

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: July 12, 2021
To: Town Council
From: Ryan Hawk, Chief of Police
RE: Monthly Activity Report – June 2021

During the month of June, the entire department completed their state mandated annual Firearms Qualifications. Lieutenant Basl, Detective Sergeant Egli, Detective Bock and I attended a program sponsored by the FBI National Academy focused on Responses to Mass Shootings. Other topics included the manhunt for Eric Frein after he ambushed Pennsylvania State Troopers, killing one and seriously injuring another. There was also a segment dealing with triangulating cell phone calls to locate where calls are coming from. Fifteen officers also attended training on Implicit Bias to help identify and correct unconsciously held stereotypes. One officer attended School Resource Officer training, which now brings our total to seven officers certified as School Resource Officers. One Officer attended training on Surviving Violent Encounters, which enables officers to deal with violent encounters in a variety of ways and assists them in having a survivable outcome should they come under attack.

On 6/25/21 during overnight hours, a residence in the 9800 block of Covered Wagon Court caught fire. Everyone was evacuated safely prior to arrival of police and fire units. The investigation was turned over to the Allegheny County Fire Marshall.

On 6/27/21 during afternoon hours, a residence in the 10100 block of Perry Hwy caught fire. Everyone was evacuated safely prior to arrival of police and fire units. The investigation was turned over to the Allegheny Fire Marshall, who determined the fire originated from a riding lawn mower overheating in the breezeway.

Promotional testing for the open position of Sergeant was held on 6/5/21 at the Town Hall. We are very grateful to Town of McCandless Personnel Board member, Amy Wehrspann, for dedicating her time to proctoring the exam. Eight police officers passed the written exam. The Personnel Board met virtually to discuss the next step in the process, which will be oral interviews of each candidate conducted by the Personnel Board.

On 6/26/21, McCandless Police participated in the North Hills DUI Task Force Roving DUI Patrol in conjunction with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration Checkpoint Strike Force along various road in the following areas: West Deer Twp, Indiana Twp, O'Hara Twp, and Richland Twp. There were 81 vehicles that were stopped for various traffic violations and 3 individuals were administered field sobriety test. Of those tested, one was arrested for Driving Under the Influence, one was arrested for

Disorderly Conduct, 10 citations were issued for various vehicle code violations and 76 warnings were issued for various traffic and equipment violations. This is the 26th year for the North Hills DUI Task Force and to date, 232 checkpoints/roving patrols have been conducted. There have been 2,111 individuals tested for DUI, and of those tested, 969 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.

Finally, we are proud to announce an opportunity to gather our police and community together as we rediscover our wonderful Town of McCandless. Advertising and planning are underway as we host our 1st ever National Night Out. Every year, this event is held across the nation on the first Tuesday in August, with this year being August 3, 2021. This fun night of family-friendly activities is known for enhancing community partnerships with first responders. Additionally, we are asking the community to show their support by turning on their porch lights and spending the evening with their neighbors if they can't be with us. Kids can bring their bicycles (and helmets too) for a free Bicycle Rodeo and take this opportunity to dress up as their favorite first responder. There will be free hot dogs and plenty of giveaways and raffles as well as a live broadcast from Bob FM Radio Station. The night will culminate with a Movie in the Park at dusk hosted by the McCandless Community Association.