



Chief of Police Carl Dabadie

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A RESPONSE TO LA EARTH DAY INCIDENTS

Update 04-19-16

Sergeant Todd Bourgoyne has been placed on paid administrative leave following an incident which occurred at LA Earth Day. Bourgoyne is currently assigned to the Traffic Division and has been employed with the Baton Rouge Police Department for 22 years. An internal investigation is being conducted.

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With another LA Earth Day in the books, we are disappointed to report that some individuals within our community have chosen to turn this event into an opportunity for violence. In the past few years our department has responded to an increasing number of incidents at this event – in fact, yesterday’s event included a shooting that is currently under investigation.

It has also come to our attention that there was an incident at yesterday’s event involving a young man and one of our officers. While we cannot speak yet to the context in which this incident occurred, we can assure you that we are treating the situation with the utmost care and concern as we initiate an Internal Affairs Investigation.

“Events like LA Earth Day are meant to help our community unite with a shared mission, not to provide opportunities for violence,” said BRPD Chief Carl Dabadie, Jr. “As a department, it is our role to protect and serve our community, and as we investigate yesterday’s events, we intend to ensure that, moving forward, we respond to violent acts by attendees like what we witnessed yesterday responsibly and to the best of our ability.”

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