**TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MARCH 20, 2018**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

As I informed the Council at the last meeting, it’s the intent of the Police Department to turn Olive Street into a one way street from Pine Street to Guidroz Street running south/north during the Etouffee Festival next month. With the making of Front Street, from Guidroz Street to Union Street, a one way running north/south this will result in the creation of a circle around the festival grounds.

On Tuesday, April 10, 2018 we will be hosting another Neighborhood Watch meeting. Some refreshments along with coffee and snacks will be served as well as door prizes being given. One of our guest speaker will be someone from our local gun shop (Bayou Teche Guns) to review gun safety and the requirements necessary for a “conceal/carry permit). All residents of the 70512 area zip code are invited to attend.

A recent grant has been submitted through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Development for the purchase of a new Ford Explorer Police Interceptor. The total cost for this vehicle (including all additional police equipment such as audio/visual attachments and graphics) will be approximately $35,000 of which our Department would be responsible for our portion of the cost which is roughly $8,000. I apologize for not presenting this to the Council earlier; however, this opportunity came to my attention after our last meeting and, because of time constraints, I was forced to act quickly in order to have the grant proposal submitted in a timely manner. Should this grant be approved, we were informed that we could be eligible for another vehicle grant next year. We are also looking into getting some funding to purchase new ballistic protection vests for each of our Patrol Officers as well as new portable radios. We will continue to explore avenues for discounts, grants and/or donations for upgrading our Police Department.

I petition the Town Council to approve the promotion to Sergeant and a pay raise to Grade 2 Step 24 ($12.82 per hour) to Acting Sergeant Patrol Officer Anna White. Acting Sergeant Patrol Officer White has completed a probationary period of approximately 90 days since assuming that role on December 19, 2017. She has met or exceeded all duties assigned in a timely and professional manner. In this position Sergeant White will assume responsibly of some of the day to day operations of the Arnaudville Police Department. It is intended that this promotion and pay increase will become effective at the next pay period beginning March 31, 2018.

Statistics from our Department for the month of February were: 27 Citations issued, 26 FIC’s written, 46 MIC’s written, 5 arrests, and 128calls for service, while 44% 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 name Patrol Officer Leroy Briscoe as employee of the Month.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police