"I love working the streets. I've made mistakes in the past but I've tried to learn from them. I've had a lot of mentors over the years and I took, what I thought were the good parts, and applied it to my work. I stayed away from the bad examples, because I've seen what works and what doesn't in these last many years," said Haydel.

"By supplying a higher level of professionalism, training, and integrity, the Office of the Sheriff will reach its objectives to serve and protect. Some people think that because you are not an FBI agent or State Trooper, you are perceived as less competent with less education. That is far from the truth. We have similar training. Sheriff Michael Neustrom encourages the deputies to further their education in every aspect of the job, continually.

"But it is up to the individual deputy to advance himself, with the desire to learn, look professional, and act compassionate with good common sense. Law enforcement can only improve with motivated deputies getting better educated and acting upon what they have learned. The Smokey and the Bandit days are gone, but the deputies out in the field have got to prove that to their clients before anyone will take notice and believe it. We are trying to do just that every night," concluded Sergeant Scott Haydel with the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office. \bullet



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