

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: December 13, 2021
To: Town Council
From: Ryan P. Hawk, Chief of Police
RE: Monthly Police Activity Report – November 2021

November 1st began with a fundraiser for "No Shave November" in which officers elected to raise money for an anonymous McCandless family, whose young daughter suffers from severe epileptic seizures, which require multiple costly brain surgeries. Coincidentally, November was National Epilepsy Awareness Month. The 'buy-in' for officers was \$50 (or more) in order to be granted a temporary exemption from the General Order Manual on appearance, as it pertains to facial hair growth.

The first McCandless Police Citizen's Academy Graduation was held on 11/8/21 and was deemed a huge success by all those who attended. It was great to hear the positive comments by the attendees to Town Council at the November 8th council meeting.

We are once again partnering with the North Hills Community Outreach and accepting donations in the lobby of the police department through December 20th. This year we are accepting new toys, toiletries, blankets, cleaning products, paper towels, baby wipes and diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6).

November was a productive month in terms of police training. Nearly the entire department performed SIMTAC Training, which is a simulated decision-making training that utilizes officers' handguns, Tasers and verbal commands. This training was well received, and we hope to do it on a yearly basis. Officer Kyle Allshouse received his certification as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), which will enable him to evaluate drivers who are suspected of driving while under the influence of narcotics. One officer received certification as a semi-automatic rifle instructor, which will enable him to train other McCandless officers in the use of semi-automatic rifles. Three officers attended training in Active Threat Incidents, which teaches officers how to successfully manage critical incidents involving Police, Fire and EMS. I attended training specific to police chiefs dealing with Employee Complaints Involving Law Enforcement as it relates to municipality liability. Finally, annual update training for 2022 for the entire department has already been scheduled. These are mandatory courses required by the Municipal Police Officers Education Training Commission (MPOETC) that every officer must complete annually.