

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: February 14, 2022
To: Town Council
From: Ryan P. Hawk, Chief of Police
RE: Monthly Police Activity Report – January 2022

On 1/14/22, we congratulated Officer Neal Corll as he moved on to his well-deserved retirement. Officer Corll's humor and zest for serving this community for over 24 years, will be missed.

During January, we participated with several police departments in Allegheny County by donating a police patch to a boy battling cancer at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. "Patches for Joshua" were delivered with a procession of over 80 police vehicles. Joshua and his family were grateful for the overwhelming support.

Every year we partner with the North Hills Police Traffic Enforcement Task Force and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration Checkpoint Strike Force in numerous stationary and roving DUI patrols. The grand totals for 2021 were seven roving and two stationary DUI checkpoints that resulted in 2,775 total vehicles stopped and 46 drivers tested with 30 drivers arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs. The totals for Aggressive Driving, Occupant Protection and Pedestrians details were 1,415 vehicles stopped, four drivers were arrested for DUI, five summary citations were issued, one child safety seat violation, seven seat belt violations, 449 speeding citations and 250 for other various traffic violations.

A new Police Chaplain Program has been developed with the gracious assistance of Rabbi Jeremy Weisblatt from the Temple Ohav Shalom located in McCandless. The purpose of the chaplain to the McCandless Police Department is to offer presence, emotional support, pastoral and spiritual guidance for the officers and personnel.

On 1/14/22, Detective Sergeant Egli responded with the North Hills Special Response Team (SRT) for an arrest warrant/search warrant obtained by Northern Regional Police. The actor was safely taken into custody and the residence was secured for further investigation.

On 1/18/22 Detective Sergeant Egli and Detective Bock transported over 51 pounds of unwanted expired drugs to the Ross Township Police Department for the Drug Take Back Initiative. The Pennsylvania National Guard Counter Drug Joint Task Force collects the unwanted medications for destruction.

On 1/24/22 Officer Richard Ewing was sworn in and promoted to the position of sergeant. Sgt. Ewing has been a police officer for over 17 years and formerly served in the United States Marine Corps. After completing his military service, Ewing served the City of Pittsburgh Police Department as a Patrol Officer, Detective, and Firearms Instructor. In 2012, Ewing joined the McCandless Police Department.

Every year, the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers' Training and Education Commission offers training topics based on the needs and current trends in law enforcement nationwide. The topics for 2022 are Legal Updates, Use of Force, Understanding Bias and Control Tactics. One officer attended training on the use of the Bolawrap, which is a non-lethal way of safely detaining an individual. One officer attended training on conducting investigations involving TikTok and Snapchat social media sites. Two officers attended training and were certified to teach KravMaga, which is self-defense training that simultaneously uses both defensive and offensive tactics.