

TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 17, 2018

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

We are near the start of the Etouffee Festival on Friday, April 27, 2016. I will be present, as well as three (3) Arnaudville Police Officers, four (4) St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Deputies and four (4) St. Martin Parish Deputies. Special permission will be granted to those who wish to use their golf carts to travel from their residence to the festival grounds. Anyone interested in using their golf cart should come to the Police Station and fill out a form which they will be required to have on the cart while it is in use. Failure to have a form submitted into our office will result in a citation issued.

Signs have been made to designate Front Street from Tiger Touchdown #6 at Main Street and Guidroz Street all the way to the corner of Front Street and Union Street as well as Olive Street from Pine Street to Guidroz Street as "ONE WAY". These portable signs will be put up during the hours of operation of the Festival, probably one half (1/2) hour prior to the opening and after the close. The signs will then be moved to the side of the road and out of the way at all other times.

There will be a Drug Take Back program sponsored by the DEA occurring on April 28, 2018. Thrifty Way Pharmacy will act as the drop off point. Fliers have been posted at local businesses. Everyone is encouraged to bring unused or outdated prescription medication to the Pharmacy between the hours of 8am until 11am. Once completed the boxes will then be sealed and transported to the Police Department for later pickup and disposal by DEA.

On the 10th of this month we had a Neighborhood Watch meeting. Approximately 25 people were in attendance. Guest speakers included the Assistant Chief of the Arnaudville Fire Department who discussed fire safety, Neighborhood Watch representatives of both St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes speaking about the importance of having a good program in place and the owner of Bayou Teche Gun Shop who addressed gun safety and conceal/carry regulations.

I am in the process of preparing the employee evaluations. All will be completed and discussed with the employees before the next Council meeting.

I petition the Council to approve the promotion of Dispatcher Kirsten McBay to the position of Patrol Officer at a pay rate of \$9.93 per hour. Patrol Officer McBay should

complete her training by the end of this month. As soon as the next St. Martin Parish POST Academy is announced, Patrol Officer McBay will be enrolled.

I petition the Council to approve the hiring of Mr. Dylan Scott-Ford from the position of interim to permanent Patrol Officer effective immediately at a pay rate \$9.93 per hour. Patrol Officer Scott-Ford will begin training immediately and should be eligible for the POST Academy in January 2019.

Finally, I petition the Council to approve the hiring of Ms. Courtni Mouton from the position of interim to permanent Dispatcher effective immediately at a pay rate of \$8.56 per hour. She will be replacing Ms. Kirsten McBay who is being promoted to Patrol Officer.

I am currently reviewing our policies and procedures, and institute revisions that will serve to increase the efficiency and accuracy of the department and its employees, as well as improve the interactions and coordination with St. Landry and St. Martin law enforcement agencies.

Statistics from our Department for the month of March were: 29 Citations issued, 13 FIC's written, 58 MIC's written, 3 arrests, and 127 calls for service, while approximately 41% of time worked by the Officers was spent on routine patrol of our town.

It is now my honor to name the "Employee of the Month" for the Department. It is an honor and privilege to give the March award to Dispatcher Cynthia Guilbeau.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police