

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: December 12, 2022
To: Town Council
From: Ryan P. Hawk, Chief of Police
RE: Monthly Police Activity Report – November 2022

November 1st began with a fundraiser for “No Shave November” in which officers elected to raise money for a McCandless family of a three-year-old, who is bravely battling leukemia. 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.

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, cleaning products, paper towels, baby wipes and diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6).

Monthly training continued for the officers assigned to the North Hills Special Response Team (SRT) and K-9 Unit in order to maintain their specialized certifications. One officer attended a DUI Conference in Harrisburg, which is held yearly and keeps all state certified Drug Recognition Experts current on case law and various topics involving Driving Under the Influence cases. This is also required for the Drug Recognition Expert to maintain certification. One officer attended a workshop sponsored by Children Youth and Families, which dealt with issues officers face when dealing with problems involving minors. Three officers attended training in dealing with encounters involving Sovereign Citizens and their Fifth Amendment Rights. Detective Sergeant Egli and I attended Executive Leadership Training sponsored by the FBI. This training focuses on the emerging challenges facing 21st century police leaders as well as planning and navigating the political waters of executive leadership and the emerging trends within law enforcement.

On 11/5/22, McCandless Police participated in an evidence destruction program conducted by the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. Detective Sergeant Egli is our Evidence Custodian Officer, who prepared all appropriate evidence for destruction.

On 11/18/22, we participated with the North Hills DUI Task Force in conducting a Roving DUI Patrol detail in conjunction with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration Checkpoint Strike Force along various roadways in Shaler Township, Boroughs of Etna and Millvale. 78 vehicles were stopped for various traffic violations and five individuals were administered field sobriety tests. Of those tested, four were arrested for Driving Under the Influence. There was also an arrest made for Possession of Marijuana, a warrant was served and nine citations were issued for various vehicle code violations. This is the 26th year for the North Hills DUI Task Force and to date, 246 checkpoints/roving patrols have been conducted. There have been 2,188 individuals tested for DUI, and of those tested, 1,034 have been arrested. The purpose of the North Hills DUI Task Force is to save lives on the roadways and reduce injuries.