



McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

TO: Town Council

FROM: Ryan P. Hawk, Chief of Police

DATE: October 9, 2023

RE: Monthly Police Activity Report – September 2023

The Town of McCandless Police Department responded to 993 calls in the month of September.

New K9 Officer Siraly (with his handler Officer Shawn Davis) was given the Oath of Office at Community Day.

Fourteen new AEDs just arrived from the grants we acquired from the Passavant Hospital Foundation and Firehouse Subs. Each patrol vehicle will each have a new AED, plus there will be one at the police station.

Officers participated in the North Hills DUI Task Force on 9/21/2023. The task force conducted a Roving DUI Patrol in Hampton, Shaler, and Richland Townships and Etna Boro. There were 69 vehicles that were stopped for various traffic violations and (2) individuals were administered field sobriety tests. Both were arrested for Driving Under the Influence. 53 warnings and 18 citations were issued for various vehicle code violations.

The Town of McCandless officers have been busy with training in September. Two officers, who are also our accident re-constructionists, attended a week-long training called Bicycle and Pedestrian Collision. Another officer attended a training called Red Dot Sight. This teaches officers to be more accurate when discharging their service weapons. Three officers attended training regarding mental health commitments. They were trained in what would constitute the need for a 302 commitment, which is involuntary for the patient. Two of our officers went to training relating to identifying and dealing with extremists such as the Sovereign Citizens.

Including their monthly training, the K9 team attended a 3-day training titled K9 Decoy. The class helps build the confidence of both the K9 and his partner while performing their duties. Two thirds of our officers completed their state mandated defensive tactics and low light firearms training. The state now requires individual departments to train their own officers in the use of defensive tactics to safely take persons into custody.

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