant applications are essential. The Carencro Police Department applied for and won four grants in 2005. Without the application and the acceptance of these grants, the equipment and services provided during the grant period would otherwise not be available. The advantage to receiving these grants is that the city saves money on providing this equipment and can use its money on other essential needs facing our community.

<i>Grants Received</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Homeland Security	\$23,838.00
Edward Byrne Memorial	\$15,808.00
Louisiana Highway Commission	\$ 3,957.60
LLEBG	\$ 1,784.00
	\$45,387.60

IN-CAR VIDEOS

With the assistance of a federal grant, the department purchased in-car video systems for each patrol car. The first system was installed and tested and has already been to be a great asset to the department. The video systems will assist officers in obtaining evidence for criminal proceedings and will also assist the chief in assuring that officer's activities in the field are maintaining the highest professional standards expected by the chief. The video captured footage will be reviewed periodically and will also be used to assist the chief in investigating concerns and complaints made by citizens regarding officer's activities on traffic stops.

NEW EQUIPMENT

To better assist the department with identifying and apprehending persons responsible for crimes, a new digital recording system was purchased in 2005 to assist with investigations. The in-field video recording device, with its assortment of covert cameras and audio monitoring devices are used to place at specific locations to monitor crime and are also utilized in vehicles to record activities during undercover investigations. This equipment was purchased from money, which was seized and awarded by the courts to the police department during narcotics related cases. The police department purchased a radar trailer, which assists the department in identifying speed violators by registering the vehicle's speed versus the posted speed limit. The trailer is deployable within a community at which time the statistical packet within the trailer compiles data that identifies the maximum, minimum, and actual speeds of vehicles as well as the peak times speeding is occurring. The statistics also identify the number of cars that travel that section of roadway while the trailer is operational. With this statistical information the police department can monitor the safe flow of traffic and can respond to speeding complaint areas identifying the specific times that the police department should spend in a neighborhood running radar enforcement. Chief Stout purchased this piece of equipment to meet the needs of the residents in a more proactive manner. This radar trailer was purchased from proceeds, which were generated through a police special detail, which targeted speed violators. The police department has also added three (3) new police vehicles to its current fleet.

LAPTOPS IN PATROL CARS

As reported last year, the department began transitioning from mobile data terminals to laptop computers in patrol cars and set a goal to equip all cars with this newest technology. The department has met its goal and the transition is complete with every patrol car now being equipped with its own laptop computer. With the completion of this upgrade, the department

has greatly improved the amount of time officers spend in the office doing paperwork as to the amount of time now allowed to be in the field providing visibility and protection. With the upgrade to laptop computers, and the future usage of wireless remote all officers now have on-the-scene access to databases as well as the software to complete police reports from the convenience of their patrol car, which acts as a mobile office. The computers also have docking station cradles, which allows the officer to remove the laptop from his car and complete reports on scene or at his home when off duty.

OFFICER HONORED

Officer Kenneth Quillens was honored as the **2005 Veterans of Foreign War** (also known as V.F.W.) **Officer of the Year**. Quillens, besides being a full time police officer with the Carencro Police Department, also serves as a member of the Louisiana National Guard. Quillens attends mandatory guard training on his weekends away from duty status. Quillens, in the days after Hurricane Katrina and Rita brought destruction to the Louisiana/Mississippi Gulf Coast and Southwest Louisiana, was activated and responded to assist with rescue and recovery efforts in the New Orleans area and the Calcasieu Parish area. Quillens' tour of duty lasted for over four months and during that time he represented not only his country, but also the Carencro Police Department with the highest level of professionalism and commitment. Officers Quillens is to be commended for his dedication and commitment to serving his country, the State of Louisiana and the Carencro Police Department.

FIELD TRAINING OFFICER

With Chief Stout's continued commitment to providing professional law enforcement services to the community, an officer with the department was sent to a field training officer certification course. With this officers certification it allows for all new officers after attending a police academy, to successfully complete a required field training program, prior to being allowed to work alone as a patrol officer. The program, supervised by the field-training officer, takes approximately three to four months to complete and requires the new officer to complete over 400 tasks under the guidance of a training officer, working as a two man unit. This program assures that all officers with the department are capable of handling the demanding needs that are required to be a police officer and they have the skills needed to properly handle any task assigned to them. Having good qualified officers reduces citizen complaints and also insures that liabilities are minimal.

DRINK AND DRIVE YOU LOOSE

Officers with the department participated in the 2005

Louisiana Highway Safety Commission's "DRINK AND DRIVE YOU LOOSE" campaign. Officers worked this detail on their scheduled days off from work and were paid through a state grant to enforce impaired driving within the Carencro community.

MAYOR'S COURT

The Carencro Mayor's Court continues to run smoothly and productively and is a vital tool for minor litigation and keeps these offenses within the court rather than forwarding to the District Attorney's Office. This court hears cases involving misdemeanor offenses as well as traffic offenses. The Magistrate and Prosecutor of this court hear the docket and determine enforcement of ordinance violations or may determine jail time or collection of fines for municipal violations. The police department court clerk prepares the court docket and performs all collection of fines at the police station. Carencro officers are also given the responsibility of delivering subpoenas and executing arrest warrants generated from the court. The Mayor's Court along with fees, fines and charges for services has generated approximately \$185,000 in 2005.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



City employees participate in food drive

Thanksgiving Food Baskets:

Officers with the department collected donations and handed out over (100) one hundred food baskets to needy families in the Carencro community during the Thanksgiving holidays. City employees who volunteered their time also assisted the police department.

Public Safety Expo:

Officers with the department participated in a public safety expo sponsored by Louisiana State Police, which was held at the Northgate Mall. This type of event gives the public an opportunity to meet officers in a public setting, which allows the public to interact with officers and also provides a chance for the public to view police equipment and see police demonstrations.

Special Olympics Torch Run: Officers with the department participated in the Special Olympics Annual Torch Run. Chief Stout is also a special Olympics volunteer and assist with the summer games held at Carencro High School and Pelican Park.

Elderly Community Involvement: Officers with the department participated in a Mardi Gras Parade/Celbration

held at Bon Sejour Elderly Center for its tenants. The police department provided a police escort around the facility leading the parade. This event is just one of many that the police department gets involved in at our elderly assisted living complex.

Numerous activities performed by the Elderly Service Officer (ESO) in 2005 include: 313 investigated cases, assisted Attorney General with 3 cases, 5 classes taught with 235 attendees, 430 visits to nursing homes, 22 private home visits, and 789 home well-being telephone checks.

Kids for Christmas Toy Drive: Officers with the department participated in the annual Kids for Christmas Toy Drive. Chief Stout, his staff, and his family donated items as well as accepted donations to make the kids Christmas a one to remember. Over seventy-five (75) kids received gifts from the police department.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

In 2005 the Carencro Police Department investigated over 110 drug complaints and made over 60 felony and

DRUG TYPE	ESTIMATED STREET VALUE
Marijuana	\$20,000
Crack Cocaine	\$ 7,000
Powder Cocaine	\$10,000
Controlled Dangerous Substance	\$ 8,550
Ecstasy (MDMA)	\$ 1,380
Crystal Meth	\$ 1,200
Steroids (Liquid)	\$ 3,000
Steroids (Tablets)	\$ 970
Total Value	\$52,100

approximately 50 misdemeanor drug arrests. The police department seized a variety of drugs throughout the year, which



is displayed in the chart by drug type and approximate street value. The police department also seized approximately \$10,200 in cash.

DEPARTMENT STAFF

" The police department continues to strive for excellence and professionalism and this would not be possible without the hard working men and women of the Carencro Police Department."

ADMINISTRATION

Chief Carlos Stout
Assistant Chief Dondi Hardin

CLERICAL

Yvonne Anderson
Karen Savant

INVESTIGATIONS

Captain Ronnie Richard
Detective Timmy Prejean

Elderly Service Officer Margo Hall
School Resource Officer Chris Anderson

RESERVE COMMANDER

Lieutenant Mike Gervais

ASSISTANT RESERVE COMMANDER

Sergeant Linton Cormier

K-9 OFFICER

Chad Leblanc
K-9 "Ruffneck"

PATROL

Lieutenant Tony Hebert

Cpl. William Walker	Cpl. Gerald Robin
P.O. Kenneth Quillens	P.O. Robert Polanco
P.O. Jamie Mitchell	P.O. Lance Guidroz
P.O. Shawn Falke	P.O. Scott Bernard
P.O. Steve Izaguirre	P.O. Sam Gobert



Did You Know . . .

In 2005, the Carencro Police Department, Uniformed Patrol Division logged over 120,000 miles patrolling and protecting the households and businesses in the Carencro community. TOTAL CALLS IN 2005: 14,233. Officers with the police department initiated over 900 public contacts with its citizens. This is where officers stop and visit with residents or check on employee and business owners in the city. The police department investigated over 325 automobile accidents, conducted over 2,500 vehicle traffic stops, issued approximately 1,000 citations for both moving and non-moving offenses, provided 130 funeral escorts, served 60 arrest warrants, and responded to over 720 residential and business alarm calls. The police department booked 291 individuals into the Lafayette Parish Correctional Center for assorted offenses and made over 100-felony arrest and over 300-misdemeanor arrest.

The police department has as a part-time Elderly Service Officer (E.S.O.). The E.S.O. responsibilities include interaction with the elderly community to assist and address their needs, investigate all cases in which a senior citizen is a victim, provide representation on TRIAD/ SALT Council, work in conjunction with the Council on Aging, teach classes to prevent victimization for the elderly, make routine nursing home visits, make routine private home visits, and provide telephone well being checks on elderly citizens along with additional duties and responsibilities. This officer and program was implemented in 2003 after Chief Stout took office and was created as a campaign promise to provide some assistance to the elderly and provide them a sense of security and safety so they do not fall victim to abuse or neglect. Originally a volunteer appointment, it has proven its effectiveness and was developed into a part-time position in 2005 with the gracious assistance of Mayor Glenn Bresseaux and the Carencro City Council.

Since Chief Stout's taking office January 1, 2003, the Carencro Police Department has seized and removed over \$235,000 worth of illegal drugs from our streets. The department has also seized approximately \$43,000 in cash as well as three (3) vehicles valued at approximately \$18,000. The department has also removed over twenty (20) guns from our streets. The police department has compiled over 310 drug arrests within this three (3) year period. And, the Carencro Police Department has not been sued or has not paid out any claims of suits related to improper conduct or wrong doing of its personnel. This success can be attributed to professional leadership as well as recruiting and hiring good qualified respectful officers who are highly trained.