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Mayor Arceneaux Assures Security and Vigilance Following New Orleans Tragedy

Our hearts go out to the people of New Orleans, where a terrible act of terrorism cost fifteen innocent people their lives yesterday.

Every city that hosts major events has a responsibility to be vigilant against any act that would endanger the lives of people who are just trying to have a good time with family and friends. Shreveport is no exception.

Prior to every major event, the city convenes its Events Task Force, an interdisciplinary team that includes Fire, Police, SPAR, SPORTRAN and Public Works to develop plans, including a specific security plan and threat assessments, for the event. The team then fills the personnel needs for the plan and executes that plan. This often includes collaboration and cooperation with outside agencies and partners, including State Police, the Office Probation and Parole, the Caddo Sheriff's Office, Caddo Fire Districts, and Balentine Ambulance Services.

Our next major events in Shreveport begin soon with Mardi Gras parades this month and next month, and the African-American History Parade early next month, followed soon thereafter by a number of other Mardi Gras parades. We already use officers on the street, as well as the latest in technology (drones, camera towers and cameras) to try to stop anyone who tries to disrupt our events and harm our citizens. As we showed last summer with the Humor and Harmony events, we can hold large-scale events safely in Shreveport when we all work together.

As a result of yesterday's tragedy, we will be even more vigilant than before with these upcoming events.

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