

**TOWN OF ARNAUVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Dispatcher Trent Mouton is currently enrolled in the St. Martin Police Academy. The date currently planned for graduation is November 15, 2017. Mr. Mouton was elected class president by his peers for the current academy class.

At the end of next month, as you are all aware, Halloween will once again be celebrated. Many children from the surrounding area descend within our Town limits to partake in the celebration and the harvesting of candy. During the celebration our Department is faced with an uncommon amount of traffic congestion. While most of the town is spread out enough to handle the congestion, the northwest corner of town is a problem. The streets of Quebedeaux, Swamp and Washington pose a problem due to the compact area where they are located. It is proposed to make these streets one way during the hours of Halloween celebration. The Department will canvas this area to gain input from the residents to see if such an arrangement is feasible and acceptable to them. Once we gather the information we will inform the Council of our findings during the October meeting.

I once again ask the Town Council to pass an Ordinance to create the position of Sergeant within the Arnaudville Police Department. Along with the creation of this position I also request the positions of Captain and Deputy Chief also be added to the ordinance in order to save time should any of these positions open up in the future. Since a Council Member must introduce such an ordinance, I request that one of the Council Members do so at this meeting in order that a public hearing can be scheduled for next month's meeting and a vote can be taken.

On Tuesday, October 24, 2017, a Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled at the Community Center. The program will begin at 6:00 pm. A couple of speakers are being scheduled to discuss topics of possible interest. Refreshments will be available and everyone is invited.

Statistics from our Department for the month of August were: 56 Citations issued, 21 FIC's written, 58 MIC's written, 5 Arrests, and 164 calls for service. Routine town patrols accounted for 46% of the time our Officers spent on duty.

Finally, it is my honor to name the "Employee of the Month" for the Department. It is my honor to name Dispatcher Dianna Richard as the recipient of this month's recognition.

Ms. Richard came out of retirement in order to assist our Police Department during our time of need by assuming the responsibility of a full time Dispatcher.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police