

**TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

July 24, 2018

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Non POST Patrol Officer Kirsten McBay is scheduled to begin the POST academy at the St. Martin Parish Police Academy on Monday, August 6, 2018. Her projected date of graduation is early November of this year. I will let the Council know her graduation date as soon as it is confirmed.

Our Department files have been moved into a secure location. Access to the location is limited to myself and Dispatcher Ida Lalonde. Anyone requesting a file will fill out a request to be given to Ms. Lalonde. Ms. Lalonde will then get the file, give it to the requester, and return it to its proper location once it is released back to her. As I pointed out during our last Council meeting, it is our intention to have cameras installed in the room to monitor all entries.

We have had delivered a 550 gallon gasoline tank for our vehicles. The tank will be locked with the Dispatchers being able to hand out the key whenever a Patrol Officer needs refueling. A log will be kept detailing the Police Unit being filled, the Patrol Officer dispensing the fuel, the mileage of the Unit and the date and time the gas was taken. Also a running total of remaining fuel will be kept to let us know when the tank is to be refilled. The advantage of having this tank will be that Patrol Officers can get gas no matter the time of day or night as well as during emergencies when other options may not available (during a storm or other disruptions). Another advantage is cost savings due to bulk purchases, which is believed to amount to roughly twenty (.20) cents per gallon.

It is an honor to name Father Travis Abadie as our Police Department Chaplain. Father Abadie attended a four (4) hour training class for Police Chaplain and we met on Thursday, July 19, 2018 to discuss what he had learned and how best he could assist our Department. On Thursday, July 26, 2018, Father Abadie will be officially welcomed into our Department for a celebration and blessing. The Mayor and Aldermen and Alderwomen are invited to attend the brief ceremony at approximately 1630 hours, 4:30 pm. Refreshments and a cake will be served.

We intend to host another Neighborhood Watch meeting in September if feasible. A firm date and guest speakers will be announced at the next Council meeting in August.

Statistics from our Department for the month of June were: 64 citations issued, 38 FIC's written, 43 MIC's written, 5 arrests, and 196 calls for service, while 35% of aggregate time worked by the Officers was spent on patrolling our town.

It is now my honor to name the "Employee of the Month" for the Department. As it always is, it is my honor to present this month's recipient of the award to Patrol Officer Kirsten McBay. Officer McBay is liked and respected by all the personnel in our Department. She goes out of her way to learn what is necessary to be a proficient Patrol Officer, paying close attention to detail.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police