

**TOWN OF ARNAUVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Patrol Officer Anna White recently completed one (1) week of training for the JCARD team being formed in the Acadiana Region. JCARD, which is an acronym for Joint Child Abduction Rapid Deployment, is being sponsored by the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation). This is the second JCARD team to be started in the State, the first being in the Baton Rouge area. The purpose of the team is to act as a rapid deployment group in cases of abductions and the mysterious disappearances of children. Since the inception of these teams nationally, 54% of abducted children were found alive when the team was deployed within 24 hours of the child being reported missing. However, when the team was deployed more than 72 hours after the child was reported missing, no victims were found alive. Officer White was one (1) of over 50 law enforcement members who were trained and was assigned as a member of one (1) of the two (2) teams formed in our region. Interesting to note that, since April 2015, when the JCARD team was established in Baton Rouge they were deployed three (3) times to assist with locating missing/abducted children. On all three (3) occasions, the child was found alive.

As the Council has been informed in the past, each Patrol Officer must complete twenty (20) hours of in-service training during a calendar year to maintain their POST certification. Although some training is provided by the POST Council online, most of the training is done outside our Department either in classrooms or in the field. Recently, four (4) Patrol Officers from the Department attended training, which was given at no cost, in Baton Rouge involving a two (2) hour case study involving the Sandy Hook incident, reviewing the shooting that occurred at an elementary school and a two (2) hour case study of Samantha Runnion, reviewing the abduction and murder of a child.

With the Etouffee Festival just two (2) months away the Department has been reviewing problems that presented itself last year to be addressed. Except for a couple of minor infractions, making Front Street one way running north/south from the Tiger Touchdown grocery store to Union Street was very successful. We had very little problems with parking or the movement of traffic. This was not the case on Olive Street from Pine Street to Guidroz St. This section of Olive Street was a constant problem concerning parking and the smooth movement of traffic. There was barely enough room for vehicles traveling in opposite to pass each other. At times people had to back up in

order to facilitate the movement of the vehicles and some heated discussions were overheard. In order to alleviate these problems our Department has decided to turn Olive Street into a one way street from Pine Street to Guidroz Street running south/north. This will create a circle around the cemetery and festival area. All signs and/or traffic controls will only be in place during the times posted for the Etouffee Festival itself.

I received a notice this morning of Patrol Officer Zachary Williams' decision to end his employment at the Arnaudville Police Department effective immediately. It was a pleasure working with Patrol Officer Williams and we wish him the best in his new endeavors. He will be missed by the entire Department.

Statistics from our Department for the month of January were: 46 Citations issued, 41 FIC's written, 55 MIC's written, 5 arrests, and 155 calls for service, while 58% of time worked by the Officers was spent on patrol of our town.

It is now my honor to name the "Employee of the Month" for the Department. It is my pleasure to give the award for this month's Employee of the Month, Patrolman Joseph Carriere.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police