



Office of Mayor Charles Caillouet  
City of Thibodaux

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**Mayor Charles Caillouet Announces the City of Thibodaux  
Awarded \$219,796.00 of the COPS Technology Grant from  
the U.S. Department of Justice**

**Thibodaux, LA** – Mayor Caillouet announced the city of Thibodaux has been awarded \$219,796.00 of the COPS Technology Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. The City plans to utilize the funds for the continued development of technologies and to enhance interoperable communications for the Thibodaux Police Department. The grant will also enable the city to integrate essential equipment into the Mobile Command Unit, donated to the City by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security. In addition to a fully equipped mobile command unit, the grant will also cover the cost of furnishing every officer with a 700 MHz radio.

Mayor Caillouet said, “I would like to extend my appreciation to Congressman Melancon for his efforts in securing these funds on behalf of the City of Thibodaux. The funds will go a long way in helping the city upgrade its police equipment and enhance the department's interoperability among local and state law enforcement agencies. Ultimately, the enhanced communication will help Thibodaux’s law enforcement officers to better serve our residents.”

“The COPS Technology Grant will greatly assist the Thibodaux Police Department in reaching the objective we have been working on for quite some time now; complete interoperability between agencies at a local, state, and federal level. Through complete interoperability, we will be able to have real-time communications with agencies as we handle everything from crimes, natural disasters, and man-made disasters. This is yet another step in making the Thibodaux Police Department a 21<sup>st</sup> Century police department,” said Chief of Police Craig Melancon.

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