

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: September 14, 2020
To: Town Council
From: Ryan Hawk, Chief of Police
RE: Monthly Activity Report – August 2020

I would like to thank Town Council and Town Manager, Bob Grimm, for unanimously voting me as your Chief of Police. I am both honored and devoted to serving McCandless to the absolute best of my ability.

I would like to commend Officer Richard Waite for his “Attention and Devotion to Duty.” On 8/17/20, Officer Waite was dispatched to a call for a young adult male with an accidental, self-inflicted gunshot wound. Upon arrival, Officer Waite observed the male was losing blood at a moderate pace and Officer Waite applied his personal tourniquet to successfully stop the bleeding until medics arrived. This is the second time in just a little over a year that Officer Waite saved a life. In May of 2019, Officer Waite responded to a young adult female, who was not breathing. Upon arrival, Officer Waite observed the young woman’s mother performing CPR. After assessing the female had no pulse, Officer Waite observed an obstruction to the female’s airway. After clearing her airway and continuing CPR, medics arrived and were able to regain a pulse.

On 8/24/20, officers responded to a call for a female who jumped out of an ambulance and then jumped into a retention pond behind Cumberland Crossing. Without hesitation, Sergeant Michael Cheberenchick entered the dangerous water and safely negotiated the female to safety.

The department continued with mandatory firearms training this month.