

TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2018

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

We are currently in the process of trying to get one (1) and possibly two (2) entry level Patrol Officers to replace those that are no longer with our Department or will be leaving shortly. These individuals will be trained in-house to perform the duties of a Patrol Officer. Starting pay for these positions will be at Pay Grade 2, Step 2 or \$9.93 per hour. Before either has completed one year of service, each must be enrolled in an approved POST Academy. Upon completion and full accreditation, their pay will be adjusted accordingly. Keeping this in mind, I petition the Council to approve the provisional hiring of Mr. Larry Venable as a Patrol Officer on condition that he passes his physical and drug screen. This hire should occur in the next few weeks.

At last month's meeting I asked the Council to approve the establishment of a Reserve Patrol Officer Unit. The hours that each reserve officer would be required to work during a year would be 288 hours, roughly 24 hours per month. The hours would be strictly voluntary and could be worked in any increments of time as long as the total reached the minimum required. If the Reserve Officer wished to work more hours they could as long as approval was granted. All reserve officers would be required to pass a physiological exam and a background check. Further, they would have to submit to a physical and drug screen plus pass the POST Firearm Course in order for them to be armed. Non POST certified officers would be required to ride along with one of our full time officers while fulfilling their hourly obligation. Insurance coverage for these Reserve Officers would be approximately \$1,000 per year per officer.

Statistics from our Department for the month of November were: 14 Citations issued, 14 FIC's written, 30 MIC's written, 2 Arrests made, and 77 calls for Service. Routine town patrols accounted for 35% of the time our Officers spent on duty. I wish to point out that our patrol force was not up to our required level of personnel and that St. Landry and St. Martin Sheriff's Office were of great assistance in augmenting our force last month, therefore our statistics for the month were lower than usual.

Now for the honor of naming the "Employee of the Month" for our Department. This employee has gone out of his way to not only learn what his job entails but has also demonstrated a willingness to bond with the residents of our community. It is my pleasure to present the employee of the month award for November to Patrol Officer Josh Ross.

Finally, I reviewed the performance of all the employees and decided to name one (1) Dispatcher and one (1) Patrol Officer as employee of the year in their respective fields. Dispatcher of the year went to Ms. Dianna Richard while Patrol Officer of the year was Patrol Officer Kirsten McBay. I wish to congratulate both for an outstanding job during the past year.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police