

SHERIFF GREG CHAMPAGNE - BIOGRAPHY

Sheriff Greg Champagne was born and raised in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. He is a graduate of Hahnville High School and earned a B.A. in Government from Nicholls State University in 1979. Upon graduation, he was named to the University Hall of Fame and subsequently as one of its "Outstanding Alumni". He went on to receive a law degree from The Louisiana State University Law Center in 1982. Upon completing formal education, he served as an assistant district attorney in St. Charles Parish for 14 years earning a reputation as a tough but fair prosecutor with a 94% felony conviction rate in jury trials. This included homicide convictions in 8 cases and was instrumental in obtaining the death penalty for two brutal killers in separate cases.

Greg Champagne was elected Sheriff of St. Charles Parish in 1995 and has been re-elected five additional times including three times with no opposition, and with 81% and 83% in the other two re-election efforts that he had an opponent. Upon completion of his sixth term he will become the longest serving sheriff in the 200 year history of St. Charles Parish.

He was selected as "Louisiana Sheriff of the Year" in 2003 by the Louisiana Crime Victim's Coalition.

Sheriff Champagne is a past president of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association and is now the Immediate Past President of The National Sheriffs' Association having completed his one year term this past June. He is chairman of the NSA Legal Affairs Committee, and is a member of The NSA Congressional Affairs, Global Affairs, and Homeland Security Committees.

Sheriff Champagne has attended numerous professional training courses during his 35 year law enforcement career including FBI's Law Institute for Prosecutors and Law Enforcement Executive Development Program, both in Quantico, Va. He has also represented the National Sheriff's Association at two international counter-terrorism programs in both Israel and England which focused on the detection and prevention of terrorism.

The Sheriff serves as a member of the Louisiana State Law Institute's Committee on Criminal Justice. He is a certified P.O.S.T. instructor at the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office Training Academy. Sheriff Champagne is a member of the United States Eastern District of Louisiana Joint Terrorism Task Force Executive Board and maintains a top secret security clearance with the F.B.I.. He was also appointed by Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Kitty Kimball to represent Sheriffs on the Louisiana Supreme Court's Court Security Task Force and was appointed by former Governor Bobby Jindal to serve on the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement in 2012.

In August of 2015, The Attorney General of The United States Attorney appointed Sheriff Champagne to the National Commission on Forensic Science.

The Sheriff is very active in his community. He has been a long time member and past-president of the Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish, a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, and a member of Knights of Columbus Council 2409. Sheriff Champagne also is an accomplished trumpet player and has been a member of both the St. Charles Parish Community Band and The Jerusalem Temple Shriner Dance Band. He has also performed on many occasions with The Wise Guys Band, and, at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival on multiple occasions with blues singer Luther Kent and his band Trickbag. He was selected by Rotary International to lead a group of professionals on two four week exchanges to northern Brazil in 1993 and again to Southern Brazil in 2004. As a result, the Sheriff learned and became fluent in Brazilian Portuguese.

Sheriff Greg Champagne and his wife Alice Landry Champagne have been married for 36 years. They have two children - Rochelle C. Fahrig, age 33, an assistant district attorney and Gregory Jr. 29, a commercial pilot. They have also been most blessed with three grandsons Sebastian, Rhett and Andrew.