



Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office

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Dear Sheriff,

On behalf of the men and women of the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office, I'd like to say thank you. I'd personally like to say thank you to you and your staff.

On August 12, 2016, it was clear - early on - that help was needed. This historic flooding event brought more water, more damage and destruction than I've ever seen in my lifetime - in my parish. My citizens, my deputies, my department - all hit hard. From round-the-clock calls for rescues, to a flooded 911/Communications Center, to a flooded Livingston Parish Detention Center, to lost communication in the field - without the support that is/was offered by you and the Louisiana Sheriff's Association, I'm not sure how we would have fared with 20,000+ rescues and a parish almost completely devastated by Mother Nature. No matter the time of day, no matter the request - you answered and together we found a way. And, that's how this unfolded throughout the entire emergency.

The network of immediate support offered by you my fellow Sheriff's and the Louisiana Sheriff's Association, to me, is a blessing. This support from across the state allowed me the freedom to make the difficult life-saving decisions that needed to be made in my parish. From personnel at the ready, to equipment, to supplies, to food - all of it greatly appreciated by this Sheriff and his LPSO family. That support when I needed it most was a God-send. In the field, it wasn't us or them - we were (and are) all on one team. I'd say a winning team! Folks might have seen different colored uniforms and different shaped badges, but I believe they 'felt' and they 'saw' us working as one. For many, that spelled hope. To me, it also meant strength.



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After the immediate danger, rebuilding process began and it started with the rebuilding of my department, the fight to keep my flooded veteran law enforcement officers in Livingston Parish, the fight to find suitable housing for my deputies - and their families, the fight to keep morale up, the fight to replace equipment. Not only that but the fight against looting against our citizens and businesses began and with the extra manpower we were able to tackle and win. To me, that says a lot. That says a lot about 'why' we do what we do. That says a lot about the men and women who wear the badge. And, it's comforting for this Sheriff who is proud to call you a friend and who is proud to be part of the LSA.

At almost 4 months post-flood, I'm amazed at how far we've come. I know there's much more to do. Thanks to the network of support, I'm in a better position to help get this parish - the parish I love - back on its feet. For that, I'm eternally grateful.

Thank you for your support, your experience and your calm. It is much appreciated by this Sheriff and those who back the blue in Livingston Parish

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Ard", written over a horizontal line.

Sheriff Jason Ard
Livingston Parish