

**TOWN OF ARNAUVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2014**

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Officer Zachary Williams is currently in his final three (3) weeks of the POST Academy that is being conducted at the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Training Academy. His graduation is scheduled for November 11th.

The Town's computer server has not yet been installed; however, I understand that the work stations and monitors for the Police Department are in. Again, until the new system is installed the LEMIS program for report writing and the LACRASH program for auto accident reports cannot be installed.

We had our second Neighborhood Watch meeting on Thursday, September 18th, at the Civic Center. There were approximately 16 town residents present. The guest speakers were Captain Platt with the St. Landry Sheriff's Office Special Service Division and Ms. Lisa Vidrine, Director of St. Landry Parish Office of Homeland Security. We are in the process of working closely with Captain Platt to get this program running by having Zone Captains appointed and building trust in our community.

We received a quote from Barneys Police Supply to place decals and graphics on our two (2) Crown Victoria police vehicles. The total cost for both vehicles (material and labor) is \$1,036.00. We are still awaiting a quote from First Responders. Once both quotes are received (there are no other vendors, to my knowledge, in our area who work with police vehicles) we will have the vehicles customized with our logos. With the knowledge that the cost will not exceed \$1,036.00 I ask the Council to approve this non-budgeted expense.

The surveillance system in the Police Department has been out for a month or more. The problem is not the cameras but the DVR system. The system should have 9 ports for 9 cameras; however, since a severe storm a month or so ago 2 of the ports were damaged and now it looks like a few others are also going bad (which is something I was warned about). The cost to replace the DVR with the same amount of ports is \$1111.00 while an increase in the ports to 12 would cost approximately \$2222.00. I would suggest the increase to 12 ports because of possible future expansion in cameras; however, that decision is up to the Council. I ask the Council to approve either the 9 or 12 port DVR and also approve the non-budgeted expense to purchase and install the item.

I am sorry to report that Officer Craig David had to cut his ties with our Department effective October 17. Officer David had stated that he would have been willing to assist our Department until Officer Williams completed the Police Academy but found the schedule too demanding. He will be missed.

As I reported last month, two (2) individuals (Ms. Anna White and Mr. Jason Ruiz) were hired on a provisional basis. I wish to apologize to the Council in that I have no choice but to release one (1) of the individuals. The other individual is being retested tomorrow, October 22nd, and the final outcome of that will determine their employment status.

Statistics from our Department for the month of June were: 7 Citations issued, 15 FIC's written, 16 MIC's written, 4 Arrests, and 121 calls for service.

It is my honor to name the "Employee of the Month" for the Department. This person can be counted on to fill in whenever needed, if he is available and not out of town. This employee rarely complains and always supports our Department. It is my pleasure to give the award certificate as well as a gift certificate to Mini Mart, which was donated, for this month's Employee of the Month, Officer Joseph Carriere.

I now wish to introduce Mr. Jerry Quebedeaux who would like to speak for a few minutes in regards to the help that I asked of him to upgrade the Departments policies and procedures. Mr. Quebedeaux has a vast wealth of knowledge and experience with various law enforcement agencies in and out of our State. Mr. Quebedeaux retired from the Louisiana State Police after attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and Deputy Superintendent. Mr. Quebedeaux is currently serving as Sheriff Ronnie Theriot Executive Officer for the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office. I wish to make note that the advice and help that Mr. Quebedeaux gave to our Department would have cost us upwards to \$50,000 had we been forced to get an outside consultant to perform this service. I wish to extend my deep appreciation to both him and Sheriff Theriot for his valuable time.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police