

**TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2016**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Dispatcher Anna White graduated from the St. Martin Police Academy for her POST certification on Tuesday, March 29, 2016. Dispatcher/Officer White will continue to work in her current position until such time that a Patrol Officer position opens up. In the meantime, I plan on placing Dispatcher/Officer White as a Reserve Officer within the Department. This will afford Ms. White the opportunity to gain some valuable training working as a Patrol Officer. As stated earlier, her primary duties will continue to be as a Dispatcher, and it will be up to her to schedule training time on her off days. Note that as a Reserve Officer Ms. White will not be compensated during her training.

I attended the Louisiana Chief of Police conference in Marksville on March 9 and 10 of this year. Although I have attempted to get equipment for free, at times it is not possible. One of the goals for the Department is to obtain laptop computers for our vehicles. I am currently reviewing whether we will be able to smoothly interface any laptops we purchase with the main server.

The Department of Health and Hospitals inspected our jail cells for compliance on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. Our detention facility passed inspection with no violations cited.

We are near the start of the Etouffee Festival on Friday, April 22, 2016. I will be present, as well as two (2) Arnaudville Police Officers, four (4) St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Deputies and four (4) St. Martin Parish Deputies. Special permission will be granted to those who wish to use their golf carts to travel from their residence to the festival grounds. Anyone interested in using their golf cart should come to the Police Station and fill out a form which they will be required to have on the cart while it is in use. Failure to have a form submitted into our office will result in a citation issued.

Signs have been made to designate Front Street from Tiger Touchdown #6 at Main Street and Guidroz Street all the way to the corner of Front Street and Union Street as "ONE WAY". These portable signs will be put up during the hours of operation of the Festival, probably one half (1/2) hour prior to the opening and after the close. The signs will then be moved to the side of the road and out of the way at all other times.

There will be a Drug Take Back program sponsored by the DEA occurring at the end of April. Both pharmacies in town have been informed and fliers have been posted at local businesses. The boxes that are to hold the outdated medicine will be located at the

APD office. Everyone is encouraged to bring unused or outdated prescription medication to our Office for disposal by DEA.

I request that the Council approve approximately \$1,000.00 in excess capital expenditures for the purchase of a pistol and necessary equipment. On May 2, 2016 Dispatcher Amber Arnaud will begin POST training at the St. Martin Sheriff's Academy facility. Ms. Arnaud will be in need of this equipment when she begins her firearm training. With regard to this training, it may not begin until very late in May or early June before firearm training begins, so if the Council agrees, I think I can wait until the last minute to purchase the pistol and equipment and wait until the beginning of July to pay for it; thus having the expense fall in the next year's budget.

Statistics from our Department for the month of March were: 85 Citations issued, 36 FIC's written, 95 MIC's written, 10 arrests, and 237 calls for service, while 26% of time worked by the Officers was spent on routine patrol of our town.

It is now my honor to name the "Employee of the Month" for the Department. It is an honor and privilege to give the March award to Patrol Officer Zach Williams.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police