



City of Thibodaux Employee Spotlight Sergeant Eddie Rodrigue Thibodaux Police Department

The City of Thibodaux employs many talented and dedicated individuals. One such employee, Sergeant Eddie Rodrigue, along with his K-9 partner, "Swiper," and Detective Ricky Ross, visited elementary schools during Red Ribbon Week. Outreach Programs are essential to every community and we hope the children enjoyed the visit from the officers.

Mayor Charles Caillouet

Meet Sergeant Eddie Rodrigue

Sgt. Rodrigue has worked in law enforcement for twelve years and has been a part of "Team Thibodaux" since 2003. His K-9 partner, "Swiper" has worked with him for the past six months.

Sgt. Rodrigue is a National Certified Official for the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association (NNDAA). He is certified to train K-9's in every area including: Patrol, Narcotics, Cadaver, and Explosives.

Thibodaux Police Department purchases "green dogs" (dogs with minimal training), and Sergeant Rodrigue completes their training. This saves the Thibodaux Police Department and the City of Thibodaux thousands of dollars per dog.



Sergeant Rodrigue speaks to students at East Thibodaux Elementary during Red Ribbon Week. The students at the local elementary schools were shown a K-9 demonstration. K-9, "Swiper," located marijuana hidden under a box.

Thibodaux Police Department has three trained K-9's. All K-9's continue to receive weekly training throughout their career with Thibodaux Police Department. Sergeant Rodrigue stresses the importance of the K-9's Continued Training Program. "To keep the dogs ready, practical training must be performed on a weekly basis. Such practices are held in cane fields, buildings, or any area in the community. We have to practice real world scenarios with our K-9's," said Sgt. Rodrigue.

When asked how he feels about his K-9 partner, Sgt. Rodrigue responded, "I know my dog will not leave my side. He would die for me." "Swiper" is Sgt. Rodrigue's fourth K-9 partner. Before "Swiper, he partnered with K-9 "Cee," who retired after nearly ten years of law enforcement service.

Chief of Police, Craig Melancon said, "Sgt. Rodrigue is an exemplary officer. He is in charge of the Bureau of Narcotics, the K-9 Division, and serves as Assistant S.W.A.T. Commander. He is a dedicated professional, dependable, and committed to serving the residents of Thibodaux with excellence. I am proud of Sgt. Rodrigue and know that he will continue to have a successful career in law enforcement."



Sergeant Rodrigue and K-9 Partner, "Swiper"