

TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2019

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

During the 2018 calendar year our Police Department responded to 1,816 calls for services. I am extremely proud of our Law Enforcement Officers for the manner in which they performed their duties. We review each incident that could have evolved into a serious problem and dissect it to ascertain if we could or should have done something different. Also, during the calendar year, our Officers issued 576 traffic citations. The holidays were uneventful. No major injury or complaint was received by the Department.

Patrol Officer Josh Ross will begin the St. Martin POST Academy on Monday, January 28, 2019. He will be in training for the next approximately fourteen (14) weeks.

I petition the Council to accept the resignation of Patrol Officer George Higgins effective December 31, 2018. Also to accept the resignation of Dispatcher Ms. Courtni Mouton effective January 13, 2019. We are currently in the process of interviewing candidates to fill vacant positions.

We intend to conduct a Neighborhood Watch meeting during the month of March. I will let the Council know when a date has been set.

We are also preparing for the upcoming Etouffee Festival to be held on April 26, 27 and 28, 2019. We will review what was done last year to see if improvements can be made. Should any Council or Community member have an idea to enhance our Festival experience please let our Police Department know.

I again petition the Council to make the necessary repairs and additions to our Town Hall facility in order to be in compliance with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) regulations. Although the Police Department had met the requirements to qualify for a new Ford SUV Police Cruiser, saving the town approximately \$35,000, we could not get the Cruiser because of non-compliance of ADA requirements. Our Department was told that there may be grants available to address the necessary construction work to be done. Please note that if the Town Council does not address our deficiencies, it will prevent us from being eligible to receive future government grants.

Statistics from our Department for the month of December were: 21 Citations issued, 22 FIC's written, 22 MIC's written, 3 arrests made, and 101 calls for service. I would

also like to point out that during the month, 36% 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. This person did an outstanding job during the past month. It is my pleasure to announce this month's Employee of the Month, Dispatcher Ms. Cynthia Guibeau.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police