

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: October 10, 2022

To: Town Council

From: Ryan Hawk, Chief of Police

RE: Police Activity Report – September 2022

During the month of September, officers assigned to the North Hills Special Response Team (SRT) and our K-9 unit all participated in their monthly training to maintain their specialized certifications. Detective Sergeant Egli and I attended a School Safety Conference, which covered topics on how to keep our school community safe and this training was also attended by school administrators. Detective Bock attended training on Death and Homicide Investigations, which assists in detecting deaths of unnatural origin. One officer attended training in recognizing signs of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and how to properly support this disorder. One officer attended training in High Impact Supervision, which helps supervisors utilize best practices in supervision.

Officer Allshouse volunteered his time to help coordinate and host two training sessions in conjunction with the PA DUI Association for several local departments. The first was a three-day course in Standardized Field Sobriety Tests for the Basic Practitioner consisting of both classroom presentation and practical hands-on experience with “dosed” volunteers covering the basics associated with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Guidelines for Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. This training helps to standardize testing that is being used across the United States. To date, approximately 90% of our department has completed this training. The second, was a two-day course in Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) consisting of classroom presentation covering the basics of impaired driving related to drugs. Special thanks to the Ingomar Fire Department for allowing us to use their facilities to host both of these training courses.

On 9/17/22, 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 in McCandless, Pine and Marshall. There were 88 vehicles that were stopped for various traffic violations and one individual was administered field sobriety tests. Of those tested, none were arrested for Driving Under the Influence, but seven traffic citations were issued for various vehicle code violations.

With September being nationally recognized as Senior Center Month, Detective Sergeant Egli conducted a presentation to the seniors at Ascension Lutheran Church on preventing becoming a victim of financial abuse and fraud scams.