TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 23, 2018

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

During the 2017 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.

I petition the City Council to approve the hiring of Mr. John Billiot and Mr. Leroy Briscoe from a provisional to a full time Patrol Officer at Pay Grade 2, Step 2 or an hourly pay rate of \$9.93. Both of these individuals have passed all necessary tests to assume these positions. The only other criteria they will have to complete is their firearm qualifications, which will be given by Chief Noel of the Leonville Police Department, who is a POST firearm instructor on Saturday, January 27, 2018 and Sunday, January 28, 2018. After completion, both Mr. Billiot and Mr. Briscoe will be given adequate field training prior to assuming patrol duties on their own. Both will also have to attend a POST Academy within a year of their hire date.

I petition the Council to accept the resignation of Patrol Officer Trent Mouton effective January 22, 2018. Because of this unexpected departure I am currently in the process of interviewing candidates for a Patrol Officer position.

At our last Council meeting on December 19, 2017, I requested that the Council approve Disciplinary action that was taken on a Police Department employee. Since the Council did not vote on this, I petition the Council to approve the Disciplinary action that was given of three (3) days off without pay due to conduct issues.

We intend to conduct a Neighborhood Watch meeting within the next few months. 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 27, 28 and 29, 2018. 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.

Statistics from our Department for the month of December were: 73 Citations issued, 54 FIC's written, 41 MIC's written, 15 arrests made, and 151 calls for service. I would also like to point out that during the month, 53% 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. She is very enthusiastic about learning her job as it relates to her new duties as an Acting Sergeant. She is also coming up with and implementing new inner office checks and balances to assist our Department in running more proficiently. It is my pleasure to announce this month's Employee of the Month, Patrol Officer/Acting Sergeant Ms. Anna White.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police