

# McCandless Police Department

## Memorandum

**Date:** June 14, 2021  
**To:** Town Council  
**From:** Ryan P. Hawk, Chief of Police  
**RE:** Monthly Activity Report – May 2021

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During the month of May, two-thirds of the department completed their Annual Firearms Qualifications with the remainder of the department completing their qualifications in the first week of June. Sergeant Detective Egli and Detective Bock attended virtual training on Advanced Child Abuse Investigations. One of the department's Taser instructors attended training to recertify as a Taser Instructor.

On 5/3/21 during early morning hours, officers responded to 8900 block of Knoll Street for a residential structure fire. Multiple fire departments helped to extinguish the fire, which was originally reported by a passerby who noticed the house in flames. The resident and her dog perished in the fire. The investigation was turned over to the Allegheny County Fire Marshalls who declared the fire was most likely due to electrical issues. We offer our condolences to the friends and family of the resident who lost her life in the tragic fire. We also offer our gratitude and well wishes to the Berkley Hills Volunteer Firefighter who sustained injuries while working to extinguish the blaze.

On 5/13/21 in honor of Police Memorial Week, Allegheny County Councilwoman Cindy Kirk recognized seven McCandless Police Officers for life-saving efforts that have taken place over the last year and a half. The following officers were honored; David Machesney, Michael Cavaliere, Neal Corll, Carl Yeaney, Richard Waite, Jason Evey and Eric Margolin. Cindy Kirk spoke on behalf of the community stating that we all appreciate the police. Comments made included that when police save a life, it shows quick thinking, decisive action and protecting the residents in an exemplified desire to serve others.

On 5/14/21 the North Hills DUI Task Force completed a DUI detail in conjunction with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration Checkpoint Strike Force. The Task Force conducted a Roving DUI Patrol in Shaler Township, O'Hara Township, Etna Boro and Millvale Boro along various roads. There were 81 vehicles that were stopped for various traffic violations and 3 individuals were administered field sobriety tests. Of those tested, 2 were arrested for Driving Under the Influence and 8 citations were issued for various vehicle code violations. This is the 17<sup>th</sup> year for the North Hills DUI Task Force and to date, 231 checkpoints/roving patrols have been conducted. There have been 2,108 individuals tested for DUI, and of those tested, 958 have been arrested. The North Hills DUI Task Force is comprised of officers from the police departments of McCandless, Etna, Indiana, Northern Regional, O'Hara, Ross, Shaler, West Deer, West View and Millvale.

The coordinator for North Hills DUI Task Force also orchestrated funding for local police departments to participate in Crosswalk Safety Checks as part of a pedestrian safety enforcement. This detail was conducted by monitoring designated crosswalks to make sure that motorists and pedestrians are abiding by the law. Officers ensure that

motorists are stopping for pedestrians in the designated crosswalks and also that pedestrians are crossing in the crosswalks and following the signals. We conducted these safety checks on Friday, 5/14/21 and Saturday, 5/15/21 during busy evening hours at McCandless Crossing. Ten pedestrians were warned for not using a crosswalk.

On 05/29/2021 at approximately 1641 hours, Sergeant Madden and K9 Joy, along with Officers Evey and Cavaliere were on duty and requested to respond to Macy's in Ross Park Mall for a report of shots fired inside the mall. K9 Joy assisted in K9 support while two of three actors were taken into custody. The entire mall was then evacuated and cleared by the multiple responding agencies and Special Response Teams.

During the month of May, several child safety seat installations and inspections were once again provided to McCandless residents by Officer Allshouse, who is our certified inspector for child safety seats. Any resident interested in taking advantage of this safety check, can call the station to make an appointment with Officer Allshouse.