

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: May 11, 2020
To: Town Council
From: Ryan Hawk, Chief of Police
RE: Monthly Activity Report – April 2020

We are diligently working under modified operations to safely and effectively respond to police calls during the pandemic. We have added many tasks to our daily routines to help ensure safety measures are in place while continuing to adhere to regulations and complete daily reports to FEMA. These reports include logs for sanitizing patrol vehicles at every shift change, responding to COVID 19 threats and conducting business checks for obedience to mandates. We are closely monitoring all our activities and working round the clock to stay informed and do as much as we possibly can to keep everyone safe.

The police department continues to recognize the generous community support through donations of food, sanitizing products and homemade masks via our police Facebook page. We have also received countless thank you notes from residents who appreciate our involvement in parades and drive-by celebrations during isolation. Most notably, the president of UPMC Passavant Hospital sent a heartfelt letter addressing his appreciation for the police being part of the “Passavant family” through our participation in their highly publicized event for honoring health care heroes. During our successful McCandless Food Drive, all on-duty officers assisted with packaging food as well as traffic control. Also, we are pleased to resume our partnership with North Allegheny Schools through our Bigs In Blue Program via Zoom.

On 4/2/20, during early morning hours, Detective Sergeant Egli was opening the vacant building at Rave Cinemas for the Allegheny County Sheriff's Warrant Squad to conduct training, when he encountered a trespassing squatter hiding in the building. Sgt. Egli safely apprehended the actor, who was determined to have an outstanding, fully extraditable felony warrant. Special arrangements for the custody and transport of the fugitive during isolation were efficiently made by Detective Sergeant Egli.

On 4/10/20 during daylight hours, police responded to a fatal crash on Perry Highway. It was determined that an elderly couple made impact with a box truck when the driver suffered a medical emergency before impact. All other involved parties suffered minor injuries.

We currently have numerous non-violent pending arrests and traffic violations that will be charged when the Commonwealth fully re-opens.