

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: September 13, 2021
To: Town Council
From: Ryan Hawk, Chief of Police
RE: Monthly Activity Report – August 2021

During the month of August, the final two officers completed their Annual Mandatory In-Service Training. Two officers attended a training titled Grounded and Wounded, which instructed officers on how to survive a violent encounter should they become wounded. Two officers attended training on Critical Incidents which instructs the police on best practices when dealing with major incidents. One officer attended training on Crisis Management for School Based Incidents, which instructs on how to best manage incidents that occur in school settings. Six officers attended training on De-Escalation, which demonstrates various methods to help diffuse volatile situations. The entire department has successfully completed training on De-Escalation. K9 Joy passed his annual narcotic certifications with Pittsburgh Police K9 trainers for narcotic detection in luggage, buildings and vehicles as well as certification tests for off-leash obedience, aggression control and building searches.

Our first ever National Night Out was held on August 3, 2021 and was a great success thanks to the outpouring of support from both the community and all those who came together to honor the men and women who protect us and who partner with the police to keep our community strong. I would like to express my gratitude to all those who volunteered their time and showed their support both in person and in the way of generous donations. It was very nice to have our community and first responders together for a family fun evening.

On 8/9/21 and 8/16/21, in conjunction with PennDOT and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), McCandless Police successfully conducted Aggressive Driving enforcement operations.

On 8/21/21, the North Hills DUI Task Force conducted a DUI Sobriety checkpoint detail that was in conjunction with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration Checkpoint Strike Force in Indiana Twp on RT 910. There were 590 vehicles that passed through the checkpoint and 7 individuals were administered field sobriety test. Of those tested, 2 were arrested for Driving Under The Influence, 4 were arrested for Driving Under The Influence of Drugs and 8 warnings were issued for various vehicle code violations. This is the Twenty Sixth year for the North Hills DUI Task Force and to date, 235 checkpoints/roving patrols have been conducted. There have been 2126 individuals tested for DUI, and of those tested, 991 have been arrested. The North Hills DUI Task Force is comprised of officers from the police departments of Etna, Indiana, Northern Regional, O'Hara, Ross, Shaler, West Deer, West View, McCandless and Millvale.

On 8/20/21, the McCandless Police reviewed nearly 20 applications submitted for the first ever Town of McCandless Citizens Police Academy. Candidates have been notified of their acceptance based on passing a background check. The academy classes begin Thursday, September 16, 2021.

I would like to commend Officer David Martin and Officer Jason Evey for their "Attention and Devotion to Duty." On 08/21/21, police were called to a welfare check. Upon arrival and unbeknownst to the officers, the male was suicidal and concealing a handgun. Officers Martin and Evey were able to successfully take control of the gun. There were no injuries to anyone involved and the male was transported for mental health assistance.