

**TOWN OF ARNAUVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

All of our officers have completed the required 20 hours of training in order for them to retain their POST certification. Also, Officer Zachary Williams is currently in his third week of the POST Academy that is being conducted at the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Training Academy.

We are still awaiting the installation of the Town's computer server and hopefully, new work stations and monitors. Until the new system is installed the LEMIS program for report writing and the LACRASH program for auto accident reports cannot be installed.

We had our first Neighborhood Watch meeting on Thursday, August 28th, at the Civic Center. There were approximately 22 town residents present. The guest speakers were Captain Platt with the St. Landry Sheriff's Office Special Service Division, Captain Miles with the St. Landry Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division, and Sergeant Jones with the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division. The attendees were excited about the meeting and the answers they received from the speakers and requested that another meeting be set up to gather more information. Because of this, another meeting is scheduled for this Thursday evening at 6:00pm at the Civic Center. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We hope to have not only a repeat of the last guest speakers but a few others as well.

Our Officers have begun using our two (2) police interceptors for patrol. We are currently getting quotes to place identifying decals on the units. Once the quotes are in we will determine which we will use and begin the process of having the units properly marked.

I am sorry to report that Officer Craig David has accepted a position in Breaux Bridge as a patrolman effective September 24th of this year, his last full time day with us being the 23rd of this month. Officer David told me that since Officer Williams is in the Academy until November 11th and we are critically short of personnel, he would be willing to remain with our Department on a part-time basis. Officer David stated that he would be able to work 1 to 3 days a week, on his off time from the Breaux Bridge PD, in order to assist us until the completion of the Academy.

Of the dozen or so applications that have been received since my taking office, I feel that two (2) applicants are worthy of consideration for employment. Both of these applicants are not certified as Patrol Officers. The first, Mr. Jason P. Ruiz, has had years of experience working for private security companies, including stints with Hollywood Casino Baton Rouge and Evangeline Downs in Opelousas. The second, Ms. Anna M. White, has two (2) years of experience as a Correctional Officer with the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office. Both applicants were highly recommended by their former employers and personal references.

Additionally, Mr. T. J. Bergeron contacted me seeking an opportunity to work for our Department in the capacity of a Reserve Officer. Mr. Bergeron has law enforcement experience with a number of agencies in our area. As a reserve Officer Mr. Bergeron would be able to give us 36 hours of service a month.

Therefore, I wish to ask the Council to approve, effective immediately, the retention of Officer David in a part-time capacity, the hiring of Mr. Ruiz and Ms. White as Patrol Officers Third Class at the starting salary of \$9.25 per hour with an increase to \$9.42 per hour upon their completion of a one week POST Firearm Certification Course, and finally permission to activate Mr. T. J. Bergeron into the position of a Reserve Officer.

Statistics from our Department for the month of August were: 11 Citations issued, 16 FIC's written, 4 MIC's written, 5 Arrests, and 183 calls for service.

Finally, it is my honor to name the "Employee of the Month" for the Department. This person has gone out of their way to make suggestions on how to better improve the services that the Department is offering as well as working to set up programs that we are offering to the citizens of the Town. The person has also made sure that I keep track of my numerous appointments and deadlines, without fussing too much when I forget. It is my pleasure to give the award certificate as well as a gift certificate for this month's Employee of the Month, Dispatcher/Clerk Ms. Ida Lalonde.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police