

**TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 15, 2016**

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Dispatcher Anna White currently has approximately two (2) weeks to go until she will complete her training at the St. Martin Police Academy Training facility for her POST certification. As I stated last Council meeting, Ms. White is scheduled to graduate on March 29th of this year.

We are going forward with plans to make Front Street "ONE WAY" during the Etouffee Festival. As I stated last month, this is being considered for safety reasons. We have purchased "political campaign type" poster signs. We have also purchased post that will be cemented into five (5) gallon bucket onto which the signs will be affixed thus making them completely portable. Purchasing the signs, posts, buckets and cement (in order for us to make the signs), made the cost decrease to only one quarter of the amount originally projected. Since I have not received a preference as to the direction of the one way direction it was decided to have the flow of traffic from Tiger Touchdown #6, located at the southeast corner of Main Street and Guidroz Street until the corner of Front Street and Union Street. The change we be effective from Friday, April 22, 2016 until Sunday, April 24, 2016 and only during the hours of operation of the Festival.

I am currently in the process of preparing employee evaluations to be given to all employees who have over one (1) year of continuing service with the Department. These evaluations should be completed by the end of April 2016 and a letter documenting the completion of the evaluations will be given to the Council during the May meeting for your approval.

It was brought up at the last Council meeting that I consider forwarding Officer "Body Camera" footage of certain stops or calls, via uploading from the Police Department Storage, to the Magistrate's computer in order for the Magistrate to review the footage when considering judgement. While attending the mid-year Louisiana Chief of Police Association conference held March 9 and 10, 2016, this issue of body camera footage and whom should have access to it was addressed. According to the governing board of the Association, a bill is currently being considered for inclusion into the up-coming state legislative session. The key question on the release and/or sharing of video information outside the secure confines of the police department is related to confidentiality and privacy issues, as well as the security of confidential information. Until this issue has been properly addressed through a legislative process, it was

suggested that any request for such information be addressed to the Chief of Police who would review the footage and answer any questions required so as to ensure privacy and confidentially. In the spirit of cooperation, I would be happy to discuss the process with the Mayor at her convenience.

Organizers of the "Fire & Water After Dark" program inquired as to whether they could block parking at the curb from the Lil Big Cup Restaurant to Tom's Fiddle Shop on Fuselier St. from 6pm until 10pm on Saturday, April 16, 2016. The area being blocked would be on the South side of the roadway and would not impede traffic in either direction on Fuselier St. According to the spokesperson, all business owners on that side of the street were in agreement to the temporary blockage.

Statistics from our Department for the month of January were: 108 Citations issued, 33 FIC's written, 87 MIC's written, 6 arrests, and 243 calls for service, while 55% 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 as well as a \$25.00 gift certificate for this month's Employee of the Month, Dispatcher Ida Lalonde.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police