



McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

TO: Town Council

FROM: Ryan P. Hawk, Chief of Police

DATE: November 11, 2024

RE: Monthly Police Activity Report – October 2024

The Town of McCandless Police Department responded to 1,006 calls in the month of October.

The month of October was busy with training for Town of McCandless officers. Our accident reconstructionists attended the Accident Reconstruction Conference presented by the Pennsylvania State Police. We had an officer attend a training relating to PA's commercial vehicle laws. This officer also attended the DUI Symposium learning new case law involving arrests for DUI in Pennsylvania. Our detectives attended both criminal and background investigation classes held by the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office for Detectives. Officers also learned how to diffuse volatile situations with de-escalation and attended training relating to mental health situations.

The entire department completed their yearly low-light firearms qualifications, and the state required defensive tactics training. This included handcuffing, taser deployment and Simmunition scenarios. Simmunition are plastic projectiles fired from faux handguns that simulate actual gunfire.

A McCandless officer attended Solo Officer Rapid Deployment training. If an officer is called on to enter a building, alone, during an active shooter incident, this training will help him best deploy if faced with this situation.

The officers assigned to the North Hills SRT attended their monthly training.

K9 Officers Davis and Siraly attended their required monthly training. On October 13, they attended Crisis Center North's Paws for Empowerment 4th Annual Pet Walk that occurred in North Park. K9 Officers Davis and Siraly along with K9 teams from Ross, West Deer and Homestead participated and gave a K9 demonstration. On October 20, Officers Davis and Siraly were invited to a local Girl Scout troop event located in McCandless. The troop had a conversation about Siraly and his role with the McCandless Police Department.

On October 12, our officers participated in the North Hills DUI Task Force Roving DUI Patrol. There were forty-four vehicles stopped for various traffic violations and three individuals were administered field sobriety tests. Of those tested, three were arrested for DUI. There were four citations, and forty-one warnings issued for various vehicle code violations.

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On October 16, Detective Mike Bock transported 32lbs of unwanted prescriptions relinquished at the McCandless police station to the Ross Township Municipal Building. All unwanted medications were turned over to the PA Army National Guard for disposal.

The department participated in Operation Safe Stop on October 23. Patrol officers followed school buses to observe/enforce any violations when the buses stopped to pick up or drop off students. Zero violations were observed in McCandless.

On Monday, October 28, Detective Sergeant Eric Egli gave two Halloween Safety talks to preschool students at St. John's Church on Cumberland Road.