



McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

TO: Town Council

FROM: Ryan P. Hawk, Chief of Police

DATE: January 12, 2026

RE: Monthly Police Activity Report – December 2025

The Town of McCandless Police Department responded to 795 calls in the month of December.

Officer Wyatt Hathaway and Sgt. Andrew Kolek completed VIGR Training – LEO Firearms Instructor Course for Handgun/Patrol Rifle/Shotgun hosted by the Allegheny County Police Department. This training certifies them to conduct firearm qualifications for our department.

The North Hills SRT Team attended their weekly training.

K9 Officers Shawn Davis and Leroy attended Winterfest and engaged throughout the event with members of the community. The K9 Team had a demonstration at North Allegheny Senior High School including participation in four of their Law and Justice classes. The demonstrations consisted of narcotics detection along with Q&A with students. The K9 Team continues to engage with the public upon request. Monthly training totaled 34 hours of documented training.

December 3, 2025, Chief Hawk, Lieutenant Egli and their administrative assistants attended the AAA Community Traffic Safety Awards luncheon. The Town of McCandless earned the 2025 Platinum Award which is the highest award to earn. The safety awards are presented to participating communities for their efforts to improve local traffic safety.

Saturday, December 6, 2025, the department participated in Winterfest that was held here on the town grounds.

On Monday, December 15, during the town council meeting, Officers Andrew Kolek and David Machesney were promoted to Sergeant.

Our social worker, Jenny Frye, referred 25 people to social work services. All 25 individuals received or accepted referrals for services, support or information. Ms. Frye participated in on-line workshops such as "Working with Trauma Related Nightmares", "Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Suicide Prevention", and "Deconstructing Stigma: Mental Health and the LGBTQ+ Community".

Jenny, along with K9 Officers Davis and Leroy made a presentation at North Allegheny School District on policing and police social work. She met with Humane Animal Rescue Pittsburgh to obtain/learn more about services offered for residents. She also attended a Lethality Assessment Program for Domestic Violence training that was offered in Hampton Township.

The police collected new, unused and unwrapped toys for the Presents from Police Toy Drive. New officers to McCandless, Officers Connor Dobransky and Alexander Edwards and social worker, Jenny Frye along with the Aspinwall Police Department helped distribute these toys to Children's Hospital on Friday, December 19. Ms. Frye also helped distribute toys to The Sunrise School and the Children's Institute.

McCandless officers participated in the North Hills DUI Task Force DUI detail on December 11, 2025, that was in conjunction with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration Checkpoint Strike Force.

The Task Force conducted a Roving DUI Patrol in Ross, McCandless, West View, Pine, Marshall, Bradford Woods and Franklin Park along various roads. There were **85** vehicles that were stopped for various traffic violations, and **3** individuals were administered field sobriety tests. Of those tested, **2** were arrested for DUI. There were **6** citations and **83** warnings issued for various vehicle code violations.

This is the twenty-ninth year for the North Hills DUI Task Force and to date, **269** checkpoints/roving patrols have been conducted. There have been **2,297** individuals tested for DUI, and of those tested, **1,084** have been arrested.

The police department received 48 calls relating to deer. Big Daddy Wildlife Removal picked up 18 deer.