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Genny May is a thirty year veteran of the Louisiana State Police (LSP), having served with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office for three years prior to her employment with LSP. As Lieutenant Colonel, she is responsible for the operation of one of the largest and most diverse commands within the State Police. LTC May's personal philosophy is to lead from the front to ensure Bureau personnel serve Louisiana with pride and professionalism; to foster lasting and meaningful relationships with support agencies throughout the criminal justice community; to take care of her people and their families; and to always remember that she is a public servant and is indebted to the people she serves on all levels. Her primary focus areas are the Public Safety, Enabling Partnerships, and Diversity.

Throughout her career in law enforcement, she has excelled in each assignment and has proven to be an invaluable manager, mentor, and source of vision and innovation to the State Police. She consistently exhibits a high level of integrity, professionalism, and personal commitment. A graduate of the FBI National Academy, she holds a Masters of Public Administration from Louisiana State University, a Master of Science, Criminal Justice, from Southern University, and certification as a Louisiana Emergency Manager. During the days immediately following Hurricane Katrina, LTC May established an emergency call center and developed a pass system to allow critical infrastructure to reestablish itself in the New Orleans area.

In addition to serving public safety as an innovative leader and manager, she has served her country as a reservist in the United States Navy since 1986. She was called to active duty to serve the Defense Intelligence Agency and Joint Chiefs of Staff after September 11, 2001. A single parent, she unhesitatingly answered the call to duty. As a result of her extraordinary contributions while serving on active duty, she was awarded the prestigious Defense Meritorious Service Medal. In 2007, she served at the United States European Command Headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany for eight months. Remarkably, she has successfully balanced her broad and diverse professional responsibilities with her family responsibilities.

Lieutenant Colonel May is a positive role model for all young female professionals. She coordinated several events to assist women with career development, mentoring and networking opportunities. Her mentorship has extended to officers from city, parish and university law enforcement agencies. To ensure women from various agencies knew each other, she successfully planned, organized, and directed the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives Annual conference, "Think Outside the Badge," in 2007 involving 34 women police officers from five agencies within Louisiana. The conference was attended by approximately one hundred women from various federal, state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the United States and Canada.

There are enumerable examples of LTC May's contributions to the community. Aside from her personal involvement in many years of Girl Scout service and other community activism, she has volunteered for several Habitat for Humanity projects in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas, served as the Girls Camp Director for the LSP Camp-Win-A-Friend for disadvantaged girls and actively participated in numerous professional and service organizations. LTC May is the recipient of numerous awards and honors from both her law enforcement and military service. When asked, she will tell you her greatest accomplishment, and the one of which she is most proud, is the raising of her daughter, Alex, a sophomore at Ole Miss University.