

Annual Report

Thinkstream

One of the most exciting advances in law enforcement technology is now available to the SJPSO. Louisiana is set to be the first state totally connected to *Thinkstream*, an Internet-based information-sharing system that allows an instant, nationwide background check on a suspected criminal.

"In the past, a detective would have to contact various law enforcement agencies to see if a suspect was wanted there," Sheriff Martin said. "*Thinkstream* connects city police and sheriff's offices, providing access to criminal histories, arrest records, incident reports and even vehicle registrations. With a few keystrokes, a deputy can virtually search the nation using data through the National Crime Information Center."

Sheriff Martin said that in a few seconds, *Thinkstream* accumulates more useful investigative information than could be gathered manually in hours or days.

Funded with a state grant from the Metropolitan Law Enforcement District, Sheriff Martin believes that by using *Thinkstream* fewer criminals will slip through the cracks.



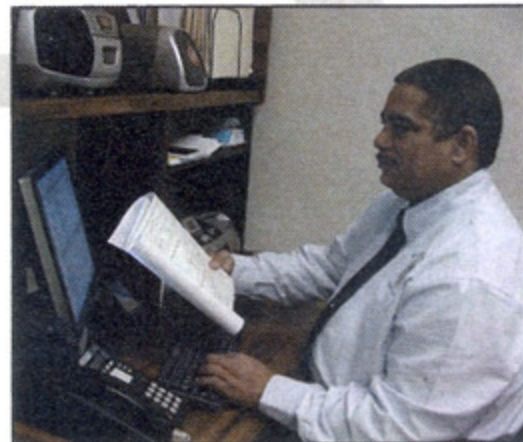
Deputy Cleo Page (in van) and Detective Claude Louis use the new *Thinkstream* technology to retrieve information on a criminal suspect. *Thinkstream* can be incorporated into a personal digital assistant (PDA).

Homeland Security

A South Vacherie native, Deputy Robert Jones is the SJPSO's new homeland security officer. Deputy Jones also prepares grants to secure state and federal funds for law enforcement equipment and activities.

"Cooperation and communication are crucial to homeland security," Sheriff Martin said. "Deputy Jones coordinates the efforts of the federal, state and local agencies working to keep St. James safe."

Deputy Jones conducts meetings with citizens and local groups, instructing them on how to be aware of possible threats, what your sheriff's office is doing to protect you and methods to contact us if you notice suspicious activities. He also speaks to businesses about workplace violence and assists in training employees to recognize potentially dangerous situations.



SJPSO Homeland Security Officer Robert Jones served 24 years in the Louisiana Army National Guard before retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. His last military assignment was Deputy Chief of Staff for the 12,000 member Guard.

"The face of homeland security changes every day," Sheriff Martin said. "We will continue to focus our efforts on preventing and detecting threats to our way of life."

If you'd like to have Deputy Jones speak to your organization, contact the SJPSO at 225-562-2200 or 225-265-2102.



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