

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: July 11, 2022
To: Town Council
From: Ryan Hawk, Chief of Police
RE: Monthly Activity Report – June 2022

June was another busy and very productive month with over 1,000 calls for police service. We had an unexpected early retirement of Officer Paul Kaylor, who served in law enforcement for 23 years. I would like to thank my officers for stepping up and filling shifts and details despite being short-handed for quite some time. I would like to thank the McCandless Personnel Board for their diligent work toward initiating our hiring process. Applications are being accepted and the agility test will be given on 7/19/22. Those that pass the agility test, will then take a written exam on 7/23/22.

The entire department received training in the use of our new Less Lethal Beanbag Shotguns, which is another less lethal use of force device that expels a beanbag round safely incapacitating the actor without force. All officers were also re-certified in the use of TASERS and had a thorough review of our Use of Force Policy. Two officers attended training in dealing with Drug Interdiction and how it relates to infiltrating drug dealers. One School Resource Officer (SRO) attended training regarding Threat Analysis in school settings. Officer Carl Yeane has been certified as an SRO and will replace Officer Todd Ray at North Allegheny Senior High School. One officer was trained in the ABLE Program, which is a program that helps create a Police Culture where officers intervene to prevent misconduct amongst officers. Finally, our officers assigned to the North Hills Special Response Team and our K-9 unit all participated in their monthly training.

On 6/18/22, we participated in the North Hills DUI Task Force Stationary checkpoint in conjunction with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration Checkpoint Strike Force. There were 515 vehicles that passed through the checkpoint and 3 individuals were administered field sobriety tests. Of those tested, one was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Drugs. This is the 26th year for the North Hills DUI Task Force and to date, 243 checkpoints/roving patrols have been conducted. There have been 2,165 individuals tested for DUI, and of those tested, 1,023 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 for our 2nd annual National Night Out (NNO). Advertising and planning are underway. Like last year, this successful event is nationally celebrated on the first Tuesday of August, this year being August 2, 2022, 5pm-8pm. 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.