

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: August 9, 2021
To: Town Council
From: Ryan Hawk, Chief of Police
RE: Monthly Activity Report – July 2021

During the month of July, School Resource Officers (SROs) attended the Pennsylvania School Resource Officers Conference held in Harrisburg, which covered many topics that are occurring in our schools and instruction on ways to deal with these issues. Three officers attended a Glock Armorers course that certifies them to work on and repair Glock handguns. Since most of our officers carry Glock firearms, it is pertinent to have officers in-house who are certified to repair our handguns. One officer attended training on Dealing With Mass Casualty Incidents, which focused on various mass casualty scenarios and the best practices in dealing with these incidents. Two officers attended training in responding to active shooters in various scenarios with other local officers.

The North Hills DUI Task Force did a DUI detail on both July 9, 2021, and also on July 23, 2021, which is in conjunction with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration Checkpoint Strike Force. The task force conducted a Roving DUI Patrol along various roads in the following areas; the Town of McCandless, Ross Township, West View Boro, Shaler Township, Etna Boro, Millvale Boro, and O'Hara Township. There were 190 vehicles that were stopped for various traffic violations and 8 individuals were administered field sobriety tests. Of those tested, 4 were arrested for Driving Under the Influence and 3 were arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Drugs. 22 citations were issued for various vehicle code violations and 90 warnings. This is the Twenty Sixth year for the North Hills DUI Task Force and to date, 234 checkpoints/roving patrols have been conducted. There have been 2119 individuals tested for DUI, and of those tested, 979 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 Borough.

On 7/21/22 during evening hours, a five-year-old girl was fatally struck by a vehicle in the 3400 block of Salisbury Court. The child was taken to UPMC Passavant Hospital, where she died a short time later. This fatal crash is currently being investigated by our departmental accident reconstructionists. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family at this very difficult time.

On 7/27//21 Detective Sergeant Egli transported 78.6 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.