

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: March 8, 2021

To: Town Council

From: Ryan P. Hawk, Chief of Police

RE: Police Activity Report – February 2021

With the help of our Town Personnel Board, we have been approved to begin the much-needed return to enhancing our police force. The testing process for promotion to sergeant following the retirement of Sgt. Itri from last July, has begun.

Numerous officers continued to attend their annual mandatory In-Service Training this month. The topics this year were Legal Updates, Recognizing and Responding to Individuals with Special Needs, Juvenile Justice and Child Victims of Human Trafficking. Other topics in training included, De-escalation, Implicit Bias and Lethality Assessment. Two officers attended training in Implicit Bias to help identify and correct unconsciously held stereotypes. Three officers attended virtual training in Lethality Assessments, which helps identify potentially deadly domestic violence encounters. One officer attended De-escalation training, which will assist in diffusing intense situations.

With the help of our Town Public Information Officer, John Bojarski, we were able to reconfigure the police webpage to include a section called, "Caring for the Community," where you will find my monthly chief's report highlighting our training and police accolades along with our Town motto of "Moving Together Toward Tomorrow." John was also instrumental in helping us reconfigure our crime logs and information so the public can see how diligently we are working to keep our town safe and secure.

On 2/27/21, Officer David Martin was called to assist the fire department with a possible structure fire on Timber Edge Drive, in a multi-unit townhouse. Officer Martin rapidly responded within minutes, grabbed his fire extinguisher, entered the home and extinguished the oven fire before fire units arrived. Officer Martin's quick response and action averted a potential disaster for several families.