

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: September 12, 2022
To: Town Council
From: Ryan Hawk, Chief of Police
RE: Monthly Activity Report – August 2022

Thanks to everyone in the community who made our second annual National Night Out a great success on 8/2/22. This event is truly living up to its intentions as we had an outpouring of support from both the community and all those who came together to honor our first responders who help 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.

During the month of August, nineteen officers attended trainings. Five officers attended a Standard Field Sobriety Test refresher course, which is required by the Federal Government in order for officers to participate in the Federal DUI Task Force. Seven officers participated in ARIDE Training, which bridges the gap between detecting operators under the influence of alcohol and drugs. One officer completed training in becoming a certified range master, which allows the officer to conduct and certify firearms training to meet and exceed the state requirements. One officer completed training in Less Lethal Munitions, which allows the officer to be a certified instructor. Both School Resource Officers (SROs) completed training in dealing with situations in which school buses may be involved in critical incidents. Officers assigned to the North Hills Special Response Team and our K-9 unit all participated in their monthly training to maintain their specialized certifications.

On 8/2/22 Detective Sergeant Egli transported 46.8 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 8/3/22 Officer Mike Metzger joined bicycle officers from the surrounding departments in Allegheny County to ride with the Allegheny County Camp Cadet Program, which is staffed by local Pennsylvania State Police, Allegheny County Police, Allegheny County Sheriff Office and local municipal police officers who serve as counselors and instructors.

Congratulations to the North Hills SRT Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) for winning this years "Best of the Best" Negotiations Competition, which took place on 8/11/22 downtown and pitted the team against numerous other CNT teams, each very accomplished and handling truly difficult scenarios.

On 8/20/22, we participated with several police departments in Allegheny County in "Shop with a Cop" at Macy's located in Ross Park Mall. This special grant was given by Macy's to several kids, who were awarded a back-to-school shopping spree for clothing and other items they can use for the upcoming school year.

During the month of August, Detective Sergeant Eric Egli conducted Active Shooter Training for teachers, staff and administration of North Allegheny Schools and the Alpha School

We welcomed two Slippery Rock University student interns to begin our newly created Social Worker position. This position officers ongoing intervention in a therapeutic capacity to residents.

In addition to completing the 2023 budget this month, we also applied to Allegheny County for a grant to cover the town's portion of the existing grant for Body Worn Cameras (BWCs) purchase or other related technology updates.