

**Jack Varnado - Captain**  
**Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office**

Jack Varnado began his Public Safety career in 1986 as a volunteer firefighter where he earned his EMT-Basic certification. Jack began working in emergency communications in 1989 as a line-level Emergency Communications Officer with East Baton Rouge Parish EMS/911 and was promoted through the ranks to become Chief of Communications. He then moved into Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness before becoming the Deputy Director of St. Tammany Parish Communications District in March 2004. Jack then accepted the position of Captain at the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office, Communications Division, in the parish he has called home for nearly 30 years. He oversees all emergency communications and 911 for seven Law Enforcement Agencies and 11 Fire Departments. He also served as an Adjunct Instructor with the APCO Institute from 2002-2020. During this time he had the honor of representing the APCO Institute in Amman, Jordan, where he conducted training for the Jordanian National Police Force and then conducted training at the APCO World Congress in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Capt. Varnado also serves on the Board of Directors of APCO, International representing the Gulf Coast Region. He enjoys spending time with his wife Peggy and their children, Madelynn (23) and Jacob (21), on their family farm.