

September 2010 Police Department Report

October 5, 2010

- Department Personnel

Sergeant Khan is currently on Workman's Comp medical leave.

Reserve Officer Paul Borgfeldt resigned his position after serving the community for 11 years. Paul was commuting in from Lincoln and felt it was time to "hang it up". We will be setting up a thank you dinner to wish him the best in his "retirement".

We are in the background process with four new reserve officer candidates. If all pass their backgrounds, we will have a total of eight reserve officers in the department.

- Commendations and Correspondence- None to report this month

- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct

- Department Investigation #09-06 was initiated on December 24th on an allegation that an officer was rude during a disturbance call for service. The investigation was being conducted by Sergeant Khan but has now been reassigned to Sergeant Hull. The subject officer's interview is pending.

- Department Investigation #10-001 was initiated on September 20th on an allegation that an officer posted an inappropriate screen saver on a District computer. The investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.

- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.

- The Ring Time Report for August identified 5 of the 74 911 calls received with a ring time of over 20 seconds.

The first one occurred on 08-06-10, at 9:56 AM with a ring time of 55 seconds. The call was for a suspicious noise heard in the carport area. Later at 3:56 PM, with a ring time of 1:21 minutes. The call was for a male shooting a pellet gun at passing cars near the reservoir.

The other three calls all had ring times under 31 seconds, two of which

were fire calls, but all were no merit to the call.

- Communication Center Service Complaints

- No complaints received this month however, ***this is a good time to remind everyone that for police non-emergencies, you need to contact the dispatch center at “236-0474” and not the KPPCSD business line of 526-4141.*** The KPPCSD business line is only monitored 6 hours a day during the week and should not be used to report police matters. Doing so, only delays the police response time, so please dial Dispatch direct.

- Community Networking

- On 09-01-10, Chief Harman attended the West County Chiefs of Police Meeting in Hercules.

Later that evening, Chief Harman attended a neighborhood meeting concerning traffic safety issues in the area of Norwood and Arlington Court.

- On 09-07-10, Chief Harman held a meeting with neighbors on Kenilworth to discuss traffic and parking issues in the area.
- On 09-13-10, Chief Harman and Officer Wilson attended the Kensington Public Safety Council Meeting.

Following the meeting, Chief Harman attended the KCC meeting.

- On 09-18-10, Officer Ramos participated in the Tri City Day held at El Cerrito Plaza.
- Between 09-20-10 and 09-23-10, Chief Harman attended the annual CSDA Conference in Newport Beach.
- On 09-25-10, Detective Barrow monitored the DEA National Drug Take Back Day in which 56 pounds of prescription medication was dropped off for destruction.
- On 09-27-10, Chief Harman attended the KIC meeting.
- On 09-28-10, Chief Harman attended the KMAC meeting.

- Community Criminal Activity
 - This section of the report has been prepared by the Watch Commanders reporting on their areas of responsibility.
- Watch Commander Reports
- **Officer Stegman Team 1**

Significant Cases and Events

10-4440- On 9/6/10 at 1641 hours, on the 200 block of Lake Dr., Officer Hui took a report of a vandalism of a tree.

10-4424- On 9/7/10 at 2037 hours, on the 00 block of Windsor Ave., Officer Wilson took a report regarding theft of a political sign.

10-4646- On 9/14/10 at 1907 hours, on the 00 block of Windsor Ave., Officer Hui took a report of annoying phone calls. It turned the unknown caller was a friend playing a joke on another friend.

10-4740- On 9/19/10 at 0153 hours, at the intersection of Coventry Rd and Oakview Ave., Officer Hui responded to a solo vehicle accident where a vehicle failed to negotiate a turn safely.

10-4780- On 9/21/10 at 1122 hours, on the 200 block of Cambridge Ave, Officers Tyler and Stegman took a Coroners case. There were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death.

10-4800- On 9/21/10 at 1746 hours, on the 300 block of Berkeley Park Blvd, a resident spotted a mountain lion or similar animal, walking out of the East Bay MUD property. Officers Barrow, Hui, and Ramos responded and conducted an extensive search of the area. They were unable to locate the animal.

10-4920- On 9/27/10 at 1544 hours, on the 00 block of Anson Way, Officer Hui took a theft report.

Collateral duties

On 9/2/10 Officer Hui attended an ARIES meeting in Martinez.

On 9/15/10 Officer Stegman assisted at the Contra Costa Sheriff's Academy during their scenario testing.

On 9/5/10 Officer Hui attended NWS meeting in Richmond.

On 9/24/10 Officers Stegman and Hui conducted firearms training and qualifications.

On 9/29/10 Officer Hui attended Bay RICS meeting in Dublin.

Summary

Residential and vehicle burglaries seemed to subside this month. However this does not mean it is time to simply let our guard down and be complacent. Burglaries are opportunistic crimes and the more difficult it is to take your property, the more likely the suspect will pick a softer target. Developing good habits of locking doors, closing windows, and not leaving valuable items in plain sight, are all good practices which are little or no cost, and are easy to do.

Team Statistics

Officer:	Stegman K32 (0600- 1600)	Wilson K38 (2000-0600)	Hui K42 (1100-2100)
Days Worked	14	16	17
Traffic Stops	27	7	13
Moving Citations	12	1	19
Parking Citations	2	3	4
Vacation/Security Chks	30	59	110
Field Interviews	0	0	1
Cases	1	2	5
Self Initiated Cases	0	0	0
Arrests	0	0	0
Calls for Service	24	14	39

•• Sergeant Hull Team 2

Team Statistics

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Medina (K35) (1800-0600)	Ramos (K41) (0730-1730)
Days Worked	16	15	16
Traffic Stops	50	6	72
Moving Citations	11	0	3
Parking Citations	0	0	1
Vacation/Security Chks	43	45	13
FI-Field Interview	0	0	0
Cases	1	1	1
Self Initiated Cases	0	1	0
Arrests	0	1	0
Calls for Service	91	25	23

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2010-4396 – On 9-4-2010, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave to a civil dispute between neighbors.
- 2010-4408 – On 9-4-2010, FTO Medina and Reserve Trainee Lafitte arrested a Kensington resident who had a \$65,000 warrant for Health and Safety Code violations out of San Francisco.
- 2010-4528 – On 9-11-2010, Officer Martinez took a report of a vehicle collision at KPD. The collision occurred in the 100 block of Colusa Avenue.
- 2010-4838 – On 9-23-2010, Officer Martinez took a report of a missing person from the unit block of Kensington Road.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed KPD Policy 1026 – Peace Officer Personnel Files
- Reviewed Marty Meyer Client Alert Millender V. County of LA “Overbroad” Search Warrant results in loss of qualified immunity.
- Reviewed KPD Policy 1028 – Request for Change of Assignment
- Reviewed KPD Policy 1030 – Employee Commendations
- Reviewed KPD Policy 1032 – Fitness for Duty
- Reviewed KPD Policy 1034 – Meal Periods and Breaks
- Reviewed KPD Policy 1035 – Lactation Break Policy
- Reviewed KPD Policy 1036 – Time Card Procedure
- Reviewed KPD Policy 1038 – Overtime Payment Requests
- Officer Ramos attended Visa/Immigration Training

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

I would like to recognize the good work, which has resulted in a decrease in criminal activity, of the community and the police department. While cities contiguous to the District of Kensington continue to experience property crimes and crimes against persons our reported criminal activity decreased.

I would like to urge the community to continue to phone for police assistance if you suspect criminal or unusual activity. As reported in earlier Sergeant's Summaries, the locating and arresting of subjects involved in criminal activity also helps to reduce the occurrence of crime in the District.

Noting the lack of criminal activity points to the relationship that has been fostered between the Kensington Police Department and residents is working to maintain a quality of life and standard of living to be envied by other cities.

I want to remind everyone when you want police assistance please call the dispatch center at **236-0474**.

•• **Detective Keith Barrow**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

2010-4878 Fraud.

On 09-25-10, a resident reported they had received a telephone call from Jamaica telling them they had won money from a sweepstakes and only needed to pay the tax on their winnings. The resident paid the money after receiving fraudulent checks in the mail. The officer that took the report is still investigating.

2010-4231 Residential Burglary.

On 09-01-10, a resident reported they had been the victim of a residential burglary. Officers found no sign of forced entry as the residence was unlocked. A checkbook was the only thing taken.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

2010-3491 Identity Theft.

Officer Martinez took a report of an identity theft and was able to identify a person of interest that lives in North Richmond. We conducted a search for the individual and were unable to make contact. I will be conducting a follow up investigation in this case.

2010-2872 Residential Burglary.

Items taken from an unlocked downstairs room with a door leading to the rear yard. This case will be investigated.

2010-2712 Residential Burglary.

This case is under investigation.

2010-2701 Arrest of forgery suspect.

This case will be filed with the Alameda District Attorneys Office.

2010-2695 Residential Burglary.

This case is under investigation.

2010-2199 Arrest of forgery suspect.

The suspect in this case has also just been charged for similar crimes in Oakland and the US Postal Service. This case will be filed with the Alameda District Attorneys Office.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS

- Made several court runs for filling cases, and citation drop off's.
- Updated the KPD residential burglary log.
- Updated the KPD stolen vehicle log.
- On 09-23-10, I attended the West County Investigators Supervisor / Manager's Meeting hosted by El Cerrito Police Department.
- On 09-25-10 during the hours of 10:00am to 2:00pm, Kensington Police Department located at 217 Arlington Avenue, participated in the first Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Take Back Initiative. The DEA coordinated state and local law enforcement agencies on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. The National Take Back Day provided a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. The one day event brought national focus to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. The program established a safe collection site for the environment and all Americans. During the four hour event Kensington Police Department received 56 pounds of pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications. We were only allowed to take custody of pills, capsules and powders. No packaging or liquids were taken. The total NTBI collection weight for the DEA San Francisco Field Division based out of Oakland was 11,648.25 lbs. The DEA is discussing whether this program should continue as an annual or semi annual program and when the decision is made I will inform everyone. Thank you all for your participation.

WEST-NET ASSIGNMENT:

I am currently assigned to the West Contra Costa County Narcotic Enforcement Team (West-NET) one day per week.

While on this assignment I work with other West Contra Costa County law enforcement officers and agencies. I participate and aid in the service of search warrants, surveillance, and on going narcotics investigations.

I have been assigned the task of locating fugitives or wanted persons in connection with West-NET cases. To date I have been able to locate several

individuals out of state and I will be consulting with the Contra Costa DA. for further action.

On 09-17-10, I received information concerning a wanted person with a \$20,000.00 West-NET/San Pablo PD. warrant. The information directed me to an apartment in Richmond. I contacted West-NET Agents and Richmond Police Officers in an attempt to apprehend the wanted person. The subject had left the location minutes prior to our arrival but we did apprehend the subject later that day.

INVESTIGATORS SUMMARY:

In the month of September the District of Kensington sustained 0 identity theft, 3 non-injury vehicle accidents and 1 Hit and Run Vehicle Accidents, 0 Injury Hit and Run Accidents, 0 Injury Accidents, 2 Residential Burglaries, 0 Attempted Residential Burglaries, 0 Commercial Burglary, 0 Auto Burglaries, 1 Theft from an unlocked vehicle, 0 Stolen Vehicles, 2 Petty Thefts, 1 Vandalism, 0 Embezzlement, 1 Fraud, 0 Forgery, 0 Attempted Grand Thefts and 0 Grand Thefts.

•• Chief Harman

On Saturday, September 18th, Officer Ramos participated in Tri-City Day at the El Cerrito Plaza.

As reported by Detective Barrow, on Saturday, September 25th, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, we participated in the first "National Drug Take Back Event" sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration. 56 pounds of prescription drugs were disposed of.

Officer Wilson continues to work at identifying Neighborhood Watch groups and is one of the main facilitators in the Kensington Public Safety Council. He also is producing a Neighborhood Watch bulletin that he distributes via e-mail to over 300 residents in the community. He is currently working with Officer Martinez to set up a "Senior Watch" program in Kensington.

Officer Hui has taken over the District's web site and is in the process of updating the information available.

Our Key Program and Vacation Watch Program, unique in law enforcement, continue to be very popular programs in the community.

I attend the meetings of the KCC, KIC, KMAC, KPSC, and Dad's Club when there is not a conflict.

Does the Kensington Police Department do community outreach? I think we do.