

Opelousas Police Dept. Press Release



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New police bikes makes patrolling safer

From: The Opelousas Police Dept. (Chief Perry Gallow)

The Opelousas Police Dept. have two shiny new additions to its traffic patrol fleet. The Honda ST-1300 motorcycles, purchased recently and delivered on Thursday are aimed at helping officers patrol more safely. "The bikes come equipped with brighter LED lights, anti-lock brakes and other features, which make them more effective for patrolling," according to Chief Perry Gallow. He said; "the Harley Davidson's the department had been using before had become more expensive when it comes to maintenance. This bike is faster, lighter and able to make safer turns. The safety issue was our main concern for purchasing the new bikes." Chief Gallow said the new bikes will help them pursue speeders and other traffic violators. It will also help prevent collisions with other drivers, who often fail to yield when officers are chasing someone. The brighter lights will make them more visible. The Two Honda motorcycles will join the other bikes to make a fleet of five. The Opelousas Police Department Motorcycle Division which is headed by Lt. Calvin Fontenot is responsible for handling funeral escorts, with duties that include patrolling and working traffic accidents. Chief Gallow said that these new additions are just another

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part of his plan to bring the best qualified officers and equipment to serve the citizens of Opelousas.

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