



McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

TO: Town Council

FROM: Ryan P. Hawk, Chief of Police

DATE: January 8, 2024

RE: Monthly Police Activity Report – December 2024

The Town of McCandless Police Department responded to 896 calls in the month of December.

During the month of December, several officers continued training in areas of interest to them. One officer attended a course in Child Abuse Investigations. Two officers attended Implicit Bias training (the unconscious favoritism toward or prejudice against people of a particular ethnicity, gender or social group that influences one's actions/perceptions) which assists the officer in identifying and dealing with their underlying ideas and behaviors.

An additional two officers attended Drugged Drivers which teaches how to deal with drivers impaired by something other than alcohol. Our two officers certified in vehicle crash reconstruction attended Occupant Kinematics. This involved the study of occupant motion inside a vehicle during a vehicle crash.

The officers assigned to the North Hills Special Response Team and our K9 team attended their monthly training.

The North Hills DUI Task Force did a Roving DUI Patrol on December 15 from 9pm – 1am in Ross, McCandless, Pine and Marshall Townships and the Borough of West View, along various state roadways. There were 126 vehicles that were stopped for various traffic violations and 8 individuals were administered field sobriety tests. Of those tested, 3 were arrested for DUI. Other arrests included 2 for a small amount of marijuana and 2 citations were issued for various vehicle code violations.

Last year the North Hills DUI Task Force had 3 stationary checkpoints and 5 roving DUI patrols. Of those details, 42 drivers were tested for DUI/DUI-D and 22 drivers were arrested.

1. Aggressive Driving, the statistics are as follows; 658 – drivers contacted, 466 - citations issued, 253 - warnings issued, 3- DUI arrests, and 0 – other arrests.
2. Occupant Protection statistics are as follows; 674 - drivers contacted, 449 – citations issued, 309 – warnings issued, 3 – DUI arrests, and 4 – other arrests.
3. Pedestrian Enforcement statistics are as follows; 45 – drivers contacted, 19 – citations issued, and 31 warnings issued.

Officers participated in “No Shave December” to help raise funds for a local teenager who is recovering from a recent injury which will help his family pay for medical expenses and his recovery.

The police department continued their food drive for the month of December for the North Hills Community Outreach. NHCO came to the station several times to pick up all the generous donations.

The police also participated in Presents from Police. New unwrapped toys were donated by members of the community and brought to the lobby of the police station. They also hosted a “stuff a police car” on Friday, December 8 at Pine Creek Center which was also a tremendous success. Gifts were delivered to Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, Sunrise School in Monroeville, and The Children’s Institute in Shadyside the third week of December.