

Bay St. Louis Police Department

Monthly Report

1 -31 July 2013

Mississippi House 2 Open Carry Law: Effective 1 July 2013 Ms House Bill 2 went into effect. This bill allows a Mississippi Resident, to openly carry a firearm/weapon in public. Persons who have been convicted of a felony, have an active Protection Order on them (from any Judicial System in the United States) are prohibited to carry a firearm/weapon open or concealed.

The City of Bay St. Louis Prohibits the carrying of any firearms/weapons under House Bill 2 Open Carry and the Concealed Weapon Statue (Ms 97-37-1) into or onto any City Building or Property. This will include City Hall, City Court, City Council Chambers , The Community Center, The Depot, The Garden Club, all City Parks, and any other property the City is the Custodians of. With the exception of authorized Law Enforcement Personnel.

Private Property and business owners can prohibit the carrying of firearm/weapons onto their property. They can place a sign by all entrances stating no firearms allowed. Posting of signs is not required; the owner can verbally advise someone they do not allow firearms/weapons on their property. If any business owner needs a sign we have some at the Police Department you can come and pick some up at no charge.

At this time House Bill 2 is on hold there has been an injunction filed, once court hearings are finished it will be decided if and when the Bill goes into effect. You can obtain a copy of House Bill 2 on the states web site, www.mss.gov. and in the search box type in House Bill 2. If there are any questions please contact me at 228-466-5476, and I will answer them or meet with you.

I ask you to understand we will be handling all calls for service from any person reporting a subject carrying a firearm/weapon. It is not the intention of this department to interfere with anyone's Constitutional freedoms and rights. With this being new to everyone it will take time for some to adapt to the law.

LADY BEWARE COURSES: The Bay St. Louis Police Department will continue to offer the Lady Beware Course. This is recommended for every women age 17 and those of a mature age , there is no cost for the course. All instructors are officers from the Bay St. Louis Police Department and volunteer their time. If you are interested in enrolling; contact Officer Daune Caughlin at 228-466-5486, or Chief De Nardo at 228-466-5476. We would like to keep our class size to 25 women, if your organization would like to participate all together; we will make arrangements for a special class. You can attend the course as many times you like.

SCHOOL STARTS: 8 August 2013 is the start of the new school year. We will be assisting with traffic control around some of the schools. You are reminded that the speed limit in ANY SCHOOL ZONE is 15 MPH is from 7:00am all the way to 4:00 pm, this excludes days when school is not in session or students are not present. We ask you to be mindful of the students walking to school and the SCHOOL BUSSES picking them up and discharging them. If you speed in a school zone or fail to stop for a school bus loading or unloading you will be issued a traffic citation.

Penalty for speeding in a school zone: Ms Statute { 63-3-515 }

1 st offense	\$100.00 or 10 days in jail
2 nd offense	\$200.00 and/or 20 days in jail (within one year of first conviction)
3 rd or subsequent	\$500.00 and/or 6 months in jail
Conviction within 1 st year	

Penalty for passing a school bus while loading or unloading: Ms Statute {63-3-615}

	Minimum	Maximum
1st offense	\$350.00	\$750.00 and/or 1 year
2 nd offense	\$750.00	\$1,500.00 and /or 1 year

The following activity is reported by the Bay St. Louis Police Department:

Number of traffic citations issued:	75
Number of calls for service	869
Number reports written	434

Number Arrests:

Driving impaired	1
Rape	1
Sexual related	2
Aggravated Assault	4 domestic
Simple assault	5
Domestic assault	3
Burglary	9
Theft	5
Auto theft	3
Warrants	25
Total arrests	58

We have initiated a Departmental survey form on our service, we will randomly send out survey forms to people who have requested our service, or have had contact with an officer of this department. If you receive one please take the time to fill it out and place it in the stamped self addressed envelope that is supplied. Your option is important to me and I would like to ensure the service you receive the best we can offer.

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the citizens who have shown support for your Police Department. It is very gratifying to receive calls and letters from you recognizing the work our officers do. I will ensure they are advised of your thanks.