



McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

TO: Town Council

FROM: Ryan P. Hawk, Chief of Police

DATE: June 12, 2023

RE: Monthly Police Activity Report – May 2023

The Town of McCandless Police Department responded to 1,069 calls in the month of May.

The police department participated in the North Hills DUI Task Force on May 5th. They conducted a Sobriety Checkpoint in the Town of McCandless. There were 961 vehicles that passed through the checkpoint and 11 individuals were administered field sobriety tests. Of those tested, 1 was arrested for DUI. 19 citations and 22 warnings were issued for various vehicle code violations.

On Monday, May 8th at the town council meeting, William Grant was sworn in as Sergeant with the McCandless Police Department. Sgt. Grant has provided the town with over 18 years of dedicated service. Congratulations Sgt. Grant on your well-deserved promotion.

On May 15th, Officer Shawn Davis chose his new partner, K9 Officer Siraly. Our new K9 currently is in individual training. Officer Davis, who has been in communication with Lisa, the trainer says "Siraly is a beast of a dog and one of her favorites." He was told that since the selection, which was May 9th, Siraly is about 90% through the trainer course which includes narcotics, tracking, obedience, and apprehension work. Siraly should be ready to report for duty later this summer.

On May 16th, the North Allegheny baseball team brought the Police Department lunch to say thank you for keeping the community safe.

On May 19th, John Jacques of Schults Ford presented the police department with a \$5,000 check on behalf of Richard Bazzi and Schults Ford to be used for the McCandless Police K9 program.

On May 22nd, Sgt. Egli and Officer Delval took part in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Known as Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement members and Special Olympic athletes carry the Flame of Hope into the open ceremony of the Special Olympics Games.

The officers assigned to the North Hills Special Response Team attended their monthly training.

All officers have finished their annual firearms qualifications and their annual mandatory in-service training. Two officers took a course to become Simunition instructors. These officers will be able to train other McCandless officers while using firearms that discharge projectiles simulating actual weapons but are not lethal. Two of our Sergeants went to a High Impact Supervision training. The training taught best practices to utilize on a day-to-day basis. Another officer attended a training course in De-escalation. Both detectives attended training relating to forensic interviews. A forensic interview is used whenever a child is a victim or witness of a crime. Two officers went to a training involving Standard Field Sobriety tests. These tests are now utilized nationwide and standardize the way people are tested to see if they are “under the influence”. Another officer attended Crime Scene Investigation training. Finally, two officers attended the annual FBI Law Enforcement Conference held at Nemacolin which discussed contemporary issues facing law enforcement.

On May 23, 2023, Bigs in Blue concluded this school year at McKnight Elementary with a picnic with their Littles.