



McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

TO: Town Council

FROM: Ryan P. Hawk, Chief of Police

DATE: April 8, 2024

RE: Monthly Police Activity Report – March 2024

The Town of McCandless Police Department responded to 850 calls in the month of March.

Our officers continue to enhance their training. One officer went to a training to learn how to use an ASP. An ASP is an expandable baton that officers carry on their duty belts to be used as an impact weapon. Members of our command staff, including Chief Hawk attended the FBI Leadership Trilogy. Two officers attended a training regarding the start-up of a regional accident reconstruction unit. This unit would be made up of various North Hills departments.

Our newest officer attended a training course with the North Hills Special Response Team so he could better understand their function and capabilities. Another officer went to training involving Standard Field Sobriety Testing. To date the entire department has been trained in the use of Field Sobriety Testing.

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

Chief Hawk and Sgt. Egli attended McKnight Elementary School for the Bigs in Blue Program.

At the town council meeting of March 12, 2024, we recognized Officer Shawn Davis as the 2023 Officer of the Year. Officer Davis has been a police officer here since 2019 and is our new K9 handler. Also, that evening, Kyle Lewis was given the oath of office as a new Town of McCandless Police Officer.

On March 16 the North Hills DUI Task Force conducted a Roving DUI Patrol in Ross, West View, Franklin Park, Pine Twp., Marshall Twp., Town of McCandless, and Bradford Woods along various state roadways. There were 78 vehicles that were stopped for various traffic violations and 3 individuals were administered field sobriety tests. Of those tested, 2 were arrested for DUI. Another one was arrested for fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, drug charges and multiple vehicle code violations. 14 citations were issued for various vehicle code violations and 67 warnings. There were also 3 other DUI arrests from departments in the North Hills DUI Task Force.

March 19 was National Social Workers Day. Sophia Hune is our social work intern from Slippery Rock University. She is currently getting her master's degree in social work and will graduate in May. Sophia started with the department last fall and her last day will be April 29.