TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING July 26, 2016

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The LACRASH program for vehicle accidents was updated to a newer version on Monday, July 25, 2016. This update has been in progress throughout the State for the past year and the region in which our Department is located is currently being addressed.

I recently attended the Louisiana Chiefs of Police convention in Lake Charles from July 13 thru July 15, 2016. A number of topics were discussed during the conference from Officer Safety to Laws governing juveniles. I came away with a few ideas that will help our Department better serve our Town and its residents. I also was fortunate that through networking with Chiefs from other towns and cities it may be possible that some needed equipment may be obtained at little or no cost.

Dispatcher Amber Arnaud graduated from the St. Martin Parish Police Academy on Tuesday July 19, 2016. Dispatcher/Patrol Officer Amber Arnaud will undergo some training with our experienced Patrol Officers before she will be asked to perform official duties, when needed, in that capacity.

On Monday, July 18, 2016, I invited citizens and business owners of our town to meet with me for a community conversation at the Arnaudville Civic Center. My intent was to gain ideas, through open and frank discussion, of what the Police Department needed to do to improve service to the Town of Arnaudville. Although the discussion sometime failed to stay on track occasionally, I think the overall feeling of those present was positive. In fact, on Monday, August 15, 2016 a follow-up meeting has been scheduled at the same time and place.

Also on Monday, August 15, 2016, the Police Department has been asked to assist with traffic control behind St. Francis Catholic Church from 9:30am until approximately 11:30am for the Eucharistic Procession along Bayou Teche. At least two (2) Patrol Officers and I will be in attendance during the service and immediately afterwards until the Alter and chairs have been picked up and removed.

I would like to thank some of the residents of our Town and a Breaux Bridge business who went out of their way to show some appreciation to our local law enforcement officers and dispatchers. A special thank you to Walmart of Breaux Bridge for a tray of finger sandwiches, Bobby and Amy Primeaux for the bags of chips and gatorade, Brian, Ann and Darby James for the large cookie cake and Fred and Sandra LaPorte for the 7up cake. All of the employees of the Department really are thankful for the show of support.

Statistics from our Department for the month of June were: 118 citations issued, 19 FIC's written, 90 MIC's written, 8 arrests, and 248 calls for service, while 68% of time worked by the Officers was spent on patrolling our town.

It is now time to name the "Employee of the Month" for the Department. This month I feel that it would be appropriate to name two (2) employees for this award. As I mentioned earlier Ms. Amber Arnaud graduated from the Police Academy this month while Ms. Anna White completed her Academy training and graduated March 29, 2016. It is my honor to present this month's recipients of the award to both Dispatcher/Patrol Officers Anna White and Amber Arnaud for their commitment to completing the courses required of the Police Academy and graduating from same.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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