

**TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

We participated in the 15 year anniversary of the attack by Muslim Terrorist on the World Trade Center in New York at Francis Regis Catholic Church on Sunday, September 11, 2016. The ceremony, which lasted approximately fifteen (15) minutes, was put on as an appreciation to the men and women who work as first responders. Besides the Arnaudville Police Department personnel were representatives of the Arnaudville Fire Department and Acadian Ambulance Service.

I request the members of the Arnaudville Town Council to accept the resignation of Patrol Officer James Bell effective Thursday, September 1, 2016. His resignation was verbal and he did not give a written explanation for his departure.

Dispatchers Anna White and Amber Arnaud continue to receive training in order to be able to assume the duties of Patrol Officers. It is my intent that after their completion of training one of them will be promoted to the position recently vacated by Patrol Officer Bell.

The "Conversation with the Chief" meeting and the "Neighborhood Watch" meeting that were scheduled for this month was moved to next month. The recent flooding in our area caused some of our speakers to cancel. The new dates for these meetings will be Monday, October 17 and Thursday, October 20 respectively. I apologize for the inconvenience.

As I reported at the last meeting, I met with a representative of Entergy concerning the installation of Flood Lights in our cemetery. The cost for this is estimated to be approximately \$160 per month or roughly \$1,900 per year. It has been reported, and we have had complaints from citizens that the dark cemetery has been the site of drug deals as well as sexual activities. Illuminating the graveyard would dissuade people from using the area for criminal activity. I will be looking for funding to pay for this service by various means, including soliciting donations from citizens, businesses and community organizations to support this effort.

Statistics from our Department for the month of August were: 34 Citations issued, 33 FIC's written, 81 MIC's written, 7 Arrests, and 169 calls for service. Routine town patrols accounted for 52% of the time our Officers spent on duty.

Finally, it is my honor to name the "Employee of the Month" for the Department. It is my honor to give the award as well as a gift certificate for this month's Employee of the Month to Patrol Officer Barry Ard.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police