

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: December 14, 2020
To: Town Council
From: Ryan P. Hawk, Chief of Police
RE: Monthly Police Activity Report – November 2020

Due to the daily changes being made by the CDC and the Health Department, the police department has again implemented new operating procedures by suspending drug take backs, fingerprinting and the issuing of vendor permits. We have further implemented response to only in progress calls and handling other calls via the phone. Thorough sanitization procedures, social distancing, masks and temperature monitoring are being implemented. All courts are closed until 2021 and immediate hearings are taking place via video conferencing.

On November 28, 2020, while on routine patrol, Officer Neal Corll came upon traffic congestion on McKnight Road due to a disabled vehicle. Officer Corll further observed the driver appeared to be slumped over behind the wheel, unresponsive and the vehicle was still in drive. Officer Corll quickly gained entry to the vehicle by smashing the passenger window with a hammer, pulling the driver safely from the vehicle and upon medics' arrival, they were able to administer life-saving treatment. I officially commended Officer Corll for his attention and devotion to duty by saving a life.

Despite the surge of Covid-19 cases we were able to fit some training in during November. We had two officers attend a report writing class at the Allegheny County Police Academy. Both officers stated that the training was worthwhile and will assist them in writing better reports. We also had three officers attend a virtual seminar dealing with Disability Awareness to help recognize persons suffering from a disability. We also had two officers and a civilian staff member attended a training seminar on Uniform Crime Reporting, which is crucial as PA begins to transition to new guidelines through the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

During the month of November, I met with my supervisory staff and we came up with what we believe to be both a feasible and necessary timeline for keeping our police department efficiently and effectively running as it pertains to both attrition and our current uncertain times. We put together some key facts that we believe will help us all keep moving in a positive direction.

We are once again partnering with the North Hills Community Outreach and accepting donations in the lobby of the police department through Wednesday, December 16th. They are accepting new toys, blankets, cleaning supplies, paper products for the pantry, and gift cards. The drop box is in the police station lobby.