

**TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

All of our officers are in the process of completing the required 20 hours of training in order for them to retain their POST certification. Also, Officer Barry Ard is currently in the process of attending the POST Academy that is being conducted at the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Training Academy for his mandatory refresher courses that must be completed prior to his obtaining his Louisiana POST certification.

Our Dispatcher/Clerks have started inputting our Case Reports (CR's) into our LEMIS system. As I informed the Council last month, we have to go back to July 1, 2015 and begin putting those CR's until we catch up and go current. Also, all reports that were generated since that time have to be put into the system by the Patrolmen who initiated the report. I expect that all inputs will be complete by the end of October of this year.

All Officers have been issued Department owned duty gear and weapons. Each one now carry the same make and model duty pistol. Should a crisis arise we will be able to exchange magazines without fear that the caliber of bullet or style of magazine will not match the weapon we carry.

About three (3) weeks ago I was visited by Mr. Ivy Perioux, the head of the St. Martin Sheriff's Office Maintenance Department. During our meeting he asked how I was doing in my job and I told him that everything was "peachy". I mentioned, in passing, that I was in the process of painting my office and Mr. Perioux told me that he could send a crew over to do the painting for me. A few days later, after speaking with the Mayor, I called Mr. Perioux and asked if they might be willing to paint our jail area as well. As of this report, my office and the jail is in the process of being painted. After all the painting is completed I would like to invite the Council to visit and see the wonderful job that's been done. It should be noted that, except for the purchase of the paint and three (3) meals a day to the painters, the labor cost was free.

As I have mentioned in previous reports, one of the bunks in Cell 1 of our jail was broken. Somehow the left front corner of the top bunk had been broken from its mooring on the wall. We have been cited at least twice by the State for failure to repair the damage. Patrolman Jason Howell took it upon himself to make the necessary

repairs to the bunk. Therefore, we should be in compliance with the State during future inspections.

Police departments across the nation are under siege and have become targets. Officers are being attacked and threatened everywhere. Although nothing has ever happens in our community, the recent events in Lafayette and Sunset should not be dismissed. On September 12, 2015, three (3) days ago, a Texas DPS Trooper was at the Pilot Truck Stop in Breaux Bridge getting gas for his vehicle. The Trooper was wearing a shirt with markings of "Texas DPS". While the Trooper was in the parking lot an unidentified black male saw the Trooper and made comments before reaching inside the vehicle he was riding in and pulling out a chrome "1911" style automatic handgun. The Trooper pulled his gun from his waistband and pointed it towards the black male. The suspect, along with the driver and two (2) other passengers, then sped off. That incident is currently being investigated by the Louisiana State Police. Our Officers have been instructed to remain on high alert throughout their tour of duty and to always be prepared even when off duty. Every call they go on, every traffic stop they make, has the potential of turning bad...even in our community.

Statistics from our Department for the month of August were: 144 Citations issued, 25 FIC's written, 101 MIC's written, 6 Arrests, and 280 calls for service. Routine town patrols accounted for 47% of the time our Officers spent on duty.

Finally, it is my honor to name the "Employee of the Month" for the Department. This past month I was faced with a dilemma because two (2) employees were in position to win. Unfortunately I can only pick one. That employee went out of her way by starting the process of inputting Case Reports (CR's) into our new LEMIS system in order for us to begin fully utilizing the system. She worked her way through some of the bugs in the system and made sure to alert other Dispatcher/Clerks of the problems. It is my honor to give the award certificate as well as a gift certificate for this month's Employee of the Month to Dispatcher/Clerk Ms. Sable Jolivette.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police