

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: May 10, 2021
To: Town Council
From: Ryan Hawk, Chief of Police
RE: Monthly Police Activity Report – April 2021

During the month of April, officers were able to attend several outside trainings. Lieutenant Basl and I attended a seminar/training at Hampton Police Department on the assets of social workers to law enforcement and the communities they serve. The course also highlighted Enhancing Crisis Intervention Skills. Detective Sergeant Egli, who is a member of the North Hills SRT Team attended a training on Command Decision Making and Leadership. This training will assist him in making command decisions within the SRT Team as well as his normal duties within the McCandless Police Department during critical incidents. Four officers attended a virtual training dealing with filing Juvenile Allegations electronically. A Juvenile Allegation is used when filing criminal charges against a juvenile. One officer attended training on Statement Analysis, which will assist in determining the truthfulness of a written statement given by a suspect. One officer attended training on Lethality Assessment, which is used in domestic violence situations to determine the potential for future violence.

On 4/4/21, a heartfelt thank you was received from a mother who was extremely grateful for the McCandless Police responding so kindly to her son, who was suffering from an autistic episode.

On 4/10/21 police provided traffic control protection for volunteers picking up litter on busy Town roads during the highway cleanup day that filled nearly 200 bags of trash.

On 04/13/2021 police responded to the 8000 block of Knoll Street for a violent domestic involving a male who was destroying his parent's home with an ax. Upon officer arrival, the male was seen running into the thickly wooded area near UPMC Passavant Hospital. Hospital facilities in the area were immediately put in lockdown and additional resources from neighboring police departments along with the North Hills Special Response Team (SRT), drones and K-9 units assisted with the search. On 4/15/21 the male was located and subsequently transported to a medical facility. The McCandless Police extended their appreciation to several agencies for their assistance: Northern Regional Police Department, Allegheny County Police and the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office Warrant Squad.

On 4/20/21 Detective Sergeant Egli and Detective Bock transported 55.2 pounds of unwanted expired prescription drugs to Ross Township Police Department, where the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs National Guard Counter Drug Joint Task Force collects and destroys the medications.

On 4/20/21 Sgt. Christian Guzzo spoke with Cub Scouts about bicycle safety and the scouts were very excited to be outside visiting with the police.

On 04/21/21 police responded to a call in the 8700 block of Harmony Parkway for a report of found military explosives. The Allegheny County Bomb Squad responded to retrieve the devices for proper disposal.

On 4/22/21, in conjunction with PennDOT and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), police conducted an Aggressive Driving enforcement operation.