



KENSINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

APRIL 2026

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This monthly report provides a comprehensive and transparent overview of the police department's activities and performance over the past month. It includes key statistical data, crime mapping, and detailed police logs to present a clear picture of enforcement activity and public safety trends. The report also features the Chief's message, offering leadership perspective and context on departmental priorities, challenges, and outcomes.

In addition, the report highlights critical programs and initiatives that support the department's mission, including community outreach efforts and specialized programs such as the Volunteer and Reserve Officer Program. Collectively, this report is designed to inform leadership and the community, ensuring visibility into operations, accountability for performance, and a well-rounded understanding of the agency's ongoing work, performance, and community engagement, while maintaining the highest professional standards.

Patrol Operations

During the period **Apr 1 – Apr 30, 2026**, Kensington Police Department handled **1,172** total incidents, a slight decrease from **1,258** in the prior comparison period (**Mar 1 – Mar 31, 2026**). Of these, **931** were officer-initiated activity (OIA), a slight decrease from **1,061** the previous period, and **241** were dispatched calls for service. Officer-initiated activity included **120** traffic stops, **281** building/security checks, **7** vehicle/pedestrian checks.

Officers issued **105** citations and **51** warnings, a decrease from **125** in the prior period. Officers responded to **241** dispatched calls for service, a notable increase from the **197** calls handled in the prior period. The average response time for dispatched calls was **5.8 minutes** (*consistent with the average of 5.5 minutes in the prior period*). Additionally, the department authored **16** investigative reports, of which **5** were NIBRS crime reports, a notable decrease from the **21** reports filed the month prior.

Officers made **0** arrests, a significant decrease from **6** in the prior period. This included **0** felony and **0** misdemeanor arrests.



Table 1. Patrol Data Comparison by Month

Metric	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026	Change	Z-Score
Total Incidents	23	21	16	-23.81%	-0.82
Dispatched Calls for Service	1	1,258	1,147	-8.82%	-2.26
Traffic Stops	0	234	265	+13.25%	1.39
Citations Issued	0	93	91	-2.15%	-0.15
Investigative Reports	23	21	16	-23.81%	-0.82
Misdemeanor Arrests	4	6	0	-100.00%	-2.45
Felony Arrests	1	0	0	N/A	0.00
Avg. Response Time	7 min	5.5 min	5.8 min	+0.3 min (+5.45%)	0.37

Table 2. March 2026 NIBRS Offense Data

NIBRS Code	Offense	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	30 Days Prior to Apr 30	Jan-Mar Avg	%Δ	Z-Score	Significance
NR	Not Reportable	11	11	11	9.3	0.0%	0.55	none
23F	Theft from Vehicle	2	1	2	2	+100.0%	0.00	none
23G	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	2	0	2	0.3	+100.0%	2.89	high
23D	Theft from Building	1	1	1	0.7	0.0%	0.41	none
220	Burglary/Breaking and Entering	0	1	0	0.3	-100.0%	-0.58	none
250	Counterfeit/Forgery	0	1	0	0.3	-100.0%	-0.58	none
280	Stolen Property Offenses	0	0	0	0.3	0.0%	-0.58	none
290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	0	0	0	1.7	0.0%	-1.29	none
13B	Simple Assault	0	2	0	0.7	-100.0%	-0.82	none
23E	Theft from Coin Operated Machine	0	0	0	0.3	0.0%	-0.58	none
23H	All Other Larceny	0	0	0	1	0.0%	-1.00	none
26A	False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	0	2	0	0.7	-100.0%	-0.82	none
26F	Identity Theft	0	0	0	0.7	0.0%	-0.82	none
90C	Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0.3	0.0%	-0.58	none
90D	Driving Under the Influence	0	2	0	0.7	-100.0%	-0.82	none



Figure 1. NIBRS Past 30 Days Bar Chart

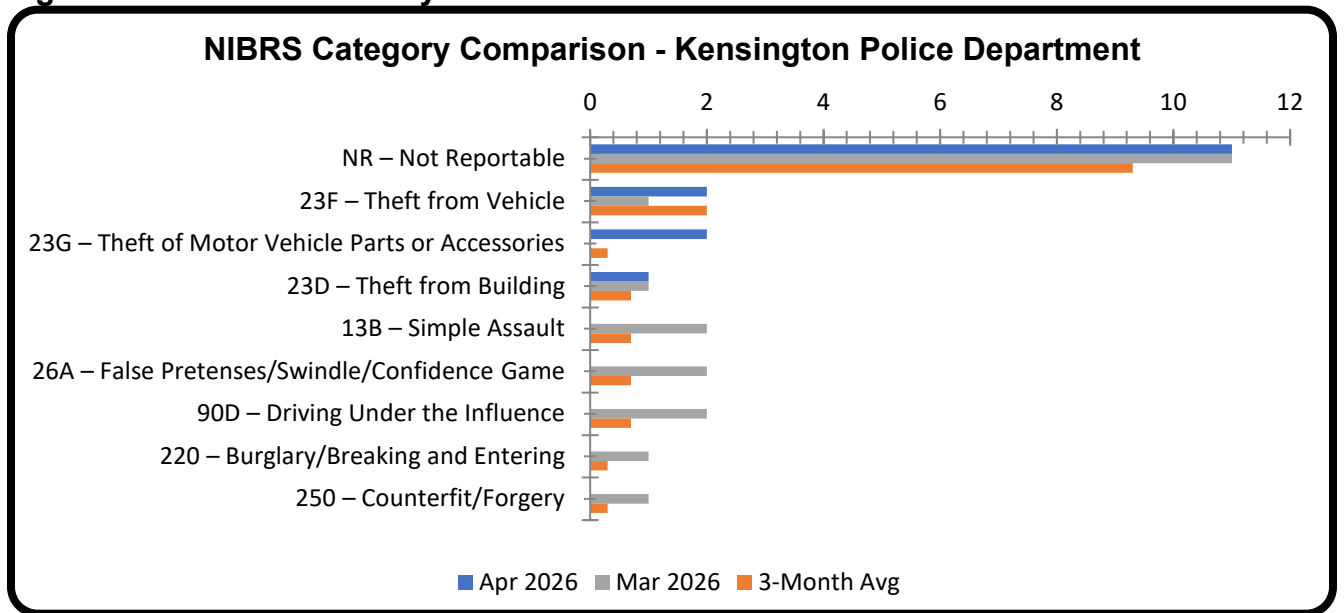


Table 2. Patrol Case Heat Map



Figure 2. Patrol Case Heat Map (Past 30 Days): Incident locations are aggregated into a heat surface using a distance-weighted smoothing calculation over nearby points, where warmer colors indicate higher estimated activity concentration and cooler colors indicate lower concentration.



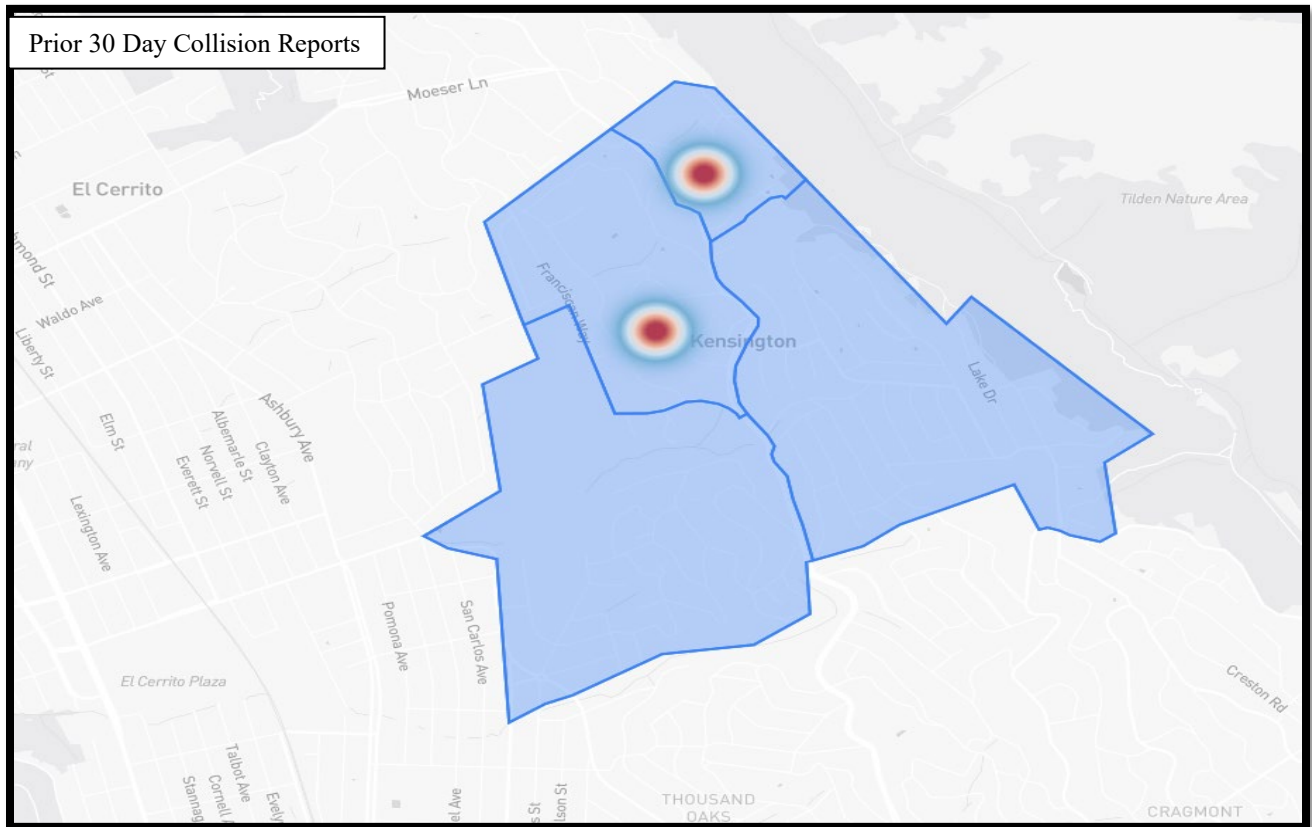
Table 3.

Day	00-03	03-06	06-09	09-12	12-15	15-18	18-21	21-00	TOTAL
Sun	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Mon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tue	1	0	0	0.33	0.67	0	0	0	2
Wed	1.2	0.2	0.2	1.2	0.13	0	1	0.07	4
Thu	0	0	0	1.25	1.75	1	0	0	4
Fri	0.76	0.62	0.33	0	0	0	0	0.29	2
Sat	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	3
TOTAL	2.96	1.82	0.53	2.78	2.55	3	2	0.35	16

Case Temporal Heatmap (Past 30 Days): The temporal heat map uses time-quality weighting where incidents with exact reported times count fully toward their hour, while incidents with unknown or range-based times are proportionally distributed across applicable hours, providing a more accurate representation of activity patterns by reducing the skewing effect of default midnight timestamps common in RMS data.

Traffic Safety

During the period **Apr 1 – Apr 30, 2026**, 2 non-injury collisions were reported, which was a significant decrease from 3 in the prior period (**Mar 1 – Mar 31, 2026**). Of these, one misdemeanor hit-and-run (CVC §20002) was reported.



Map of April 2026 Collisions



Patrol Activity Log:

Total: 16 | Felonies: 4 | Misdemeanors: 2 | Infractions: 0 | Arrests: 0

Date	Time	Location	Offense Statute	Offense(s)	Severity	Arrest	Summary
4/1/2026	11:30 PM	3XX COLUSA AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707	487(A) PC	Grand theft:money/labor/property - Motor vehicle parts/accessories (F)	Felony	No	A catalytic converter theft was investigated at 3XX COLUSA AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707; video evidence was obtained identifying suspects, but no further identifying information was available, resulting in case suspension due to insufficient leads.
4/3/2026	10:00 PM	2XX COLUSA AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707	487(A) PC	Grand theft:money/labor/property - From motor vehicle (F)	Felony	No	A report of catalytic converter theft was investigated at 2XX COLUSA AV, KENSNGTN, CA 94707; despite evidence collection and neighbor contacts, no leads were developed, and the case was closed with leads exhausted.
4/4/2026	04:30 AM	2XX AMHERST AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707	459 PC	Burglary - From motor vehicle (F)	Felony	No	A felony vehicle burglary investigation was conducted at 2XX AMHERST AV, KENSNGTN, CA 94707 following a reported break-in and theft from an unlocked vehicle; a neighborhood canvas yielded no witnesses or evidence, and the case remains pending.
4/5/2026	03:27 PM	2XX LOS ALTOS DR KENSNGTN, CA 94708	CASUALTY	REPORT/INVES OF AN INJURY	Administrative	No	On April 5, 2026, a report of an injury due to a fall was responded to at 2XX LOS ALTOS DR KENSNGTN, CA 94708; the injured party was assessed and transported to a medical facility with no public hazards observed, and the case was closed as no crime.
4/9/2026	11:21 AM	2XX ARLINGTON AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707	DTKPD	KPD DEA Drug Takeback	Administrative	No	On April 9, 2026, a scheduled collection and forfeiture of prescription medications was conducted at 2XX ARLINGTON AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707; the medications were secured and booked into evidence.
4/9/2026	05:00 PM	XX FRANCISCAN WY KENSNGTN, CA 94707	FNDPROP	Found Property	Administrative	No	On April 9, 2026, a set of found keys was reported and collected from the sidewalk near the XX block of Arlington Avenue at XX FRANCISCAN WY KENSNGTN, CA 94707. The keys were booked into evidence, and no further action was taken.



Date	Time	Location	Offense Statute	Offense(s)	Severity	Arrest	Summary
4/11/2026	06:20 PM	XX ARLINGTON CT KENSNGTN, CA 94707	11-82	Accident, no injuries	Administrative	No	An accident with no injuries occurred at XX ARLINGTON CT KENSNGTN, CA 94707; the case has been closed following report completion.
4/14/2026	12:00 AM	XX KERR AV KENSNGTN, CA 94708	484(A) PC	Petty theft - From building (M)	Misdemeanor	No	On April 14, 2026, a petty theft incident involving missing contents of an Amazon package was documented at XX KERR AV KENSNGTN, CA 94708; the incident is pending investigation.
4/14/2026	11:59 AM	109XX SAN PABLO AV ELCERRIT, CA 94530	DTKPD	KPD DEA Drug Takeback	Administrative	No	At 109XX SAN PABLO AV ELCERRIT, CA 94530, prescription medications were collected from the public drop box and booked into evidence as part of the scheduled drug takeback; no crime was involved.
4/15/2026	12:19 AM	2XX COLGATE AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707	IMPOUND	IMPOUND	Administrative	No	A vehicle was impounded for expired registration at 2XX COLGATE AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707 on April 14, 2026, and later released to the registered owner upon presentation of proper documentation; case closed.
4/16/2026	11:30 AM	2XX ARLINGTON AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707	DTKPD	KPD DEA Drug Takeback	Administrative	No	On April 16, 2026, prescription medications were collected and booked into evidence from the public collection box at 2XX ARLINGTON AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707 as part of the KPD DEA Drug Takeback program; case closed with no crime reported.
4/18/2026	03:00 PM	XX ARLINGTON AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707	FNDPROP	Found Property	Administrative	No	On April 18, 2026, found property in the form of a key was turned in at XX ARLINGTON AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707; the key was logged into evidence and subsequently returned to the owner, closing the case.
4/22/2026	10:17 AM	XX COWPER AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707	20002(a)(1) VC	Duty where prop damgd: locate & notify owner	Misdemeanor	No	On April 22, 2026, property damage to a fence was reported at XX COWPER AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707; an investigation was conducted, including neighbor inquiries and video evidence review, with no suspect identified, and the case status is pending.
4/22/2026	08:52 PM	2XX YALE AV KENSNGTN, CA 94708	MPAIDED	Misc. Public Aid Contacted	Administrative	No	On April 22, 2026, a firearm was found and surrendered at 2XX YALE AV KENSNGTN, CA 94708; the weapon was seized by police and forwarded



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							to the appropriate authorities, with the case status pending further investigation.
4/23/2026	11:30 AM	2XX ARLINGTON AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707	DTKPD	KPD DEA Drug Takeback	Administrative	No	A routine collection and forfeiture of prescription medications was conducted at 2XX Arlington Ave, Kensington, CA 94707, with no criminal activity reported. The evidence was secured and booked into police custody, and the case was closed.
Fri, Apr 24, 2026	12:00 AM	6XX COVENTRY RD KENSNGTN, CA 94707	487(A) PC	Grand theft:money/labor/property - Motor vehicle parts/accessories (F)	Felony	No	A grand theft of a motor vehicle license plate was reported at 6XX COVENTRY RD KENSNGTN, CA 94707, occurring between April 23 and April 29, 2026. The investigation revealed no suspects or physical evidence, no arrests were made, and the case was closed with no leads.

Community Safety Cameras – ALPR (automatic license plate reader)

In April, the District's CSCs remained paused in response to community concerns. This 90-day suspension aims to review these concerns and assess system performance.

Blue Envelope Program

The Blue Envelope Program is a voluntary, community-oriented public safety initiative designed to improve interactions between law enforcement and drivers who have autism spectrum disorder or other communication, cognitive, or sensory-processing challenges. Participants are issued a distinctive blue envelope to store their driver's license, registration, and insurance, which discreetly signals to officers that the driver may need additional time, simplified communication, and a calm, low-stress approach during a traffic stop or other enforcement contact. The program enhances officer awareness, promotes safer, more effective communication, reduces anxiety among drivers and families, and supports equitable, professional policing through proactive accommodation and mutual understanding.

During this reporting period, the following activity was recorded:

- 0 individuals requested information about the Blue Envelope Program or inquired about receiving an envelope.
- 1 individual was provided with program information and issued a Blue Envelope when officers determined it would be beneficial and appropriate.
- 0 police contacts involved the active use of the Blue Envelope Program, supporting improved communication, safety, and overall interaction outcomes.



Good Sam Program

The GoodSAM Video Enhanced Video Response (EVR) program is a secure, real-time communication platform that enables law enforcement agencies to conduct live video interactions with community members for non-emergency calls, phone reports, and general exchanges, providing an effective alternative to in-person responses when physical deployment is unnecessary or undesired. By allowing officers and dispatchers to visually assess situations, clarify details, review evidence, and provide guidance in real time, GoodSAM enhances communication accuracy, efficiency, and service quality while maintaining a secure, professional, and documented engagement channel. The program supports modern, community-oriented policing by improving accessibility, reducing response times and workload, preserving patrol resources, and strengthening trust through convenient, responsive, and transparent public services.

During this reporting period, GoodSAM EVR was used **3 times** for criminal investigations and 1 time for a general citizen report.

Training: Professional Standards, Development & Readiness

April training focused on developing officer's de-escalation and community engagement skills.

De-escalation vs Indecision: This training defines de-escalation as the deliberate application of tactical strategies designed to reduce the intensity of an encounter and minimize the necessity of force. It establishes a clear distinction between proactive de-escalation—which utilizes active management techniques like time, distance, and rapport-building—and hesitation, which is a failure to act when force is clearly required. Officers are trained to employ specific methods such as tactical repositioning, active listening, and showing empathy to manage situations where the threat level is manageable. The training emphasizes that while the goal is to lower the "temperature" of a situation, officers must remain prepared to transition to appropriate force if the threat to the public or themselves becomes unacceptable.

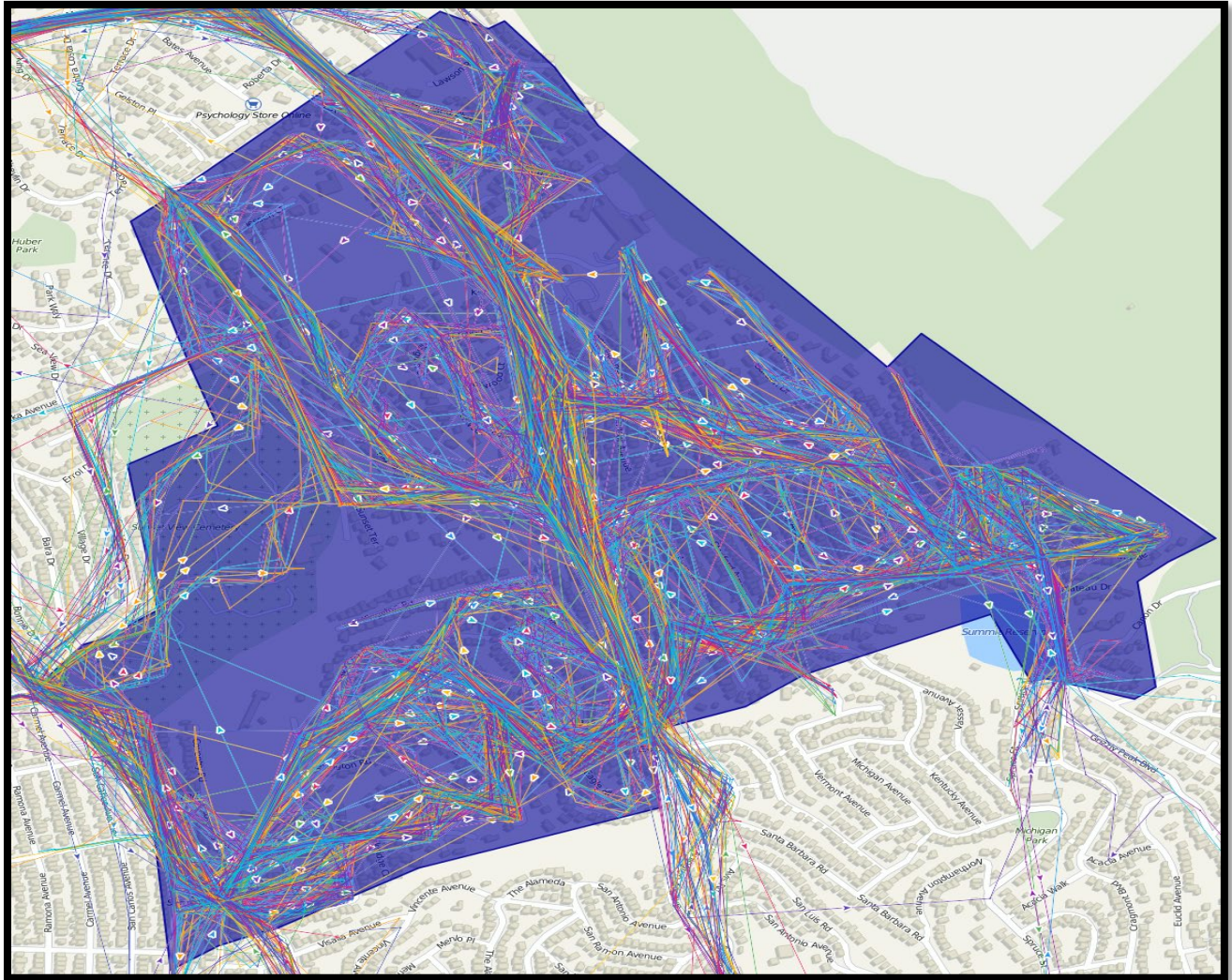
Handling Traffic Stops with Autistic Drivers: This module addresses the unique challenges of traffic stops involving autistic individuals, who may experience significant stress due to flashing lights, interrupted routines, and sensory processing difficulties. Officers are instructed to recognize potential indicators of autism, such as "puzzle piece" decals or specific behavioral cues, and to adapt their approach by maintaining a calm, patient demeanor. Key adjustments include using clear, simple commands, minimizing unnecessary stimuli, and allowing extra time for the individual to process information and comply. Additionally, the training encourages officers to assess whether interaction with a passenger is necessary, suggesting that limiting contact with those not involved in the reason for the stop can reduce anxiety and ensure a safer, more professional outcome.

DEA Pharmaceutical Handling Procedures: Guidelines on collection, safe handling, and evidentiary processing of pharmaceuticals turned over to KPD by citizens in the Kensington Drug Take Back Boxes at the Fire and Police Stations.



Table 3. Patrol Fleet Mapping

Kensington's patrol fleet is tracked via GPS, enabling real-time mapping. The map depicts the Special District of Kensington's boundary (dark blue), and the six colored lines represent the locations of black-and-white patrol cars within the district throughout the month.



Chief of Police – Updates and Remarks

FBI LEEDS (Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar)

The Kensington Police Department is proud to announce that Lieutenant Nath recently successfully completed the FBI LEEDS (Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar) program, an advanced executive leadership course administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and affiliated with the prestigious FBI National Academy. The program focuses on executive leadership, ethical decision-making, organizational management, and modern public safety strategies while bringing together select law enforcement professionals from



across the country to strengthen collaboration and leadership development. Attendance is limited to selected personnel who demonstrate strong leadership qualities, professional achievement, and forward progress within their agencies. Participation in this nationally recognized program reflects the department's ongoing commitment to professionalism, continued education, and providing the Kensington community with high-quality, forward-thinking public safety services.

Year-Round Prescription Drug Drop-Off Program

The Kensington Police Department recently expanded its year-round prescription drug take-back program by installing permanent medication disposal boxes at both the police department and the Kensington Fire Protection District. April marked the first full month of collection operations at both locations, providing residents with safe and convenient options for disposing of unused or expired prescription medications at the police department on San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito and the fire department on Arlington Avenue in Kensington.

During the first month of operation, officers cataloged and collected approximately **21 pounds** of prescription medications for secure destruction. The program has already proven to be a successful community resource, helping reduce improper medication disposal while improving public safety and accessibility for residents seeking a safe method to dispose of unused medications. As a reminder, prescription medication drop-offs at the fire department are available Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. At the police department, disposal services are available Monday through Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If residents arrive at the police department and are unable to access the lobby, they may press the blue call box button located outside the entrance, which connects directly to dispatch. An officer will then respond to unlock the lobby doors so residents can safely dispose of their medications.





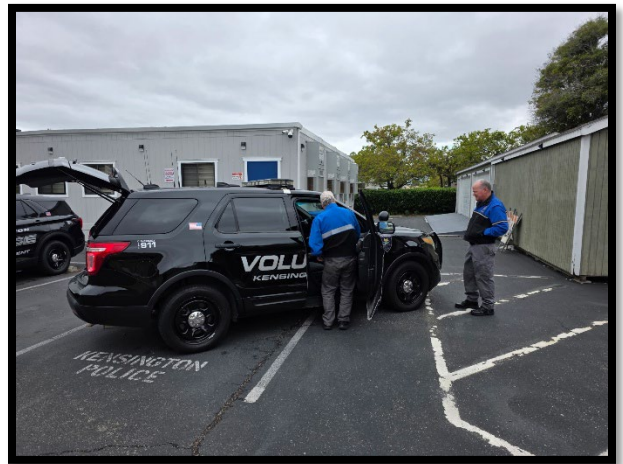
Volunteers in Police Services VIPS – Get a Dedicated Vehicle!

Our Volunteers, Logan, Gill, and Haynes, contributed over 76.5 hours of service to the Police Department and the community. Their contributions included administrative support, fleet management, inspection of patrol fleet vehicles, and several special projects as assigned.

The Kensington Police Department is proud to announce the addition of a dedicated volunteer vehicle to support the department's Volunteer Program and its continued community outreach efforts. The vehicle, a former police patrol vehicle repurposed as a volunteer support vehicle, will assist volunteers as they support department operations, coordinate and set up community events, and provide logistical assistance throughout the year. Department volunteers are integral members of many community events, including the Colusa Circle 5K, Kensington Fall Picnic, Halloween Harvest Celebration, Holiday Fair, Kensington Parade, and National Night Out, while also planning and hosting community-focused programs such as Cookies with the Cops, Coffee with the Cops, Pizza with the Police, and Police in the Park.

The addition of this vehicle further enhances the program's ability to support community engagement initiatives and operational needs throughout Kensington. If you see volunteers driving the vehicle around town, feel free to wave them down — they are always happy to speak with residents, answer questions about the program, and showcase the department's newest volunteer resource.






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Cookies with The Cops

A community engagement event was held on Wednesday, April 22nd, generously sponsored by Raxakoul Coffee and Cheese. The event drew a strong turnout from community members and created a welcoming atmosphere for connection and conversation. Our staff had the opportunity to engage with numerous residents, exchanging information, asking questions, and participating in thoughtful, meaningful dialogue. These interactions continue strengthening the bond between the department and the community we proudly serve.

We sincerely thank Raxakoul Coffee and Cheese for their hospitality and support. Events like these are essential to fostering transparency, trust, and mutual respect, and we look forward to continuing this vital work together.

Join us for our next community event — **Coffee with the Cops at Semifreddi's Bakery on Wednesday, May 27th, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** Stop by, grab a cup of coffee, meet your Kensington Police Department personnel and volunteers, and take the opportunity to chat with us in a relaxed community setting. We look forward to connecting with residents, answering questions, and continuing to strengthen our partnership with the community.

We hope to see you there!

COFFEE WITH THE COPS

Building community relationships over a cup of coffee

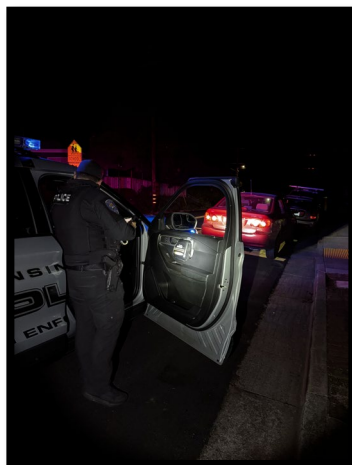
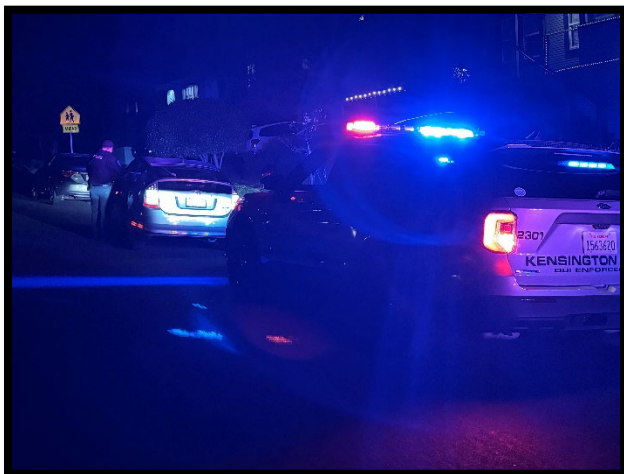
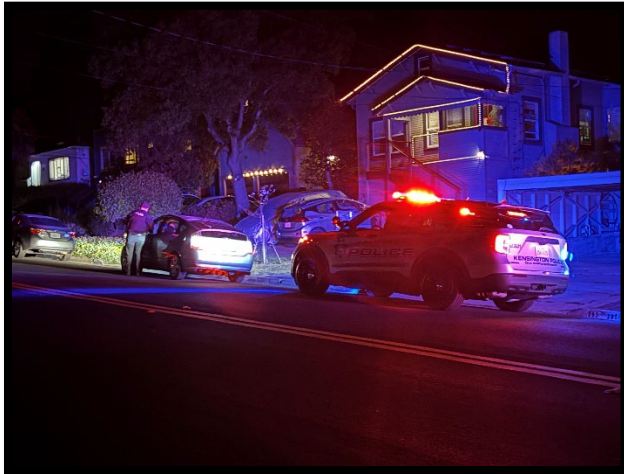
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27
8:30am-10:30am
Semifreddi's Bakery Cafe
372 Colusa Ave, Kensington CA 94707





CHP DUI/DUID Grant Activity

KPD officers conducted the 13th and 14th of 15 scheduled DUI saturation patrols under the CHP DUI/DUID grant program. These operations resulted in 41 traffic stops, leading to 12 warnings and 15 citations for various vehicle code violations. The team deployed the newly acquired, grant-funded patrol vehicles during these operations.





Lake Drive Safety Meeting

Sergeant Rivera and Officer Thota attended the Lake Drive Community Safety Meeting at the invitation of neighborhood residents. During the meeting, Department personnel engaged with attendees regarding current public safety concerns, recent police-related activity, community safety initiatives, evacuation planning, and available communication resources. The meeting provided an opportunity for positive community engagement, open dialogue with residents, and strengthened relationships between the Department and the neighborhood.

Residents interested in hosting a neighborhood safety meeting or community informational session are encouraged to contact the Department, as personnel are available to assist with coordination and outreach.



Mutual Aid to City of Pinole for DUI Enforcement Operation

The Kensington Police Department has continued leading the charge on the California Highway Patrol DUI grant operations and DUI enforcement initiatives throughout Contra Costa County. Through the department's proactive involvement and operational success, Kensington personnel have assisted several surrounding agencies by providing guidance, program information, and training related to DUI enforcement operations and grant management practices that have proven successful for multiple agencies within the county.

This success is directly tied to the department's emphasis on advanced training and operational readiness. Kensington personnel assigned to these operations are fully trained and certified in SFST (Standardized Field Sobriety Testing) as well as ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement), ensuring department personnel maintain a high level of proficiency in impaired driving detection and enforcement.

As a result of this reputation and expertise, Kensington has regularly been requested to participate in and assist with DUI grant operations and DUI enforcement activities throughout Contra Costa County. Most recently, the department deployed one sergeant, two officers, and one reserve officer to assist the City of Pinole during a DUI enforcement operation. Kensington



personnel assisted with checkpoint line operations and other key operational assignments throughout the event and ultimately assisted in DUI-related arrests made during the operation. These collaborative efforts continue to strengthen regional partnerships, enhance roadway safety throughout the county, and reinforce Kensington's commitment to professional, proactive, and highly trained DUI enforcement operations.

TOGETHER, WE CAN PREVENT DUI.

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