

TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2015

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

On Monday, November 2, 2015, Officer Ard had successfully completed all the mandatory courses at the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Training Academy and was able to sit for and pass the Louisiana POST test. Officer Ard now has all the necessary credentials needed that comply with Louisiana Law Enforcement. It was unfortunate that Officer Ard could not attend the official graduation ceremony due to an off duty injury that will keep him out of work until the end of January 2016.

A reminder that on Thursday, December 3, 2015, the Arnaudville Police Department will be hosting a Neighborhood Watch meeting. We anticipate a nice turnout and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Department recently purchased Tasers and Radar Equipment (for traffic control). Although we had been approved for three (3) of each, because of unforeseen costs we only had enough money in the budget for two (2) of each. In the case of the Tasers, we needed to purchase batteries for all of our Tasers because the current batteries are drained and need replacement. Further, we had to get cartridges for the Tasers we have and the two (2) that we purchased. The excess expense of these items would not allow us to make the approved purchase without overrunning our budget. With respect to the Radar Equipment, the amount budgeted was for Radars that were handheld and stationary. It was decided to get Radars that could not only be used while stationary but could also be mounted in our patrol vehicles and used to monitor speed while the patrol vehicle was moving. These dual purpose Radars were more expensive and therefore it was determined, because of their versatility, to purchase only two (2) of these.

Officer James Bell will have his first year anniversary on December 4, 2015. I have reviewed his job performance (see attached letter) and request that his hourly wage be increased from his current pay of \$11.90 per hour to \$12.30 per hour. This increase, if approved by the Council, has already been budgeted for the 2015-2016 year.

Statistics from our Department for the month of October were: 82 Citations issued, 13 FIC's written, 86 MIC's written, 8 Arrest made, and 255 calls for service. Routine town patrols accounted for 54% of the time our Officers spent on duty.

It is now my honor to name the "Employee of the Month" for the Department. For the month of October the award and gift certificate is being presented to Officer Zack

Williams. Officer Williams exhibits a true liking of the job and does not shirk from his responsibilities.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police