

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: January 10, 2022
To: Town Council
From: Ryan P. Hawk, Chief of Police
RE: Monthly Police Activity Report – December 2021

North Hills Community Outreach was very grateful to receive our generous holiday donations collected from the entire McCandless community. Officers donated over \$2,200 to a McCandless family with medical expenses related to multiple surgeries for their young child through their participation in 'No-Shave November' and December.

On 12/4/21 and 12/17/21, officers participated with the North Hills DUI Task Force in conjunction with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration Checkpoint Strike Force, conducted a Roving DUI Patrol in Indiana, McCandless, Ross, O'Hara, Pine, Richland, Ross, West Deer, and West View Townships along various roads. In total, there were 164 vehicles that were stopped for various traffic violations and 5 individuals were administered a field sobriety test. Of those tested, 3 were arrested for Driving Under the Influence (DUI), 21 citations were issued and 153 warnings were issued for various vehicle code violations. This is the 26th year for the North Hills DUI Task Force and to date, 239 checkpoints/roving patrols have been conducted. There have been 2,140 individuals tested for DUI, and of those tested, 1,012 have been arrested. The North Hills DUI Task Force is comprised of officers from the police departments of Etna, Indiana, McCandless, Millvale, Northern Regional, O'Hara, Ross, Shaler, West Deer and West View.

On 12/14/21, a resident in the 10000 block of Deer View Point could hear a dog continuously barking from a sewer. Upon Officer Koo's arrival, a dog was observed trapped in a drain pipe. McCandless Department of Public Works arrived to assist in removing the sewer grate and K9 Sergeant Madden was able to climb down the storm basin and lift the dog to safety.

On 12/15/21, the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges' Commission performed an on-site audit evaluating our compliance with the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency Monitoring. Detective Sergeant Egli oversaw the audit and we were commended for our hard work and dedication toward ensuring we are in full compliance with federal requirements identified with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP). There were no violations or problems requiring formal resolutions identified during the site visit audit.

Outside training for the department was suspended due to the rapid spread of the Covid-19 Omicron variant. However, our North Hills Special Response Team (SRT) members as well as our K9 Unit continued to attend their bi-weekly training. Yearly performance reviews and goals were established for support staff within the department.