



CITY OF SHREVEPORT  
MAYOR TOM ARCENEUX

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**MAYOR ARCENEUX'S STATEMENT ON  
DEPLOYING NATIONAL GUARD TO SHREVEPORT**

Shreveport Mayor Tom Arceneaux issued the following statement regarding the possible deployment of the Louisiana National Guard from New Orleans up to Shreveport:

"I respect Governor Landry's concern for public safety across Louisiana, and I appreciate his intention to support the provision of additional resources to fight crime in Shreveport.

"With a historically low number of P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training Program)-certified officers, the men and women of the Shreveport Police Department have done impressive work to reduce violent crime in Shreveport, with a 43% decrease in homicides from last year. We have made significant progress with crime reduction efforts, neighborhood engagement, and the addition of new resources to support our officers. We are fighting the battle and we are winning.

"While we are committed to solving our challenges locally, and I have full confidence in the ability of our police department to do so, Shreveport remains prepared and focused on the safety and well-being of our residents.

"That said, any city our size can always use additional resources in the battle against crime. The question is how, when, and in what form to provide those resources.

"I think the best way to determine how and what resources to provide to Shreveport should be the result of thoughtful discussions among our local, state, and federal officials to look for long-term solutions that include providing additional P.O.S.T.-certified officers, with arrest powers, to Shreveport and other similarly situated communities, as well as state and federal funds to increase police pay. I look forward to those discussions."

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