

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: November 9, 2020
To: Town Council
From: Ryan P. Hawk, Chief of Police
RE: Monthly Police Activity Report – October 2020

The final third of the department participated in a low light shoot at the County Police Academy. Four officers participated in a trailer safety class with members of the McCandless Department of Public Works. We also sent six officers for training in De-Escalation, which will assist them in diffusing tense/difficult situations. We also sent two officers for training in the Use of Force, which instructs officers in the best practices involving the Use of Force. Two officers were sent for extensive training involving Sexual Assaults. One of our officers attended training involving Crime Scene Investigations, which covered all aspects of investigating various crimes.

During the month of October, Detective Bock transported over 79 pounds of unwanted expired drugs to the Ross Township Police Department for the Drug Take Back Initiative. The Pennsylvania National Guard Counter Drug Joint Task Force collects the unwanted medications for destruction.

Our K9 Joy was awarded a grant for a new bullet/stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from a non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. The money for this vest was raised by a very generous group of citizens from Lake Marshall Drive. K9 Joy continues to be very busy as he successfully sniffed out a significant amount of Heroin in a reported suspicious vehicle, he successfully tracked the direction of an elderly male with dementia as well as Joy assisted Indiana Police with tracking a lost child. Joy completed his certifications with the City of Pittsburgh Police K9 Unit, which include narcotics detection, luggage narcotics detection, obedience, building searches, article searches and aggression control. In addition, Joy was requested multiple times this month by scouting troops to demonstrate his skills in obedience and searches.

Detective Bock participated in an interview as a high school senior project. The high school student has aspirations in law enforcement and was explained the various aspects of the job.