

TOWN OF ARNAUVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2017
POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

On Tuesday, October 24, 2017, we conducted a Neighborhood Watch meeting at the Community Center. Approximately thirty (30) people were in attendance. Discussions included CPR training and reporting of suspicious activities in and around the Arnaudville town limits. The main topic of discussion was safety during the upcoming holidays and of people being aware of their surroundings while out shopping.

Tuesday, October 31, 2017, the streets of Quebedeaux, Swamp and Washington were designated as "One Way" for approximately two and one half hours (2 ½ hours) during the "Trick or Treat" time period of Halloween. The feedback received was favorable and we did not experience any traffic congestion. We will revisit this approach to reducing congestion and increasing child safety next year.

Wednesday, November 15, 2017, Dispatcher Trent Mouton graduated from the St. Martin Police Academy. Mr. Mouton received two (2) separate awards relating to his time at the Academy. Mr. Mouton received the "Top Gun" award for the highest score on the firearms qualification. Mr. Mouton's second award was for "Top Academics" based on written tests that were given throughout their training. It is worthy to note that Mr. Mouton was also chosen as President of his Academy Class. I wish to congratulate Mr. Mouton for these achievements.

I petition the Town Council to approve the promotion of Dispatcher Trent Mouton to the position of Patrol Officer at the pay rate of Grade 2 Step 13 (\$11.37 per hour).

During the past few weeks our office has been reviewing applications for the position of Dispatcher to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Mouton upon his completion of the St. Martin Police Academy. We received roughly twenty (20) application of which approximately ten (10) candidates showed up for an initial interview. Of those that showed up initially, five (5) were chosen to come back for a follow-up interview with Dispatchers Jolivette and Richard on Friday, November 17, 2017. Of the five (5) asked to return only four (4) showed up. After discussing qualification, work habits, sociability, and references it was decided, based on our discussion, that the best candidate is Ms. Kirsten McBay.

I petition the Town Council to approve the hiring of Ms. Kirsten McBay to the position of Dispatcher, on the provision that she pass the physical and drug screen, at the pay rate of \$8.56 per hour.

I petition the Town Council to approve the acceptance of the resignation from Sergeant S. Jason Howell, effective November 30, 2017. I am sorry to see Sergeant Howell leave and I wish him the best of luck in his new endeavor.

With the leaving of Sergeant Howell we find ourselves shorthanded and due to this we have placed an ad for a Patrol Officer on our website. The intent is to review all application and begin interviewing on or about the week of December 11, 2017. Our intent is to have a recommendation for the hiring of a full time Patrol Officer at the next Town Council meeting to be held on December 19, 2017. In order to assist our Department, Reserve Officer Barry Ard has consented to return to full time duty for two (2) weeks in December 2017 and two (2) to six (6) months starting in January 2018. Reserve Officer Ard will take the patrol position vacated by Sergeant Howell.

I petition the Town Council to approve the move of Officer Barry Ard from a Reserve Officer status to that of a full time Patrol Officer at the same pay rate he was earning when he left. This will only be a temporary assignment and once our Department is back to full strength Officer Ard will return to his Reserve Officer status.

Statistics from our Department for the month of October were: 52 Citations issued, 15 FICs written, 57 MICs written, 9 Arrests made, and 151 Calls for service. Routine town patrols accounted for 46% of the time our Officers spent on duty.

It is now my honor to name the "Employee of the Month" for the Department. For the month of October the award is being presented to Patrol Officer Anna White. Officer White does not shirk from her responsibilities. Anytime that she is called she responds favorably.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police