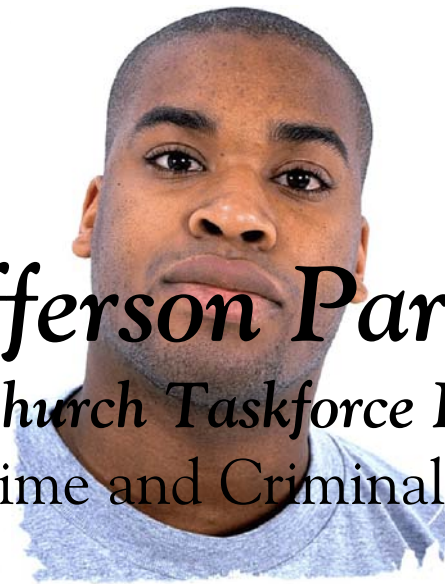
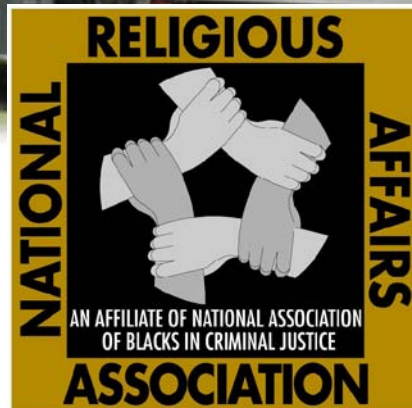




Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office



# *Jefferson Parish*

## *Black Church Taskforce Initiative*

### *on Crime and Criminal Justice*

# Law Brings Faith-based Community Organizing to the Parish

In an unprecedented gathering of over 200 pastors and congregants, the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office in partnership with the National Religious Affairs Association of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice launched the second phase of a strategic effort to unite faith and justice in a collaborative public safety initiative.

The meeting, held Friday and Saturday, August 27-28, 2004, was the third in a series of meetings to rally cops and clergy on some of the parish's most pressing issues and challenges in the areas of crime and criminal justice.

The Jefferson Parish Black Church Taskforce Initiative on Crime and Criminal Justice is based on seven of nine national areas of focus:

- Reentry and Mentoring of Offenders
- Disruptive and Violent Youth
- Disproportionate Minority Confinement, Disenfranchisement, and Detention Reform
- Mentoring Children of Prisoners
- Crime Prevention, Education, and Intervention
- Public Education, Training, and Civic Participation
- Strengthening Marriages and Families

Other workgroups offered through the national model include:

- Black Women Offenders and Special Needs Populations
- Prison Ministry and Restorative Justice



Jefferson Parish, Louisiana has implemented a law enforcement model of the National Black Church Taskforce Initiative on Crime and Criminal Justice.

Simply described, this model represents criminal justice leadership and collaboration with black churches and stakeholders to offer culturally competent training and produce positive change in the rate of crime, recidivism, detention, and the negative impact of each in their local community.

# Community Participation

Attendance compiled August 27-28, 2004



Boynton United Methodist  
Cornerstone Christian Center  
Dominion and Power Ministries  
Ephasus Missionary Baptist  
First New Testament Baptist  
First King Solomon  
Greater Mt. Calvary  
Greater King Solomon Worship Center  
Israel Baptist  
Little Zion Baptist  
Little Zion Baptist #3  
Marine Baptist  
Moreno Baptist  
New Birth Cathedral of Glory Missionary Baptist  
New Zion Baptist  
New Testament Baptist Bible Center  
New Jerusalem Baptist  
New Covenant  
Nineveh Baptist  
Olive Branch Baptist  
Progressive Baptist  
Regular Baptist  
Rock of Ages Baptist  
Second St. John  
Second Zion Baptist  
St. Joseph the Worker Catholic  
St. Rock Baptist  
St. Paul Baptist  
St. Mary Missionary Baptist  
St. James Baptist  
Temple of Praise Church of God in Christ  
True Hope Missionary Baptist  
True Hope  
Way Maker Ministries  
Westbank Cathedral

A

Each church provides one representative to serve on each of the seven special emphasis workgroups.

B

Each of these individuals, chosen by their pastor, will become subject matter liaisons and ultimately the expert for their church in their appointed area of focus (*i.e. reentry, mentoring children of offenders, crime prevention, etc.*).

C

Each liaison will be responsible for working with representatives from other churches who have been appointed to their area of focus.

D

Focus groups will:

- Meet once monthly for three months to be trained;
- Learn to identify the unique challenges to their church and the immediate community around it in their area of focus;
- Work and train with other subject matter liaisons to develop community strategies to increase cooperation between law enforcement and faith groups while improving community conditions;

An important tool in working with Jefferson Parish Sheriff Department, NRAA will develop a timeline to be used in tracking the progress and deliverables of the initiative.



# Local Advisory Council

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Pastor Ennis Antoine, Sr.  
Pastor James Autry  
Pastor Sam Baker  
Pastor Gilbert Barnes  
Chaplain Rodney Batiste  
Pastor Nelson Brown  
Pastor Purcell Church, Sr.  
Pastor Charlie Davis  
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Pastor Orin Grant  
Elder Terry Gullage

Bishop Jerry Henry

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**Sheriff Harry Lee**  
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana



**Chief Deputy  
Newell Normand**



# *Making Connections to Prisoner Reentry Issues*

through the

## *Black Church Taskforce Initiative on Crime and Criminal Justice in Jefferson Parish*

A four-year average analysis of murders in Unincorporated Jefferson Parish between 2000 and 2003 found the following:

- Guns were most often used (65%) followed by stabbing (12%)
- The top type of crime (26.5%) was classified as felony (murder committed while in the commission of another crime); Narcotics (23.5%) and quarrel (23.5%) tied for second
- 65% of the total murder victims and 70% of the murder suspects were black.
- 88% were male
- There were twice as many black murder victims as white murder victims
- There were three times as many black murder suspects as white murder suspects
- Average age of white victims was 29; the average age of white suspects was 31; the average age of black victims was 27; the average age of black suspects was 26
- An average of the 112 black murder suspects over the four year period, 2000 through 2003, is 28 black suspects per year which translates to one (1) in every 2,850 blacks committed murder, based on the 2000 Census Bureau population statistics
- An average of the 87 black murder victims over the four year period, 2000 through 2003, is 22 black murder victims per year which translates to one in every 3,627 blacks were murder victims, based on the 2000 Census Bureau population statistics
- In June 2004, there were five (5) murders, 17 rapes, 54 robberies, 128 assaults, 249 burglaries, 1,085 thefts, and 211 auto thefts.



The initiative will assist in the development of neighborhood supports and networks in this parish which is particularly challenged in its communities characterized by high incarceration rates.

The combined effects of all the sanctions suffered by ex-felons detract from their ability to participate constructively in community life - to the individual detriment of the ex-felon, and the overall detriment of the families and neighborhoods in which they are concentrated.

Some of the neighborhoods of Jefferson Parish have large numbers of residents leaving for and returning from prison. These neighborhood, without this intervention, will continue to suffer the kind of destabilization that undermines the development of trust and interdependence among neighbors.

# Community Ownership and Participation



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Reentry and  
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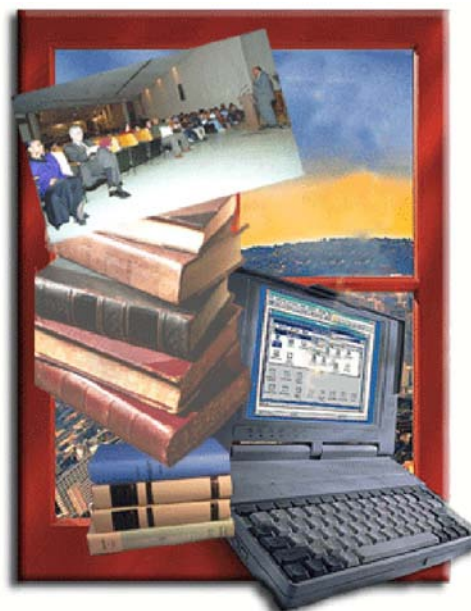
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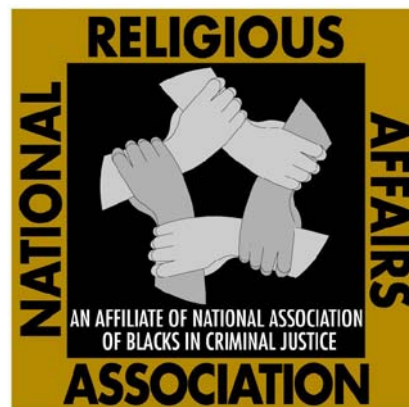
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