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TO: David Aranda: General Manager

FROM: M. Gancasz, Chief of Police

RE: Police Chief's Monthly Report, July 2025

Patrol Operations

In July, the Kensington Police Department handled 1146 incidents, a decrease from the 1547 incidents reported in June. Our officers took 946 proactive actions, including 97 traffic stops, resulting in 89 citations. Officers responded to 200 dispatched calls for service, an increase from the 176 calls in June. The department wrote 30 investigative reports, a decrease from 31 in the previous month. Key investigations included assault on a peace officer, two cases of criminal threats, and one sexual assault. Officers also made two misdemeanor arrests and one felony arrest during the month.

Metric	June 2025	July 2025	% Change
Total Incidents	1547	1146	-25.92%
Dispatched Calls for Service	176	200	13.64%
Traffic Stops	161	97	-39.75%
Citations Issued	120	89	-25.83%
Investigative Reports	31	30	-3.23%
Misdemeanor Arrests	3	2	-33.33%
Felony Arrests	1	1	0.00%
Avg. Response Time	5.4min	5.19	-.21 min

Analysis of crime patterns revealed that incidents were most frequent on Thursdays, accounting for 25% of the month's total activity. Geographically, Arlington Avenue was the primary corridor for reported incidents. Peak activity was concentrated in three distinct time blocks: morning (9 AM-12 PM), afternoon (3 PM-6 PM), and evening (6 PM-9 PM), which collectively accounted for over 60% of all reported incidents. This month saw a 13.64% increase in dispatched calls for service, contributing to patrol workload during these peak periods. The average response time decreased from 5.4 to 5.19 minutes.

Table 1. Date and Time Heatmap

An analysis of NIBRS data for July revealed that reported incidents were most concentrated on Thursdays, which accounted for 25% of the month's total activity, with the busiest time being

Thursdays between 0900 and 1159. Peak times were spread throughout the day, with the morning (9 AM-12 PM), afternoon (3 PM-6 PM), and evening (6 PM-9 PM) periods collectively accounting for over 60% of all incidents.

Row Labels	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Grand Total
0000-0259	4.17%	0.00%	0.00%	4.17%	4.17%	0.00%	12.50%
0300-0559	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.17%	0.00%	0.00%	4.17%
0900-1159	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.17%	12.50%	4.17%	20.83%
1200-1459	8.33%	8.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%
1500-1759	4.17%	0.00%	4.17%	4.17%	4.17%	4.17%	20.83%
1800-2059	0.00%	4.17%	4.17%	4.17%	4.17%	4.17%	20.83%
2100-2359	0.00%	4.17%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.17%
Grand Total	16.67%	16.67%	8.33%	20.83%	25.00%	12.50%	100.00%

Figure 1. NIBRS Offense Data

The NIBRS table shows the month-over-month change from June to July 2025. Z-score based on six-month rolling average.

NIBRS Code	Description	Jun-25	Jul-25	% Change	Z-Score
100	False Imprisonment	0	0	N/A	N/A
220	Burglary/Breaking and Entering	1	0	-100.00%	N/A
240	Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0	-100.00%	-1.50
280	Stolen Property Offenses	0	0	N/A	-0.41
290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	2	1	-50.00%	0.41
11D	Sexual Battery	0	0	N/A	-0.41
13A	Aggravated Assault	0	0	N/A	-0.58
13B	Simple Assault (incl. Domestic Violence/Child Abuse)	0	1	N/A	0.18
13C	Intimidation	0	2	N/A	2.89
23D	Theft From Building	0	1	N/A	1.15
23F	Theft From Motor Vehicle	2	1	-50.00%	-0.29
23G	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	2	1	-50.00%	0.00
23H	All Other Larceny	0	1	N/A	-0.15
26A	False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	2	2	0.00%	1.00
26C	Personate to get money	0	1	N/A	N/A
26F	Obtain credit/etc:use others id - Identity theft (M)	3	0	-100.00%	-0.71
35A	Drug/Narcotic Violations	0	0	N/A	-0.41
90B	Disorderly Conduct (Loitering)	0	0	N/A	-0.41
90C	Disorderly Conduct	1	2	100.00%	2.12
90D	Driving Under the Influence	0	0	N/A	-0.58
90Z	All Other Offenses	2	1	-50.00%	0.41
NR	Other (Non-NIBRS)	11	18	63.64%	0.64
TOTAL	Total Offenses	27	32	0.185185	1.29

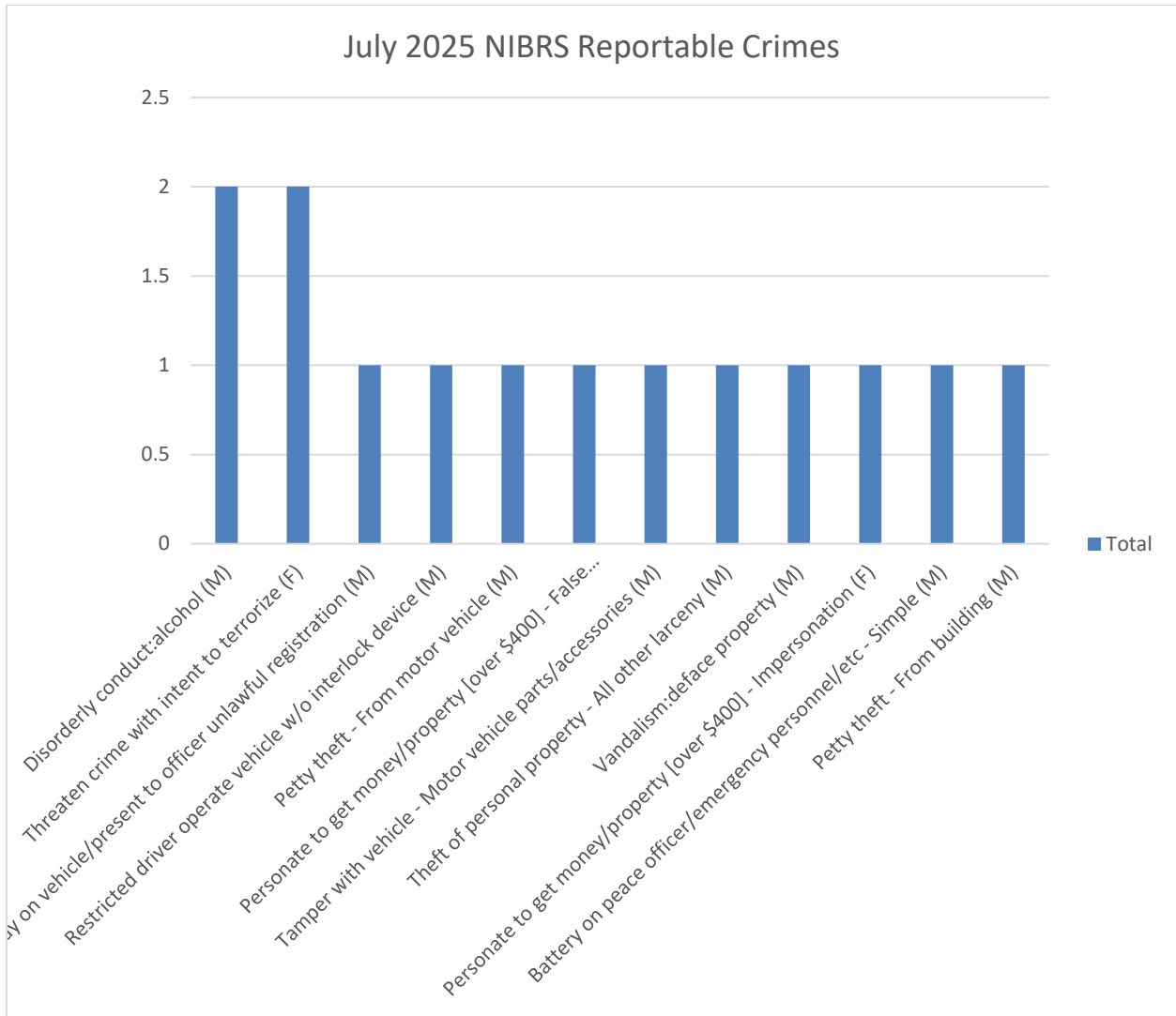


Figure 2. Crime Trend Mapping

KPD uses Accurant Virtual Crime Center to provide crime mapping and analytical services. The platform is a single sign-on, mission-critical tool designed to aid police agencies in making key data-driven operational decisions.

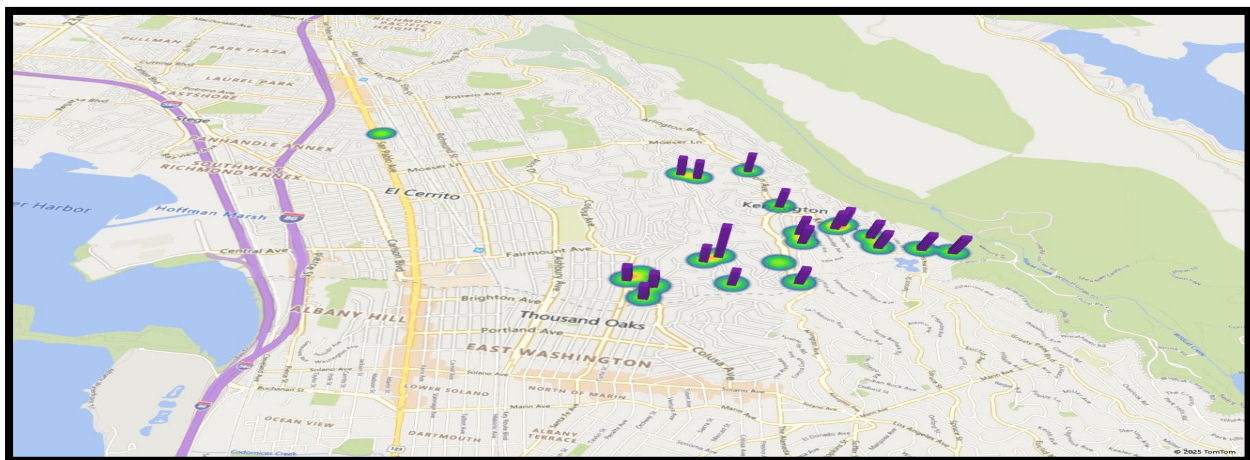
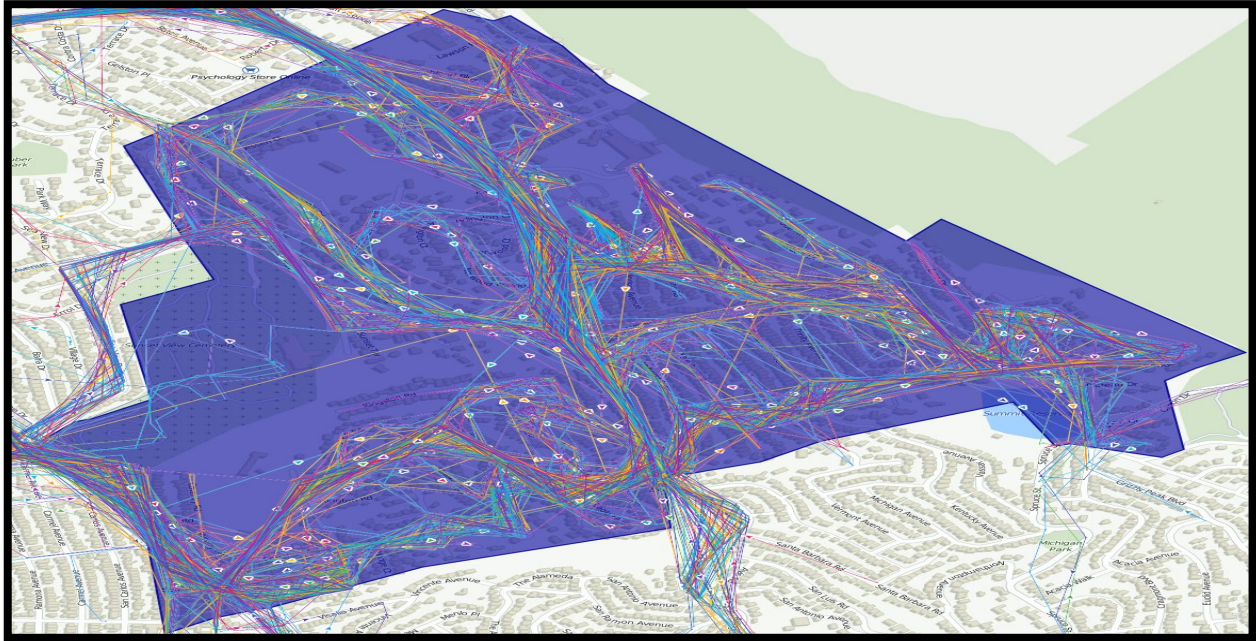


Figure 4. Patrol fleet mapping

Kensington's patrol cars are equipped with GPS technology. The individual-colored lines represent a summary of the daily patrol car locations throughout the month.



Patrol Activity Log

July 1: Hit & Run traffic collision on Kenyon Avenue and Trinity Avenue; report filed.

July 1: Petty theft reported on Highgate Road; report filed.

July 1: Auto parts theft reported on Willamette Avenue; report filed.

July 2: Outside Assist for Richmond PD at the station; report filed.

July 3: Minor injury accident reported on Yale Avenue and Oberlin Avenue; report filed.

July 3: Fictitious checks with intent to defraud reported on Purdue Avenue; report filed.

July 3: Mental health call on Beverly Road; report filed.

July 6: Non-injury traffic collision on Jessen Court; report filed.

July 6: Non-injury traffic collision on Kenyon Ave; report filed.

July 6: Traffic stop on Arlington Avenue and Rincon Avenue; driver arrested for displaying fictitious information on the license plates; report filed. The driver was released with a citation.

July 8: Outside assist for Sutter Health Medical Center; report filed.

July 10: Courtesy report taken at the police station.

July 14: Courtesy report taken at the police station.

July 16: Officers contacted an unconscious male near the Colusa Market. The subject was arrested and later cited and released with a promise to appear for public intoxication; report filed.

July 17: Petty theft reported on Arlington Avenue; report filed.

July 18: Identity theft reported on Highland Blvd; report filed.

July 21: Courtesy report taken at the police station.

July 21: Suspicious circumstance reported on Yale Avenue; report filed.

July 21: Traffic stop on Arlington Avenue and Amherst Avenue; driver arrested and later cited and released with a promise to appear for failing to comply with a court order; report filed.

July 23: Found property on Coventry Road; report filed

July 24: Subject contacted on Beverly Road and found to have outstanding warrants for his arrest. Suspect was arrested and booked into the county jail; report filed.

July 24: Mental health call on Grizzly Peak Blvd; report filed.

July 27: Petty theft from vehicle on Los Altos Drive; report filed.

July 29: Criminal threats were reported; investigation is ongoing.

July 29: Petty theft from building on Yale Avenue; report filed.

July 29: Found property on Los Altos Drive; report filed.

July 30: Report of check fraud on Kensington Court; report filed.

July 30: Officers contacted an unconscious female near Moeser Lane & Ashbury Avenue. Suspect was arrested and later cited and released with a promise to appear for public intoxication; report filed.

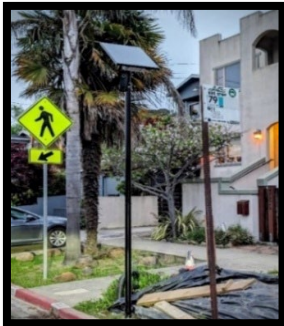
Enhanced Video Response (GoodSAM)

Kensington Police rolled out a new way for citizens to interact with police, and it is catching on! Our “Enhanced Video Response (EVR) from the GoodSAM” was successfully used by several citizens recently with positive results. This technology allows citizens to interact with on-duty officers and first responders through a secure video conference link. This platform offers citizens another method for reporting a crime, filing a report, or simply engaging in dialogue with a police

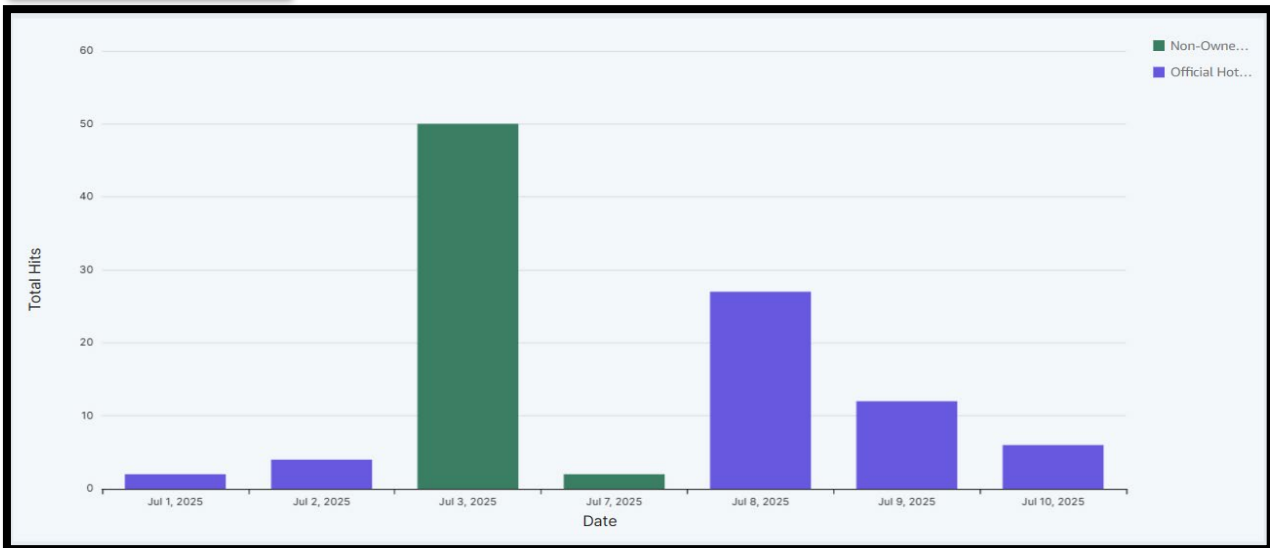
officer remotely using their smartphone. Our goal is to offer alternative options for citizens who might otherwise not have the ability to come to the police department, or would rather avoid having an officer come to their location. If you would like more information about this program, you can find it here <https://www.goodsamapp.org/police> You can also reach out to Sergeant B. Lande who oversees the program.

Community Safety Cameras – ALPR (automatic license plate reader)

The continued integration of advanced technology into Kensington’s public safety program allows us to respond to incidents more efficiently and accurately while reducing the staff time traditionally required in investigations. By lessening the reliance on traditional policing methods, we are improving response times and saving valuable resources—time, money, and personnel—that can be reallocated to other essential services. Kensington's investment in public safety cameras is proving impactful for the safety and well-being of our community. This technology has quickly become vital in our ongoing efforts to protect residents, support law enforcement, and ensure a safer environment for everyone.



ALPR DATA				
Type	Stolen Plates Captured	Stolen Vehicles Captured	Investigation Plates Captured	Wanted plate uploads
Count	51	0	52	0



The cameras provide leads for our criminal investigations, more often, after the fact, allowing officers to follow up, leading to a higher number of case resolutions. Supervisors review and audit the system to ensure compliance with policy, proper documentation, and alignment with ethical and legal standards. ALPR data is retained in a secure cloud for no longer than 30 days, whereupon it is automatically purged (deleted).

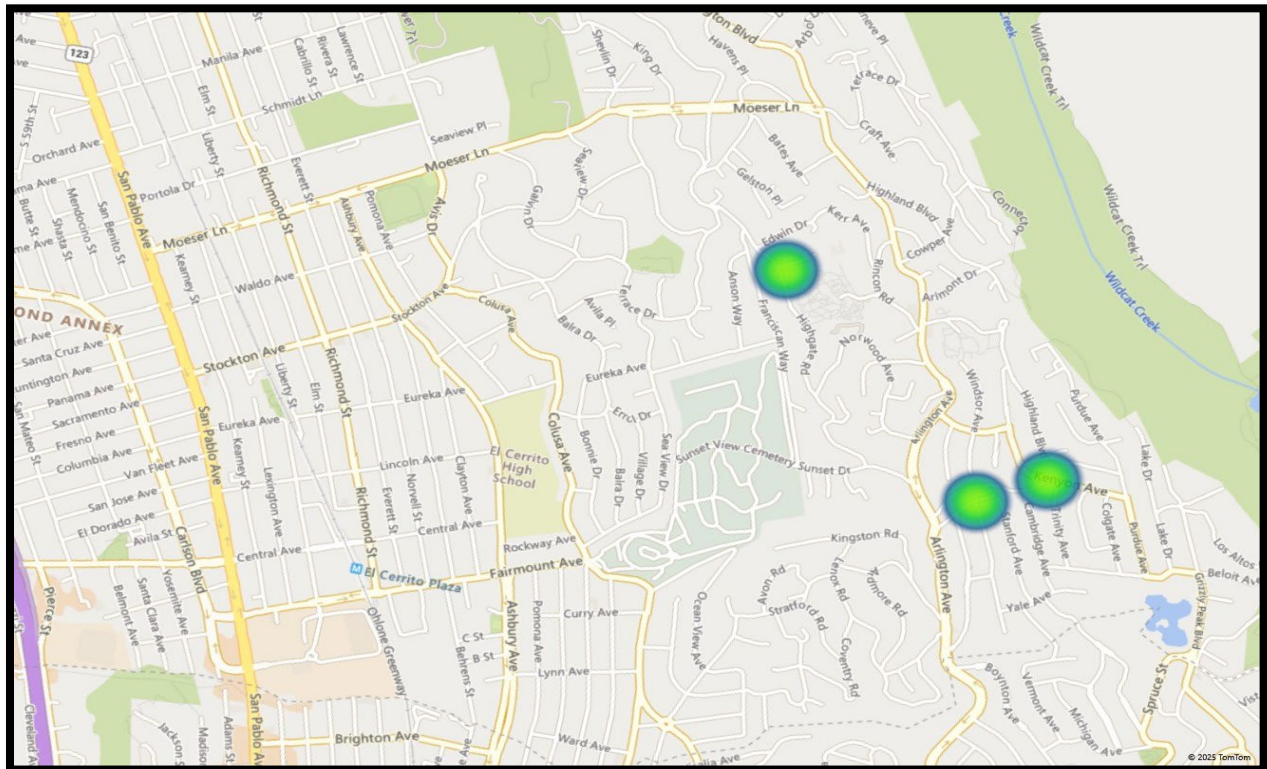
Department Training

Officers received professional training in the following areas:

- **Firearms:** Sgt. Lande attended ECPD's Advanced Officer Training. Sgt. Lande also completed his annual firearms requalification.
- **Arrest and Control/De-escalation:** Officers completed a ten-part training series on contemporary methods of handling compliant and non-compliant individuals inside vehicles. Traffic stops are among the most unpredictable and dangerous duties police officers perform. Each stop comes with inherent risks due to limited visibility inside the vehicle, the potential for concealed weapons, and the constant hazard of passing traffic. When drivers or passengers don't comply, whether by refusing to provide identification or show their hands, reaching into hidden areas, ignoring the officer, or arguing, they escalate an otherwise routine contact. For officers, split-second decisions must be made in an environment where threats can emerge without warning, making cooperation from vehicle occupants essential to everyone's safety.
- **Fourth Amendment Case Law:** As part of our ongoing legal education, officers participated in detailed scenario-based training focused on the standards for what constitutes a "seizure" under the Fourth Amendment. The training covered case background, legal reasoning, and practical applications.

Traffic Safety

Three traffic collisions were reported, two non-injury and one minor injury.



Map of July 2025 Collisions

Chief of Police

Our Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) program continues to thrive, thanks to the outstanding dedication of community members who generously give their time and talents. This month, we proudly recognize Mike Logan, Walt Gill, and our newest volunteer, Nolan Haynes, for their exceptional contributions. Together, they donated over 70 hours in support of the Kensington Police Department and the broader community.

From assisting with community events like Cookies with the Cops, the Kensington Paths Walk, and the Employee Appreciation Luncheon, to preparing for our upcoming Open House, their support has been instrumental. In addition to event coordination, our Volunteers have taken on essential behind-the-scenes roles—helping manage fleet repairs, organizing logistics, and supporting daily administrative functions that enhance our department’s efficiency.

Let’s Meet Nolan Jacob Haynes – Kensington’s New Police Volunteer!

It is with great pride and genuine gratitude that I introduce the newest member of our Kensington Police Department family—**Nolan Jacob Haynes**.

Nolan recently graduated from Clayton Valley Charter High School, where he made a lasting impression on everyone he met. He was honored not once, but twice, as divisional Homecoming King—an acknowledgment not only of his school spirit but also of the respect and admiration of his peers. He also served as the honorary team manager for the Clayton Valley Ugly Eagles Junior Varsity football team during the 2024–2025 season, a role that showcased his commitment, leadership, and love of the game.

A passionate football fan, Nolan proudly supports the San Francisco 49ers and enjoys music, road trips, and gaming in his free time. But beyond his hobbies lies a deeper calling—one rooted in a lifelong desire to serve. Raised in a family dedicated to public service, Nolan grew up visiting station houses and watching his father in uniform. From a young age, he felt a strong sense of purpose and a dream to follow in those same footsteps.



At age 10, Nolan was diagnosed with Leukodystrophy, a condition that dramatically shifted his life’s course. But what’s most remarkable about Nolan isn’t the diagnosis—it’s his **resilience, spirit, and unshakable determination**. Rather than letting go of his dream, he redefined it. With extraordinary heart and courage, Nolan chose to serve his community as a Police Volunteer. And we are incredibly fortunate that he has chosen to do so with us here in Kensington.

His journey is an inspiration. His kindness, drive, and strength of character are already having an impact on our department. He represents the very best of public service—

dedicated, compassionate, and committed to making a difference.

While one of Nolan's proudest memories is meeting Eminem through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, today, he is most honored to don a uniform and serve alongside his father, who works as a Police Consultant with the District.

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Nolan Jacob Haynes, who will be introduced to the Board of Directors on August 14th during the regular Board Meeting.

Fourth of July

Officers were on special enhanced patrol operations due to the risks and challenges associated with the widespread use of illegal fireworks. Our enhanced staffing included four additional officers, totaling thirty-two hours of overtime to ensure maximum district safety. Primary responsibilities were assigned, and nearby trauma centers were identified to support rapid medical response if needed. The district was strategically divided among the team by supervisors, enabling consistent, high-visibility patrols to provide ample coverage and fireworks deterrence. No fireworks-related complaints or injuries were reported, and many residents appreciated the enhanced law enforcement visibility and presence. Thank you to all personnel for their professionalism and dedication to community safety.

Employee Appreciation Luncheon

On July 2nd, the Kensington Police Department hosted its annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon—a heartfelt celebration of the dedicated individuals who serve our community with integrity and commitment. The event was thoughtfully organized by our devoted Volunteers in Police Services and brought together district staff, police personnel, and their families for an afternoon of shared gratitude and connection.

We were genuinely pleased to see representation from every part of our close-knit KPD team. The catered lunch and considerate arrangements fostered an atmosphere of warmth, respect, and camaraderie. More than just a meal, the gathering was an opportunity to recognize the exceptional work, professionalism, and everyday contributions that define our organization.

We extend our deepest thanks to every employee throughout the district. Your dedication and unwavering service are the foundation of our success. While this luncheon represents only a small gesture of appreciation, it reflects our sincere respect and admiration for all that you do. Together, we remain united in our mission to serve and protect the Kensington community.

Kensington Paths

On Saturday, July 26th, members of the Kensington Police Department proudly participated in the First Path Walk and Tour of the Ardmore, Beloit, and Coventry Paths. This milestone event marked the formal adoption of three of the ten community paths by the Path Keepers and the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD), signifying a shared commitment

to preserving and maintaining these valued public spaces. Kensington Police officers were on hand to witness the historic and hard worked for milestone.

The walk provided participants with historical context about the paths, their importance to the community, and the collaborative efforts involved in their upkeep. Following the tour, a brief ceremony was held at the base of the path, where community members gathered to reflect on the progress made and engage in meaningful dialogue about the stewardship achievements and future goals for additional path revitalization.

The event was a celebration of community collaboration, historical preservation, and continued civic engagement. We are grateful to all who participated and look forward to supporting future efforts to enhance and maintain these cherished paths.

Kensington Officers Provide Support to Allied Agency

On July 30th, patrol officers provided support to an outside agency during their active homicide investigation. Intelligence gathering and surveillance of an event in Kensington ultimately led to the identification and safe apprehension of several individuals with felony arrest warrants, including known gang members who were connected to the case. Several firearms were recovered outside of our jurisdiction by the investigating agency. I commend our team and our allied partners for their coordinated efforts and courage.

Cookies With Cops

This well-loved community event took place on Wednesday, July 30th, and was generously sponsored by Raxakoul Coffee and Cheese. The gathering drew an enthusiastic turnout and fostered a warm, welcoming environment for meaningful connection and conversation. Our staff had the valuable opportunity to engage with many residents—sharing information, listening to feedback, and participating in thoughtful, constructive dialogue. These interactions play a vital role in strengthening the bond between our department and the community we are honored to serve.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Raxakoul Coffee and Cheese for their generous hospitality and continued support. Events like this are essential to building transparency, trust, and mutual respect, and we look forward to continuing this important work together.

Police in the Park is planned for Wednesday, August 27, 2025, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing our community there. For more information about upcoming events, visit KPPCSD.org, Instagram, or our Facebook page.



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