

From the Desk
of
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City Council District A

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State Sen. Gregory W. Tarver, Sr.
District – 39
1024 Pierre Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71103

Dear Sen. Tarver,

I am writing to ask for your assistance in getting help to address the increases in criminal and violent activity in Shreveport. I don't have to tell you the degree of fear and concern these activities have generated among our citizens. In spite all the efforts of the Shreveport Police Department, the spree of shooting and crimes are getting worse. For example, in the span of five days there have been several shootings with 3 homicides. One victim being a 4-year-old child. It has become obvious to many that SPD is understaffed.

As my State Senator I'm asking that you contact Caddo Parish Sheriff Steve Prator and Governor John Bel Edwards, requesting that the Sheriff's Patrol Division and the State Police come in to Shreveport and backup SPD in patrolling this city. Our specific need is gun violence / homicide. I suspect a lot of it is drug-related.

My request is based on the following Mission Statements:

(1.) The Louisiana State Police is a statutorily mandated, statewide law enforcement agency. We will ensure the safety and security of the people in the state through enforcement, education, and providing of other essential public safety services.

(2.) The Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office Patrol Division is responsible for providing first line law enforcement services to the citizens of Caddo Parish. Patrol Deputies are primarily responsible for the unincorporated areas of Caddo Parish's 900+ square miles, but have authority anywhere in the parish.

According to these statements, the State Police has state-wide jurisdiction, and the Sheriff's Department has parish-wide jurisdiction. Thus they have responsibility to provide safety to the citizens of the Shreveport. Both agencies have bolstered city patrols in the past. And I truly believe that with the combined and collaborative efforts of SPD and these agencies, they can once again be effective in lessing or even eradicating the criminal activity in Shreveport.

I will appreciate your greatest consideration of this request. If you need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Willie Bradford