



McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

TO: Town Council

FROM: Ryan P. Hawk, Chief of Police

DATE: March 10, 2025

RE: Monthly Police Activity Report – February 2025

The Town of McCandless Police Department responded to 823 calls in the month of February.

At the beginning of February, we welcomed our new K9 Officer, Leroy, who is a Belgian Malinois. Officer Davis and Leroy began their 10-week training for narcotics control and patrol skills such as individual tracking and apprehension. Leroy is very social and has been well received by staff. Thank you to Shults Ford, Matt and Lisa Mertz and retired sergeant Bryan Madden for their generous donations to help acquire Leroy and the Town of McCandless K9 Fund.

During the month of February, our officers attended a wide range of training. One officer attended training in becoming an active shooter instructor which will help him instruct our officers and how to do public presentations in responding to active shooter incidents. Two officers learned how to process latent prints by identifying, lifting, and preserving latent fingerprints from crime scenes. The Allegheny County District Attorney's Office hosted training in investigating sexual assaults, where three of our officers attended.

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

On February 18, Lt. Egli did a presentation for older adults at Ridgecrest Senior Living Memory Care relating to fraud and how to avoid being scammed.

February 26-28, Chief Hawk and McCandless Town Manager, John Schwend, attended the PELRAS (Public Employer Labor Relations Advisory Service) Conference hosted by The Pennsylvania Municipal League in Hershey, PA.

February 28, Lieutenant Jeff Basl retired from the McCandless Police Department. Lt. Basl worked at McCandless Police Department for 31 years.

Our McCandless Social Worker has successfully referred 30 individuals to the Town's social work services. There were 29 individuals that received referral services/support information and 1 individual declined service because they were out of our service area (referring to an outside department).