

**TOWN OF ARNAUVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2015**

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The recently purchased Tasers and Radar Equipment has been delivered. These items will be distributed to the Officers based on need and/or performance. We are still in need of more of this equipment and during our study as to their efficiency, a decision of the quantity and cost to completely equip our Department will be included in our 2016-2017 budget.

Since becoming Chief of our Police Department I have stressed the importance of training to all the employees. I have encouraged all individuals to show some initiative and have assured them that any request for additional training that makes their position with the Department more valuable will be considered. As a result of this, two of our Dispatchers have expressed the will and desire to attend the Louisiana State POST Academy that is conducted by the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office in order for them to become Police Officers. With this in mind, Dispatcher Anna White and Amber Arnaud both had psychological evaluations performed as a precursor to their being enrolled in the POST Academy. I am pleased to inform the Mayor and Council that both candidates passed the psych exam. I am currently in the process of evaluating which of the two will be the first to attend the POST Academy which will begin on January 11, 2016. I want to point out that upon completion of the Academy each employee will be required to sign a two (2) year agreement to work with our Department. Further, these individuals will continue in their current positions as Dispatchers until or unless a Police Officer position is created or needs to be filled due to attrition. Upon completion of one (1) year of service as a POST Commissioned Police Officer these individuals will be eligible for State Supplemental Pay.

We had a very productive Neighborhood Watch meeting on Thursday, December 3, 2015. Although our previous attempts were unsuccessful, this time was a charm thanks to the assistance of two (2) involved citizens, Ms. Cheryl Castille and Ms. Monica Taylor. I am pleased to say that we had a turnout of 41 people in attendance. Along with Captain Cheyne Platt, Supervisor of Special Services for the St. Landry Sheriff's Office that includes the Neighborhood Watch Program we also had two (2) representatives from the St. Martin Sheriff's Office Neighborhood Watch Program, a Detective from the St. Landry Sheriff's Office Narcotics Bureau, and special guest speaker Captain Clay Higgins. Quite a number of ideas were discussed to insure the safety of our community and many questions were asked and answered.

Statistics from our Department for the month of November were: 131 Citations issued, 15 FIC's written, 77 MIC's written, 7 Arrests made, and 223 calls for Service. Routine town patrols accounted for 54% of the time our Officers spent on duty.

Now for the honor of naming the "Employee of the Month" for our Department. This employee has gone out of their way to improve the efficiency of the Police Department. Every task assigned has been done quickly and questions asked when they are unsure of the results requested or generated. For the month of November, the award and gift certificate is being presented to Dispatcher Ida Lalonde.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police