

**TOWN OF ARNAUVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

May 25, 2016

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Dispatcher Amber Arnaud is currently enrolled in the St. Martin Parish Police Academy for her POST certification. She has completed 3 weeks thus far. Her projected date of graduation is July 19, 2016.

The Drug Take Back program sponsored by the DEA took place on Saturday, April 30, 2016, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. We collected 2 boxes of prescription and non-prescription drugs, approximately 20 pounds. It was felt that the program was a success although we plan on advertising more for future events with the hope of getting more participation.

When Dispatcher Anna White graduated from the Police Academy it became necessary for her to complete field training with an experienced Officer in order to meet certain goals necessary to perform her job and to qualify for the Louisiana State Supplemental Pay. In order for her to meet those goals I have Dispatcher/Officer White listed as a Reserve Officer performing 24 hours a month of training on her own time (in other words, she is not being paid during those hours). As I was discussing this arrangement with the Mayor she told me that Mr. Jerry Cronin with Risk Management Inc. (RMI) had questioned her about whether I could have an employee of the Department work as a reserve without compensation. I called Mr. Cronin and he advised that I should seek a recommendation for this question from the Town attorney. I contacted Mr. Richie Haik to inquire if an employee working as a paid employee could also preform duties as a Reserve Officer without receiving compensation. Mr. Haik made inquiries into the matter and called me back to say that there was no problem with how I was handling the situation. I then reported the findings of the Town attorney to Mr. Cronin who was satisfied with the way it was being handled.

All employees have been given their yearly evaluations as of May 2, 2016 (see attached letter). Although the performances were mixed, all those evaluated were satisfactory.

Statistics from our Department for the month of April were: 105 citations issued, 21 FIC's written, 95 MIC's written, 7 arrests, and 245 calls for service, while 65% 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 important that police officers, especially those that patrol our Town, be physically in

shape to face whatever comes their way. We become older while the criminals stay young. One Patrol Officer has taken it upon himself to get back in shape and for that I commend him. Because of his focus on becoming more physically fit it is my honor to present this month's recipient of the award to Patrolman Jason Howell.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police