

**TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2017**

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

By the time of our next Council Meeting, Dispatcher Trent Mouton will have graduated from the St. Martin Police Academy. The date of his graduation is slated for November 15, 2017.

During the next couple of weeks we will be conducting interviews of prospective employees to fill the vacancy that will be open when Dispatcher Mouton will be transferred to a full time position as Patrol Officer. We have already begun advertising the position via social media and expect to interview as many as a half dozen to a dozen candidates. Once a decision has been made on the best qualified candidate the Council will be advised for approval.

We are currently reviewing options for the Patrol Officers to be supplied with patrol rifles. At least two (2) options are being seriously reviewed. When more information is gathered we will inform the Council of the direction we will be trying to take.

Our Department canvassed the neighborhood which include the streets of Quebedeaux, Swamp and Washington to speak to those residents concerning our proposal of making those streets one way during the hours of 5:30pm until 8:00pm on Halloween night. Except for those residents who were not at home everyone felt that the proposal was great and that it would have a positive impact on the traffic flow and safety of the people in the streets. You will find, attached to each Police Department Report, a drawing detailing how the flow of traffic is to be handled. This minor inconvenience will only last during the two and one half hours (2 ½) outlined at the beginning of this paragraph and normal traffic flow when then resume.

A week from tonight, on October 24, 2017, we will be conducting another Neighborhood Watch meeting. Everyone is invited to participate to share ideas and information. It is important to understand that the community is the eyes and ears in assisting our Department to curtail crime. All information received is held in confidence and identities of reporting persons are confidential.

Statistics from our Department for the month of September were: 49 Citations issued, 13 FIC's written, 53 MIC's written, 8 Arrests made, and 133 calls for service. Routine town patrols accounted for 48% of the time our Officers spent on duty.

Finally, it is my honor to name the “Employee of the Month” for the Department. For the month September 2017 the employee is Dispatcher Cynthia Guibeau. Ms. Guibeau has quickly learned the tasks associated with the job expected of her and has made suggestions on how to improve our Department.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police