## TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 19, 2014

## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Work continues on sifting through the evidence in our Evidence Locker. Some of the cases have already been directed to the District Attorney of St. Landry Parish to determine if they have been adjudicated. Once we receive the written order telling us that the evidence is no longer needed we will have it properly disposed.

Again, we do need signs posted on the fence by each gate outlining the rules that must be followed by all users of the tennis/basketball court.

Two (2) of our officers have completed the required 20 hours of training in order for them to retain their Post certification. The last officer recently completed two (2) of the four (4) days of classes and is scheduled to complete the final two (2) days by the 10<sup>th</sup> of September.

Miscellaneous Interview Cards or MIC's were printed during the last week of August and are currently being used by our officers. Again, as I pointed out in the last report, these cards will be filed for information purposes and to track any trends.

I am currently awaiting the installation of the Town's computer server and; hopefully, new monitors. I have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow with Austin from Computer One at 8:30 am in reference to our needs.

Our Department has just received two (2) police interceptors. During the recent Louisiana Chiefs of Police Convention last month in Baton Rouge, I had the pleasure of meeting Chief Rick Richard of the Mandeville Police Department. During our conversation, the budget constraints of smaller communities was being discussed. I explained that our Department was in the process of ordering a new vehicle but that, even with that addition, we would still be short at least two (2) police interceptors. Two weeks ago Chief Richard informed me that his Department was in the process of purchasing two (2) new vehicles and he wanted to know if I might be interested in having the two (2) Crown Victoria police units that were being replaced. When I asked how much we would have to pay he told me that there was no cost and that the only thing I needed to do was to go to Mandeville and pick them up; which we did this morning. These units came with all the lights, sirens and PA system. The hood on one the vehicles is peeling and requires a refresher paint job. Also, new decals will need to be applied to both vehicles to designate them as Arnaudville police cars. I have not gotten any prices for these upgrades yet, but I feel that the total cost should not exceed \$2,500. I would like the Council to approve at least this amount for the upgrades since it was not in the original budget.

I am sorry to report that Ms. Lisa Lanclos resigned her position as a dispatcher effective July 16<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Officer Zack Williams is scheduled to begin the Police Training Academy in St. Martin Parish beginning the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month. In reference to this I will have Officer Williams sign a two year contract with our Department. I faxed the contract to the town attorney, Mr. Ricky Haik for his review and he informed me that it was in order.

Statistics from our Department for the month of June were: 50 Citations issued, 46 FIC's written, 8 MIC's written, 11 Arrests, and 262 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. The person has also kept me from messing up by reviewing my written letters, memo's, and even the reports I read at these meetings. It is my pleasure to give the award certificate as well as a gift certificate for this month's Employee of the Month, Dispatcher/Senior Clerk Ms. Sable Jolivette.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police