

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: May 9, 2022
To: Town Council
From: Ryan Hawk, Chief of Police
RE: Monthly Police Activity Report – April 2022

During the month of April, the remainder of department successfully completed Mandatory In-Service Training and several officers completed their Annual Firearms Qualifications. Four members of the command staff attended a two-day Leadership School hosted by Ross Township Police, which gave instruction on techniques in leading and mentoring subordinates. Several officers attended a refresher course on the Lethality Assessment Program conducted by Crisis Center North. This training will assist officers in recognizing domestic situations requiring special attention and follow up. Six officers attended training in the use of the BOLA Wrap, which is a non-lethal tool used to temporarily immobilize combative/fleeing persons by wrapping their arms and/or legs with a tether temporarily incapacitating them and allowing officers to safely take them into custody. Three officers attended training on assisting persons with Autism. The department's K-9 unit and SRT officers attended their monthly trainings. During the last week of April, I attended Police Executive Development Training (POLEX), which helps leaders in law enforcement with organizational development and managing public relations in all sectors of police management.

On 4/6/22 Detective Sergeant Egli and Sergeant Ewing participated in a PA Region 13 Active Shooter Response Training exercise with North Hills SRT. The training was conducted by the PA State Police and involved numerous role players simulating a live active shooter scenario.

On 4/8/22, officers participated with the North Hills DUI Task Force in conducting a Roving DUI detail in conjunction with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration Checkpoint Strike Force. There were 83 vehicles stopped for various traffic violations and 4 individuals were administered field sobriety test. Of those tested, 3 were arrested for Driving Under the Influence. One individual was arrested for carrying a firearm without a license and a small amount of Marijuana. Another individual was arrested on an outstanding warrant. Traffic citations were issued to 14 drivers and 76 warnings were issued for various vehicle code violations.

On 4/9/22 and 4/23/22 police provided traffic control protection for volunteers picking up litter on busy McCandless roadways during the highway cleanup day, which resulted in nearly 300 bags of trash.

On 04/19/22 Detective Michael Bock transported 26.4 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 4/20/22 officers conducted an Aggressive Driving Enforcement Operation in conjunction with the PennDOT and National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) in the Wexford flats area of Perry Highway. The operation resulted in 34 various traffic citations issued.

On 4/25/22, K9 Joy was requested for a Girl Scout presentation. The scouts were very eager to learn about K9 Joy's skills and demonstrated obedience work with a live article search for keys in the courtyard.