

**TOWN OF ARNAUVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 16, 2015**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

As of Saturday, June 6, 2015 I have, with the approval of the Council at the last meeting, provisionally hired Ms. Amber Arnaud as a full time Dispatcher at the starting pay of \$8.56 per hour. I now ask the Council to approve the hiring of Ms. Arnaud to the full time position of Dispatcher for the Arnaudville Police Department.

The Officers are now writing their crash reports entirely on the computer using the LACRASH program. As pointed out at the last meeting this is not the new version of the program. The new version will replace this one when the installers arrive at our region of the state.

The full installation of the LEMIS program for report writing is still in the holding stage. The deficiencies that we had in the past are now being corrected. Training in the use of the program is going to be held next Tuesday (for the Dispatchers) and Wednesday (for the Officers). After training is completed we will be able to use the program for our report writing and for tracking incidents that occur in Town. There still remains a slight problem in the tracking of our incidents. Currently, it is thought, that the St. Landry and St. Martin Sheriffs Offices are posting our statistics with their own. I will review this and if this is happening then I will have to wait until January of next year before I can have them discontinue this practice. It is important that our statistics are tracked by our Department since any possible future grants are only given to Departments who do this.

The proposed use of an Inmate/Trustee to perform needed chores at our Department has been temporarily shelved. Although this arrangement would have allowed us some flexibility with cleaning the office and vehicles as well as performing minor repairs, after further research it was realized that the arrangement was not appropriate at this time. We will revisit this option at a later date.

I have been questioned about our Officers issuing citation for violation of the State of Louisiana Seat Belt Law. I honestly don't know why this is being questioned. In the Parishes of St. Landry, St. Martin and Lafayette, most traffic accidents that resulted in the deaths of one (1) or more occupants were the direct result of those individuals not wearing seat belts. These fatalities may have been prevented if those occupants had been wearing their seat belts. A few of our Officers have reported seeing children riding in the front seat of their parent's vehicle (and sometimes sitting on the lap of a parent) without any restraints. These drivers have been issued citations for these infractions. I

have been on a number of crash scenes where the death of a child could have been prevented if the parent had made sure their child had been in a restraint. Our Department will continue to monitor and issue citations to anyone not complying with the seat belt law.

As I pointed out at the last Town Meeting, our Officers have all been issued body cameras. They have all been instructed to record all interactions they have with anyone during their tour of duty. These cameras record what actually happens whenever there is an exchange between an Officer and another individual.

On June 11, 2015 our entire Department was honored by Arnaudville VFW Post 5153. Each of our employees was given a Certificate of Appreciation for the job that they have done during the past year. Our Department was chosen over others in St. Martin and St. Landry Parish for this award.

Statistics from our Department for the month of May were: 158 citations issued, 27 FIC's written, 89 MIC's written, 13 arrests, and 298 calls for service, while 47% of 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 Patrolman S. Jason Howell. This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police