

KENSINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

October 2026

Reporting period: Oct 1 – Oct 31, 2026

Patrol Operations • Crime Data • Traffic Safety • Training • Community

00 / MONTH AT A GLANCE

Executive Summary

The monthly report provides an overview of the Police Department's activities. It includes statistical data and police activity logs representing some of the enforcement efforts and public safety trends this month. The report highlights department initiatives, accomplishments, and community engagement efforts.

TOTAL INCIDENTS	OFFICER-INITIATED	DISPATCHED CALLS	MEDIAN RESPONSE
1,152	786	366	5.5 min
▼ 17.8% vs prior month	68% of all incidents	▲ 35.1% vs prior month	Prior month 5.7 min

TRAFFIC STOPS	CITATIONS ISSUED	REPORTS PREPARED	ARRESTS
93	69	33	3
▼ 15.5% vs prior month	▼ 23.3% vs prior month	20 NIBRS crime reports	2 misdemeanor, 1 warrant

THIS MONTH IN BRIEF

- **Hate crime investigation.** KPD is investigating vandalism involving a racial slur near Kensington Elementary School as a hate crime and has increased patrols on campus.
- **Busier calls for service.** Dispatched calls rose 35% to 366, while officer-initiated activity fell to 786 as officers spent more time on calls, investigations, and mandated training.
- **Domestic violence cases.** Five domestic battery investigations: two arrests, two cases closed, and an arrest warrant issued in the fifth.
- **Investing in our people.** About 114 training hours, including Advanced Officer Training, new breath-testing (PAS) device training, and child death investigation training.
- **In the community.** Two officers recognized for their homicide response, plus Park'd, the Kensington Parade, the Harvest Festival, Halloween night, and 54.5 volunteer hours.

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01 / CALLS, ACTIVITY & RESPONSE

Patrol Operations

From October 1 through October 31, 2026, the Kensington Police Department handled 1,152 total incidents, down from 1,401 in the prior period (September 1–30, 2026). Of these, 786 were officer-initiated activities (OIA), down from 1,130, and 366 were dispatched calls for service, up from 271.

Officer-initiated activity included 93 traffic stops, 396 building/security checks, 207 extra patrols, and 5 vehicle/pedestrian checks. Officers issued 69 citations, down from 90 in the prior period, and 37 verbal warnings.

The drop in officer-initiated activity and traffic enforcement reflects higher call volume and more cases that took significant investigative time. Staffing was also limited this month by state-mandated training and officer leave.

The median response time for dispatched calls was 5.5 minutes, in line with the 5.7-minute median in the prior period.

The department prepared 33 investigative reports, up from 28 in the prior period. Of these, 20 were NIBRS crime reports: 18 for crimes that occurred this period and 2 for crimes from prior periods.

Officers made 3 arrests, up from 1 in the prior period: 2 misdemeanor arrests and 1 warrant/other arrest. There were no felony arrests.

October's caseload included 5 domestic battery investigations. Two resulted in arrests and two others have been closed. The fifth remains under active investigation, and the Contra Costa County Superior Court has issued an arrest warrant for the suspect.

EXTRA PATROLS	BUILDING CHECKS	TRAFFIC STOPS	VEH./PED. CHECKS	VERBAL WARNINGS
207	396	93	5	37

TABLE 1 Patrol data comparison: October 2026 vs. September 2026 vs. October 2025

METRIC	OCT 2025	SEP 2026	OCT 2026	CHANGE	NORMAL RANGE	Z-SCORE	STATUS
Total Incidents	1,336	1,401	**1,152**	-17.8%	992–1,824	-1.23	**Normal**
Dispatched Calls for Service	229	271	**366**	+35.1%	121–369	1.94	**Normal**
Traffic Stops	136	110	**93**	-15.5%	35–168	-0.26	**Normal**
Citations Issued	130	90	**69**	-23.3%	32–139	-0.63	**Normal**
Reports Prepared in Period	34	28	**33**	+17.9%	10–37	1.39	**Normal**
Misdemeanor Arrests	3	0	**2**	N/A	0–0	N/A	n/a
Felony Arrests	6	0	**0**	N/A	0–2	-0.42	**Normal**
Warrant / Other Arrests	0	1	**1**	0.0%	0–1	1.15	**Normal**
Total Arrests	9	1	**3**	+200.0%	0–4	1.49	**Normal**
Median Response Time	5.0 min	5.7 min	**5.5 min**	-0.2 min (-2.7%)	3.8–6.6 min	0.48	**Normal**
90th Percentile Response Time	11.9 min	12.6 min	**13.2 min**	+0.7 min (+5.4%)	8.4–22.1 min	-0.60	**Normal**

Change compares October with September 2026. Normal Range, Z-Score and Status compare this month with KPD's own history from October 2024 to September 2026 (24 months). Counts that naturally swing from month to month are judged against their own normal swing, and response times against their usual monthly variation. Every measure this month was within its normal range.

COMMUNITY NOTICE: HATE CRIME INVESTIGATION

On October 19, KPD received a report of vandalism near Kensington Elementary School involving a racial slur written on a wall. KPD is investigating the incident as a hate crime, and the investigation is active and ongoing. To protect the case, the department can share only limited details at this time.

Hateful language like this has no place in Kensington. It harms our whole community. KPD is working directly with school administration to support students, staff, and families, and officers have increased patrols on campus.

We thank the community members who reported the vandalism and everyone who has offered support. Anyone with information is asked to contact KPD Dispatch at (510) 525-7573 and reference case number 2026-0230. Hate incidents can also be reported confidentially to CA vs Hate at (833) 866-4283. KPD will provide updates as the investigation allows.

FIGURE 1 Officer-initiated activity by type, October 2026

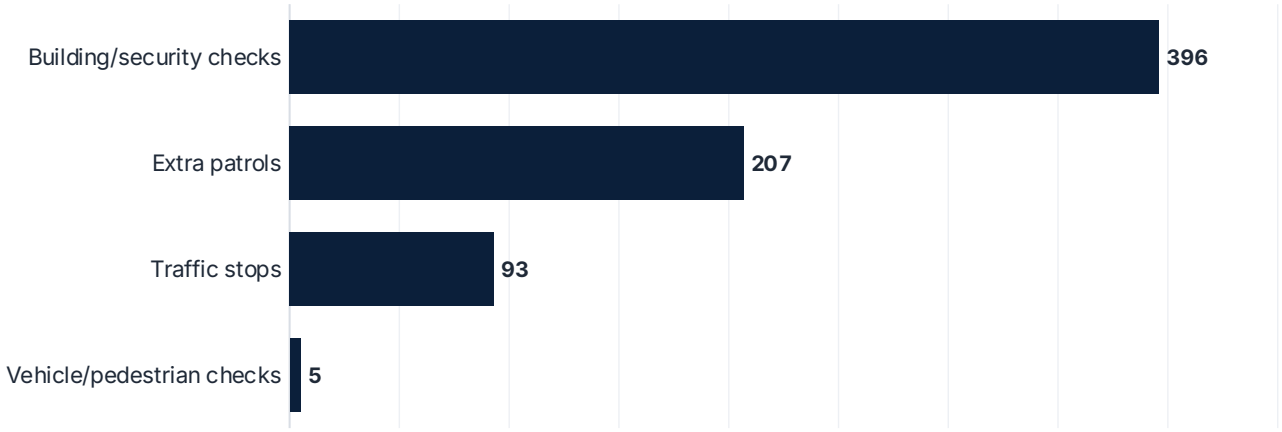
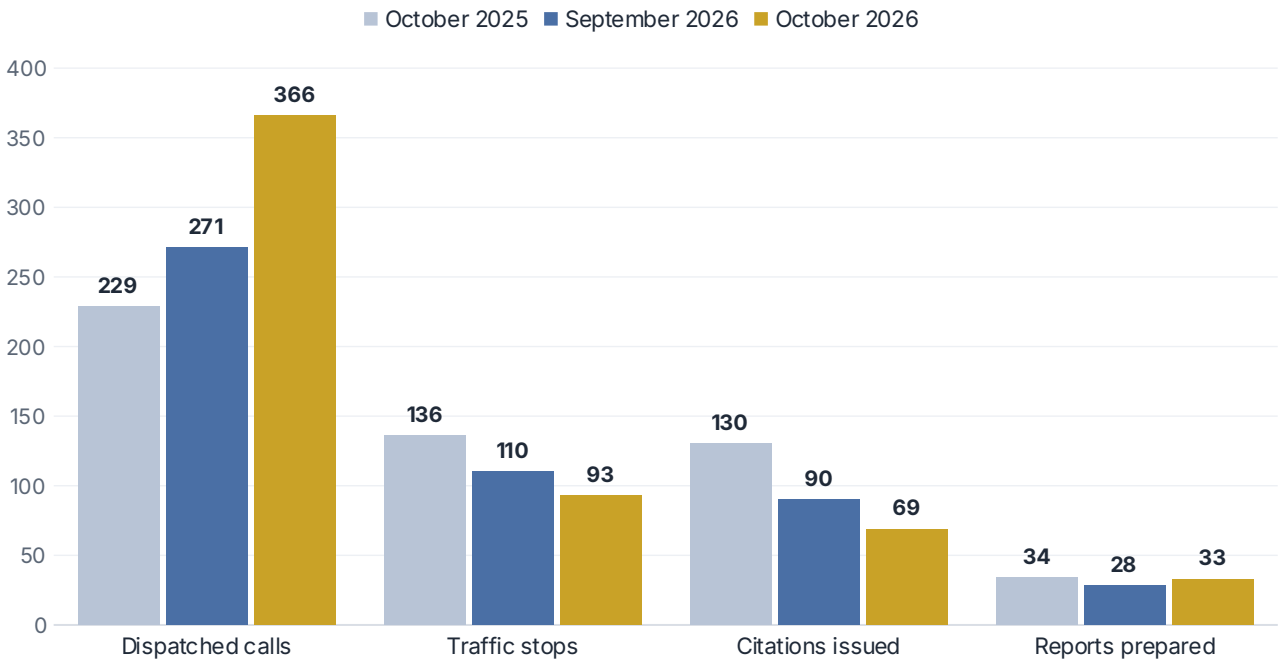


FIGURE 2 Key patrol measures, year-over-year and month-over-month



02 / REPORTED OFFENSES

Crime & NIBRS Data

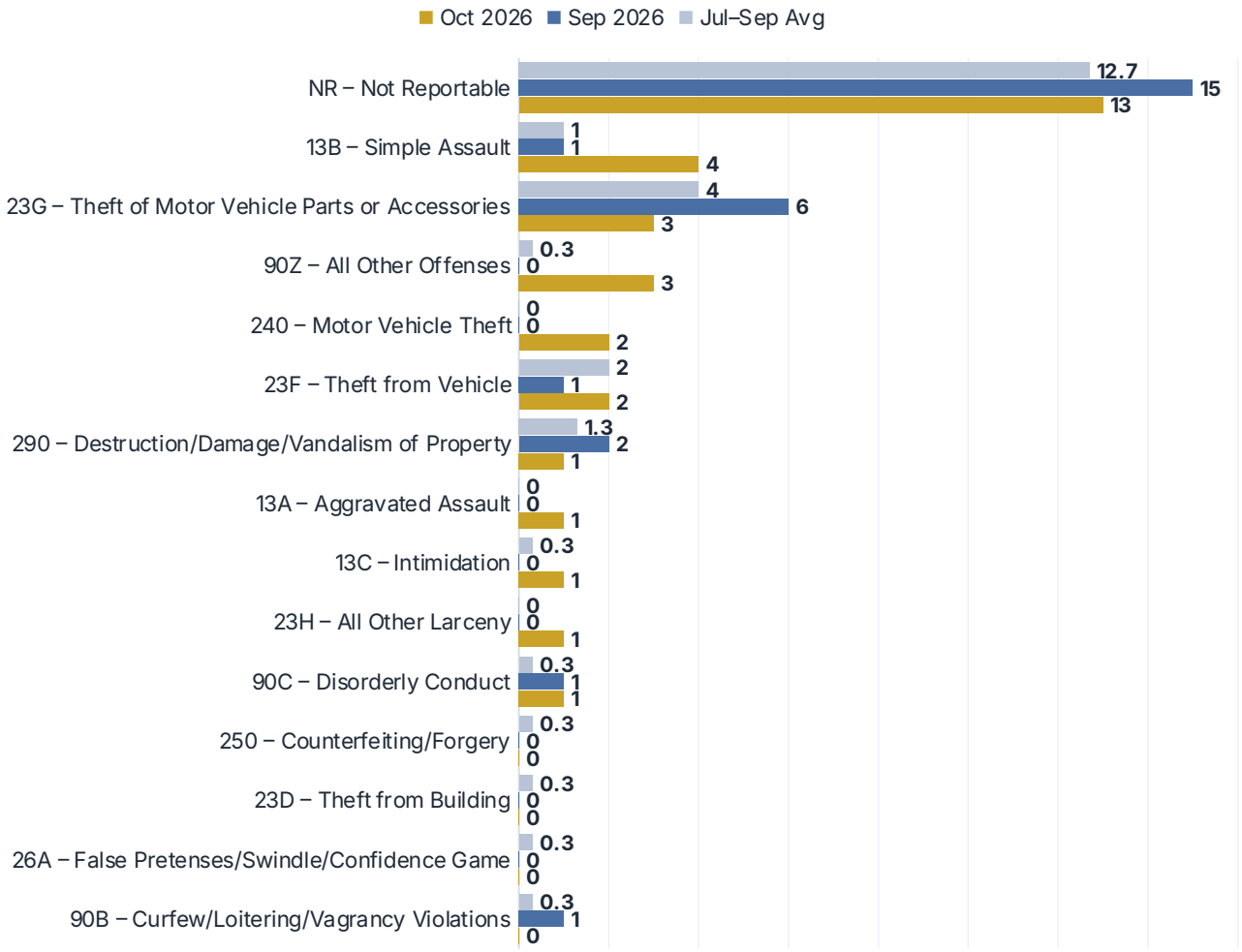
NIBRS (National Incident-Based Reporting System) offenses reported this month, compared with the prior month and the July–September average.

TABLE 2 October 2026 NIBRS offense data

CODE	OFFENSE	OCT 2026	SEP 2026	LAST 30 DAYS	JUL–SEP AVG	%Δ	Z-SCORE
NR	Not Reportable	13	15	11	12.7	-13.3%	0.09
13B	Simple Assault	4	1	4	1	+300.0%	3.00
23G	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	3	6	3	4	-50.0%	-0.50
90Z	All Other Offenses	3	0	3	0.3	+100.0%	4.62
240	Motor Vehicle Theft	2	0	2	0	+100.0%	0.00
23F	Theft from Vehicle	2	1	2	2	+100.0%	0.00
290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	1	2	1	1.3	-50.0%	-0.29
13A	Aggravated Assault	1	0	1	0	+100.0%	0.00
13C	Intimidation	1	0	1	0.3	+100.0%	1.15
23H	All Other Larceny	1	0	1	0	+100.0%	0.00
90C	Disorderly Conduct	1	1	1	0.3	0.0%	1.15
250	Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	0	0.3	0.0%	-0.58
23D	Theft from Building	0	0	0	0.3	0.0%	-0.58
26A	False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	0	0	0	0.3	0.0%	-0.58
90B	Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	0	1	0	0.3	-100.0%	-0.58

%Δ compares October with September 2026. Red marks an increase in reported offenses; green marks a decrease. Last 30 Days counts offenses in the 30 days before October 31.

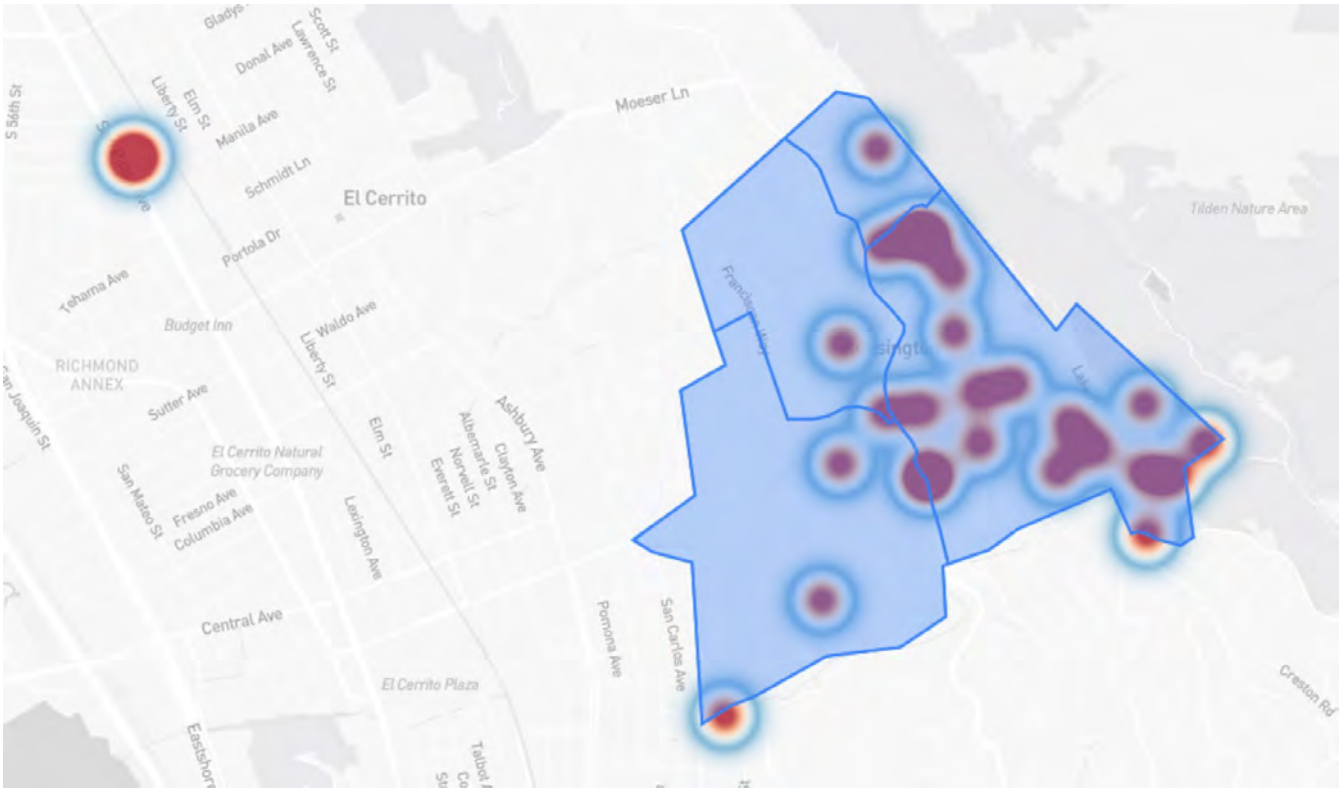
FIGURE 3 NIBRS offenses, past 30 days vs. prior month and 3-month average



03 / WHERE & WHEN INCIDENTS OCCUR

Activity Patterns

FIGURE 4 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 Case temporal heat map (past 30 days): day of week by time of day

Day	00-03	03-06	06-09	09-12	12-15	15-18	18-21	21-00	Total
Sun	1.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.49	1.59	0.36	0.72	**4.32**
Mon	·	2	·	1	1	·	0.04	0.13	**4.17**
Tue	1.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.08	·	**1.86**
Wed	·	1	·	2	1	2	·	0.09	**6.09**
Thu	1.91	·	·	2.33	1.67	·	·	0.29	**6.2**
Fri	0.75	0.04	0.04	0.35	0.73	1.04	0.04	0.04	**3.03**
Sat	0.04	0.04	0.04	1.04	1.04	0.04	1.04	0.04	**3.32**
Total	**4.87**	**3.25**	**0.25**	**6.89**	**6.05**	**4.8**	**1.57**	**1.31**	**29**

Lower activity — Higher

The temporal heat map uses time-quality weighting: incidents with exact reported times count fully toward their hour, while incidents with unknown or range-based times are proportionally distributed across applicable hours. This reduces the skewing effect of default midnight timestamps common in RMS data.

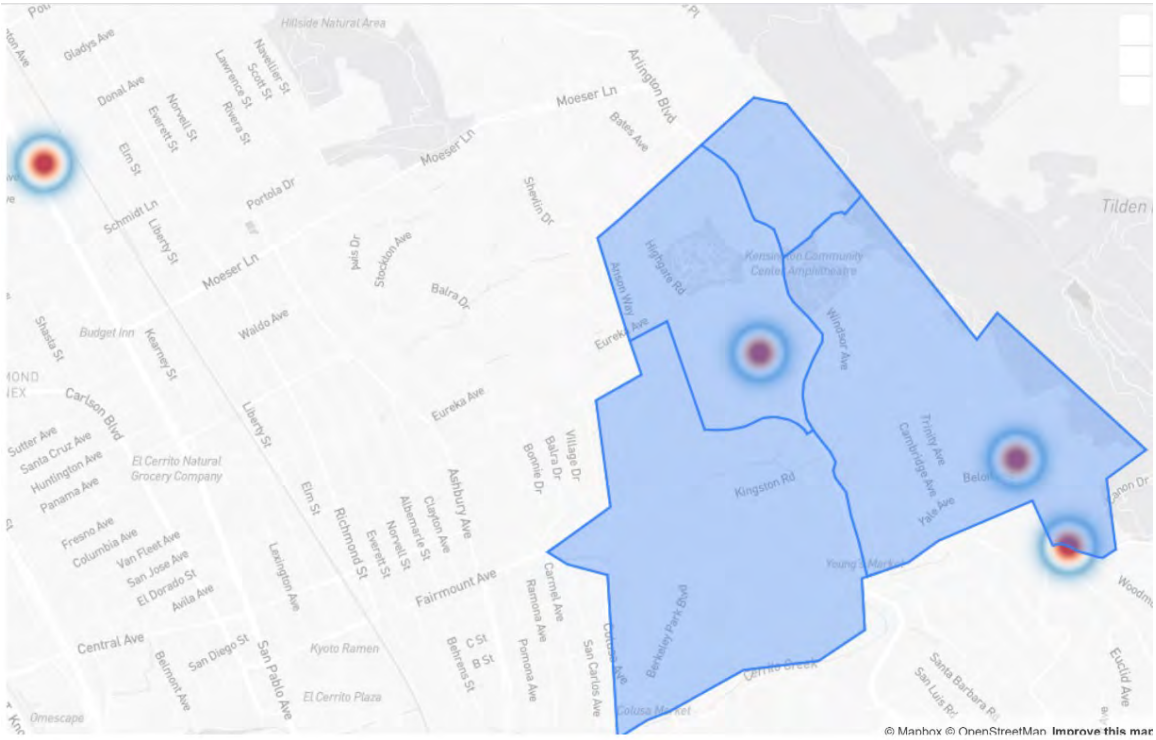
04 / COLLISIONS & ENFORCEMENT

Traffic Safety

NON-INJURY COLLISIONS	TRAFFIC STOPS	CITATIONS ISSUED	DUI PATROL STOPS
4	93	69	16
Up from 3 in September	▼ 15.5% vs prior month	▼ 23.3% vs prior month	Oct 11 saturation patrol

During the period Oct 1 – Oct 31, 2026, 4 non-injury collisions were reported, which was an increase from 3 in the prior period (Sep 1 – Sep 30, 2026). Of these, one misdemeanor hit-and-run (CVC §20002) was reported.

FIGURE 5 Collision locations, October 2026



05 / REPORTED INCIDENTS THIS MONTH

Patrol Activity Log

Reported incidents for the month, newest first. Addresses are generalized to the block to protect privacy.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	STATUTE	OFFENSE(S)	SEVERITY	ARREST	SUMMARY
10/31/2026	07:54 PM	3XX ARLINGTON AV	273.5(A) PC; 245(A)(1) PC	Inflict corporal injury on spouse/cohabitant/datng relatnshp - Simple (F); Assault w deadly weapon:not f/arm (M)	**Felony**	No	On October 31, 2026, officers investigated a reported domestic violence-related assault at 3XX ARLINGTON AV, where a former dating partner was alleged to have thrown a glass mug, causing injury. No arrest was made; an emergency protective order and arrest warrant was obtained, and the case is pending review.
10/31/2026	10:33 AM	5XX COVENTRY RD	487(A) PC	Grand theft:money/labor/property - All other larceny (F)	**Felony**	No	A theft of boxed personal property was reported at 5XX COVENTRY RD. No suspects or investigative leads were identified, and the case was closed.
10/30/2026	03:23 PM	XX KINGSTON RD	LOSTPROP	Lost Property	**Administrative**	No	A lost driver's license report was documented for XX KINGSTON RD. No criminal activity was alleged, and the report was closed.
10/30/2026	11:22 AM	XX KENYON AV	10851(A) VC	Take vehicle w/o owners consent/vehicle theft - Motor vehicle theft (F)	**Felony**	No	A vehicle theft was reported at XX KENYON AV after a vehicle was discovered missing from a residential driveway. The vehicle was entered into the stolen vehicle system, and the investigation is pending review of information from another law enforcement agency.
10/26/2026	02:32 PM	XX NORWOOD AV	11-82	Accident, no injuries	**Administrative**	No	Officers investigated a property damage only collision and authored a collision report.
10/26/2026	05:20 AM	PLATEAU DR/GRIZZLY PEAK BL	487(A) PC	Grand theft:money/labor/property - Motor vehicle parts/accessories (F)	**Felony**	No	A catalytic converter theft was reported at PLATEAU DR/GRIZZLY PEAK BL after subjects were seen near a parked vehicle before fleeing in a sedan. The report was closed for insurance purposes only.
10/26/2026	05:15 AM	2XX KENYON AV	484(A) PC	Grand theft - Motor vehicle parts/accessories (F)	**Felony**	No	Officers investigated a reported catalytic converter theft at 2XX KENYON AV. Surveillance footage showed a sedan in the area, and follow-up canvassing is pending.
10/24/2026	12:00 PM	5XX COVENTRY RD	459 PC	Burglary - From motor vehicle (F)	**Felony**	No	Officers responded to a vehicle burglary at 5XX COVENTRY RD, where tools were reported stolen from a locked vehicle after a window was broken. The investigation is pending receipt of a property list and possible surveillance footage.
10/23/2026	Unknown	1XX ARLINGTON AV	530.5(A) PC	Obtain credit/etc:use others id - False pretenses/swindle/confidence game (M)	**Misdemeanor**	No	A report of an unauthorized financial account opened using another person's identifying information was documented for 1XX ARLINGTON AV. No monetary loss was reported, and the case was closed due to no investigative leads.
10/23/2026	Unknown	2XX STANFORD AV	459 PC; 242 PC	Burglary - Burglary/breaking and entering (F); Battery - Simple (F)	**Felony**	No	Officers investigated a reported residential burglary and battery involving a delivery driver at 2XX STANFORD AV. Evidence was collected, and a search warrant for delivery service records was submitted as the investigation remains ongoing.
10/21/2026	03:07 PM	2XX LOS ALTOS DR	5150 WI	Unable to care for self or other	**Administrative**	No	On October 21, officers conducted a welfare check at 2XX LOS ALTOS DR and arranged transportation for further assistance. An Adult Protective Services report was submitted.
10/21/2026	Unknown	1XX HIGHLAND BL	APSRPT	Adult Protective Services Report	**Administrative**	No	An Adult Protective Services report concerning alleged unauthorized account charges was received for 1XX HIGHLAND BL. Follow-up with Adult Protective Services is pending.
10/18/2026	05:00 PM	XX HIGHLAND BL	243.2(A)(1) PC	Battery on person on school/hospital/park property - Simple (M)	**Misdemeanor**	No	On October 19, officers documented a report of unwanted physical contact and a verbal threat involving a child at XX HIGHLAND BL. No suspect was identified, and the reporting party did not request prosecution.
10/18/2026	02:12 PM	4XX BELOIT AV	10852 VC	Tamper with vehicle - Motor vehicle parts/accessories (M)	**Misdemeanor**	No	On October 18, officers investigated the theft of a vehicle license plate at 4XX BELOIT AV. The plate was entered as stolen, and the case was suspended pending further information.
10/16/2026	12:00 AM	XX HIGHLAND BL	594(A)(1) PC; 422.7(B) PC	Vandalism:deface property (F); Violate civil rights:cause property damage (F)	**Felony**	No	On October 19, officers investigated bias-motivated vandalism at XX HIGHLAND BL after offensive graffiti was found on school property. No investigative leads were located during a neighborhood canvas, and the investigation is ongoing.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	STATUTE	OFFENSE(S)	SEVERITY	ARREST	SUMMARY
10/15/2026	11:03 PM	6XX BELOIT AV	273.6(A) PC; O/W-M	Viol crt ord dom violence (M); Out warrant misd	**Misdemeanor**	**Yes**	At 6XX BELOIT AV, officers conducted a welfare check and determined that a subject was in violation of an active criminal protective order and had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. An arrest was made.
10/15/2026	11:30 AM	2XX ARLINGTON AV	DTKPD	KPD DEA Drug Takeback	**Administrative**	No	At 2XX ARLINGTON AV, officers collected unused prescription medication from a public collection box and secured it as evidence for disposal. No crime was reported, and the case was closed.
10/15/2026	10:46 AM	2XX PURDUE AV	Collision No Inj	Collision Report No Injury	**Administrative**	No	Officers investigated a property damage only collision and authored a collision report.
10/15/2026	Unknown	ARLINGTON AV/WESTMINSTER AV	Collision No Inj	Collision Report No Injury	**Misdemeanor**	No	Officers investigated a property damage only collision and authored a collision report.
10/14/2026	02:11 PM	2XX KENYON AV	243(E)(1) PC	Battery:spouse/ex spouse/date/etc - Simple (M)	**Misdemeanor**	No	At 2XX KENYON AV, officers investigated a reported domestic disturbance involving alleged physical contact. No injuries or evidence of a criminal offense were observed, and the case was closed with an Adult Protective Services report submitted.
10/14/2026	05:00 AM	6XX PLATEAU DR	273.5(A) PC	Inflict corporal injury on spouse/cohabitant/datng relatnshp - Simple (M)	**Misdemeanor**	No	At 6XX PLATEAU DR, officers investigated a reported domestic disturbance involving alleged physical contact. No arrest was made; the incident was documented and remains pending follow-up.
10/12/2026	08:00 PM	GRIZZLY PEAK BL/SPRUCE ST (Berkeley)	20002(a)(1) VC	Duty where prop damgd: locate & notify owner	**Misdemeanor**	No	Officers investigated a misdemeanor hit and run collision. Officers authored a collision and criminal hit and run report.
10/12/2026	09:00 AM	15XX VALLEY RD	653M(A) PC	Annoying telephone call:obscene/threatening - Disorderly conduct (M)	**Misdemeanor**	No	A report of electronic harassment via text messages was received at 15XX Valley Rd. The victim declined prosecution after police investigation, and case status was suspended.
10/11/2026	08:42 PM	XX ARLINGTON AV	273.6(A) PC	Viol crt ord dom violence (M)	**Misdemeanor**	**Yes**	An arrest was made for violation of a criminal protective order at XX ARLINGTON AV after the restrained party was found in the presence of the protected party contrary to order terms. The case was forwarded for prosecution.
10/8/2026	01:15 AM	XX PURDUE AV	5150 WI	Unable to care for self or other	**Administrative**	**Yes**	On October 8, 2026, a mental health crisis was reported at XX Purdue Ave. The subject was evaluated by emergency personnel and placed on a 72-hour psychiatric hold.
10/7/2026	11:47 PM	2XX STANFORD AV	MISSPERS	Missing Persons	**Administrative**	No	On October 7–8, 2026, a missing person report was filed for a juvenile from 2XX Stanford Ave. The individual was located safe at home, and the case was closed.
10/7/2026	10:00 AM	1XX LAWSON RD	422(A) PC	Threaten crime with intent to terrorize (M)	**Misdemeanor**	No	On October 7, 2026, threatening text messages were reported at 1XX Lawson Rd. The sender was identified as originating from out of state, no arrest was made, and the case was suspended due to lack of victim interest in prosecution.
10/6/2026	12:43 AM	2XX PURDUE AV	10851(A) VC	Take vehicle w/o owners consent/vehicle theft - Motor vehicle theft (F)	**Felony**	No	On October 6, 2026, a vehicle theft was reported at 2XX Purdue Ave; the owner discovered her vehicle missing after being parked and locked. The vehicle was later recovered, and the case was closed with leads exhausted.
10/4/2026	01:00 AM	6XX WELLESLEY AV	459 PC	Burglary:second degree - From motor vehicle (M)	**Misdemeanor**	No	On October 4, officers investigated a vehicle burglary at 6XX WELLESLEY AV involving the theft of low-value personal property. Video evidence was pending review, and the investigation remains open for follow-up.
10/1/2026	01:23 PM	2XX ARLINGTON AV	DTKPD	KPD DEA Drug Takeback	**Administrative**	No	On October 1, 2026, prescription medications were collected and secured from the public RX collection box at 2XX Arlington Ave as part of a scheduled drug take-back operation.
10/1/2026	11:00 AM	ARLINGTON BL/HIGHLAND BL/LAM (El Cerrito)	11-82	Accident, no injuries	**Administrative**	No	An accident with no injuries was reported at ARLINGTON BL/HIGHLAND BL/LAM (El Cerrito) on October 1, 2026; a collision report was filed.

06 / READINESS, DEVELOPMENT & COMPLIANCE

Training

TRAINING HOURS	PERISHABLE SKILLS TRAINING	PAS DEVICE TRAINING
≈114	21 hrs.	7
Completed in October	Exceeds POST's 18-hour minimum	Officers and sergeants trained

In October, KPD personnel completed approximately 114 hours of training across three courses. Most of the month's training was Contra Costa County's Advanced Officer Training (AOT), hosted by the Sheriff's Office. AOT is how KPD officers meet POST's Perishable Skills Program (PSP) requirements, and it also includes several other mandated and specialty topics. Two officers also completed TASER recertification. One sergeant and one officer attended the first Contra Costa County Child Death Investigation Training, which prepares the department for a new countywide protocol starting in January 2027.

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TRAINING HOURS

Advanced Officer Training (AOT)

Officers Tranate and Gill, October 26–29

Each officer completed 31 hours. The week included 21 hours of PSP training, exceeding POST's 18-hour two-year minimum and covering all five required categories: Tactical Firearms (4 hrs), Driver Training/EVOC (4 hrs), Arrest and Control (4 hrs), Strategic Communications/Crisis Intervention (5 hrs), and Use of Force (4 hrs). These hands-on skills fade without regular practice and cover the situations officers are most likely to face under pressure.

AOT also included a Tactical Patrol Rifle Update (4 hrs), First Aid (4 hrs, online plus an in-person skills demonstration), and a Domestic Violence Update (2 hrs), a recurring POST-mandated topic.

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TRAINING HOURS

Alco-Sensor VXL PAS Device Training

Five officers and two sergeants, October 7

A 4-hour course presented by the California Highway Patrol Impaired Driving Unit. The first part trained officers on the Alco-Sensor VXL Preliminary Alcohol Screening (PAS) devices, which KPD bought with funds from its CHP DUI/DUID grant. The second part refreshed officers on Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) and showed them how to use the PAS devices during SFSTs. Officers can now collect reliable breath-alcohol evidence in the field, supporting the department's grant-funded impaired driving enforcement.

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TRAINING HOURS

Child Death Investigation Training

Sgt. Rivera and Officer Fajardo, October 9

The First Annual Contra Costa County Child Death Investigation Training, hosted by the District Attorney's Office at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers in Martinez, launches the County's Child Death Protocol, which takes effect in January 2027. It covered guidelines for patrol officers, a checklist for detectives, best practices in child death investigations, available investigative resources, and guidance from a national training provider. Our officers will handle these rare but critical cases the same way as partner agencies across the County.

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TRAINING HOURS

TASER Operator Recertification

Sgt. Lande and Officer Gallo Ruiz, October 13

The 2026 TASER Operator Course Recertification is a 4-hour course covering device function, deployment considerations, and policy requirements. Officers must recertify every year to carry a conducted energy weapon.

Online training bulletin. Department personnel were also assigned a Use of Force training video, "Can Officers Hold a Felony Fugitive at Gunpoint?" It covers the legal standards for displaying a firearm during high-risk stops.

07 / COMMENTS, UPDATES & COMMUNITY

From the Chief

Officer and Sergeant Recognized for Response to Homicide Incident

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 · KENSINGTON COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

On Thursday, October 8, Officer J. Fajardo and Sergeant B. Lande were formally recognized during a Kensington Community Board meeting for their exemplary response to a homicide incident in the City of El Cerrito. Upon arriving at the scene, both officers demonstrated professionalism, sound judgment, and initiative by rendering emergency medical aid to the victim, identifying and securing potential witnesses, gathering critical suspect information, and assisting with securing the crime scene. Their swift actions helped preserve valuable evidence and provided responding investigators with important information during the initial stages of the investigation. Their efforts reflect the Kensington Police Department's commitment to public safety, teamwork, and assisting neighboring law enforcement agencies.

Kensington Park'd

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 · KENSINGTON COMMUNITY PARK

On Friday, October 9, 2026, the Kensington community gathered once again at Kensington Community Park, located at 59 Arlington Avenue, for another successful Kensington Park'd event. The evening provided residents with an opportunity to enjoy local food trucks, live music, and an inviting atmosphere that encouraged neighborhood connections.

To ensure adequate staffing and continued public safety coverage, the Kensington Police Department assigned an additional officer on overtime to support the event while maintaining regular patrol operations throughout the District.

Throughout the evening, KPD personnel engaged with community members, answered questions, and listened to neighborhood concerns. These informal interactions provide valuable opportunities to strengthen relationships, promote open communication, and reinforce the department's ongoing commitment to community-oriented policing.

FY 26/27 CHP DUI/DUID Grant Activity

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 · DUI SATURATION PATROL

On Sunday, October 11, 2026, the Kensington Police Department conducted its third DUI saturation patrol (SATPAT) under the FY 26/27 CHP DUI/DUID Grant Program. Six KPD personnel participated in the operation, working a combined 30 hours of grant-funded enforcement. Officers conducted 16 traffic stops, resulting in 11 citations, 4 warnings, and one on-view arrest.

PERSONNEL	HOURS	TRAFFIC STOPS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	ARRESTS
6	30	16	11	4	1

Enforcement efforts addressed a variety of California Vehicle Code violations, including expired vehicle registration (3), defective headlights (3), stop sign violations (2), defective brake lights (1), and unlicensed driving (1). These proactive enforcement efforts focused on identifying unsafe driving behaviors, improving roadway safety, and deterring impaired driving throughout the District.

Through the first three operations of the grant cycle, KPD officers have conducted 49 traffic stops, issued 31 citations and 15 warnings, and made two arrests. These operations demonstrate the department's continued commitment to reducing impaired driving, promoting traffic safety, and maximizing the benefits of CHP grant-funded enforcement.

2026 Annual Kensington Parade

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 · KENSINGTON

On Sunday, October 18, 2026, the District of Kensington celebrated its annual Kensington Parade, bringing together residents, families, and community organizations for one of the District's most anticipated community traditions. The successful event was the result of extensive preparation, coordination, and communication between Kensington Police Department personnel, parade organizers, and community stakeholders.

In the weeks leading up to the parade, KPD worked closely with event organizers to address traffic management, road closures, staffing assignments, and public safety considerations. Pre-event planning meetings, personnel briefings, and safety discussions helped ensure that officers and volunteers understood their responsibilities and were prepared to respond to any unexpected situations.

On the day of the event, KPD personnel assisted with traffic control, monitored parade activities, facilitated the safe movement of participants and spectators, and maintained a visible and approachable presence throughout the community. The event also provided an excellent opportunity for officers to interact with residents in a positive, family-friendly environment.

The parade's success highlighted the importance of advance planning, teamwork, and strong partnerships between the police department and the community. KPD extends its appreciation to the parade organizers, participating personnel, volunteers, and residents whose cooperation and support helped make this annual Kensington tradition a memorable and enjoyable event for all.

Kensington Harvest Festival

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 · COLUSA CIRCLE

On Sunday, October 25, 2026, the Kensington community came together for its annual Harvest Festival near Colusa Circle. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for residents, families, and local businesses to celebrate the fall season while enjoying a festive atmosphere and strengthening neighborhood connections.

The Kensington Police Department supported the community celebration by maintaining a visible and approachable presence in the area. The festival offered another valuable opportunity for KPD personnel to engage with residents, interact with families, answer questions, and promote positive relationships outside of traditional law enforcement encounters.

Community gatherings such as the Harvest Festival play an important role in fostering neighborhood pride, supporting local businesses, and strengthening the partnership between law enforcement and the residents we serve. KPD remains committed to supporting these community traditions and creating opportunities for meaningful engagement that build trust, encourage open communication, and reinforce the strong sense of community that makes Kensington such a special place.

Halloween Night

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 · LAKE DRIVE AND NEIGHBORHOODS

Halloween night brought large crowds of costumed trick-or-treaters to Kensington, especially the Lake Drive neighborhood. Sgt. Rivera, Officer Thota, Reserve Officer Tranate, and KPD Volunteers Mike Logan and Walt Gill ran vehicle and foot patrols all evening. They focused on pedestrian safety and traffic enforcement so families could enjoy the night safely.

Lake Drive was again the center of the celebration. At about 7:45 PM, an event organizer at the Lake Drive and Beloit Avenue entrance reported that his hand counter had already logged more than 1,000 trick-or-treaters. That figure did not include families entering from Kenyon Avenue and Grizzly Peak Boulevard, which a second staff member was tracking.

While the neighborhoods were at their busiest, officers also handled a higher-than-normal volume of calls for service. One was a domestic violence assault at an Arlington Avenue business; the suspect left before officers arrived. Officers obtained an Emergency Protective Order for the victim, and a judge signed an arrest warrant for the suspect. Officers also responded several times to a party in the 700 block of Coventry Road. Between calls, personnel returned to the neighborhoods to keep a visible presence and continue their community engagement.

The team balanced enforcement with positive community engagement all night: they handled serious calls and still found time to greet families, hand out encouragement, and share in the fun. Residents offered many compliments and words of appreciation, including a few on our “very realistic police officer costumes.” Thank you to Sgt. Rivera, Officer Thota, Reserve Officer Tranate, and Volunteers Logan and Gill for making the evening a success. Our volunteers and reserve personnel continue to be tremendous assets to the department.

Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS)

54.5 VOLUNTEER HOURS IN OCTOBER

Our Volunteers, Logan, Gill, and Haynes, contributed 54.5 hours of service to the Police Department and the community in October. Their contributions included administrative support, fleet management, inspection of patrol fleet vehicles, community event support at the Kensington annual parade and the Kensington Harvest Festival, and several special projects as assigned.

On Friday, October 23, 2026, KPD Volunteers Mike Logan and Walt Gill were provided a unique training opportunity at the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC). The four-hour training session was designed to evaluate prospective EVOC instructors on their instructional techniques, communication skills, ability to identify and correct driving errors, and effectiveness in providing constructive feedback to student drivers.

During the training, both volunteers participated in practical driving exercises involving low-speed backing, angled vehicle transitions, collision avoidance, and reactive driving techniques. Their participation provided valuable hands-on experience while allowing prospective instructors to refine their teaching and coaching abilities in a controlled training environment.

This mutually beneficial training opportunity strengthened the volunteers’ driving skills, increased their confidence in operating department vehicles, and reinforced KPD’s commitment to providing meaningful training and professional development opportunities for its volunteer personnel.

08 / COMMUNITY CORNER

Catalytic Converter Theft

How these thefts happen, and simple steps that make your vehicle a harder target.



Catalytic converter thefts peaked in 2022 and have declined since, but California still leads the nation.

Catalytic converter theft remains one of the most common property crimes in Kensington. Here is what residents should know.

Why Thieves Want Them

Converters contain platinum, palladium, and rhodium, valuable precious metals that thieves sell to scrap buyers for quick cash. The owner is left with a loud, unsafe car and a repair bill that averaged about $2,900 per insurance claim in 2023.

How Fast It Happens

Most thefts happen at night, in driveways and on residential streets. A thief slides under the vehicle and saws through the pipe on both sides of the converter, often in under two minutes. High-clearance trucks and SUVs, and hybrids, are frequent targets.

What We Are Seeing in Kensington

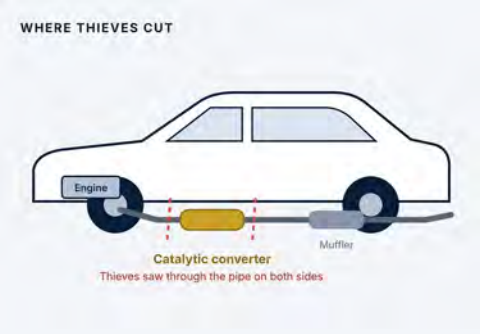
KPD recorded six catalytic converter thefts in September, three of them on Coventry Road, and three thefts of vehicle parts in October. Thefts often come in clusters, when thieves work one neighborhood in a single night.

Protect Your Vehicle

Park in a garage when you can, or in a well-lit spot near a camera or motion-sensor light. Ask a mechanic about a converter cage or shield, set your alarm to respond to vibration, and have your license plate or VIN etched on the converter so it can be traced.

California Is Cracking Down

Under state laws signed in 2022, only a vehicle's owner or a licensed business may sell a used converter, and buyers must record the VIN of the vehicle it came from. A marked converter helps officers connect a stolen part to its owner.



The converter sits in the exhaust line under the car.



A steel-cable cage clamps around the converter, making it slower and harder to cut out.

BE OUR EYES AT NIGHT

See or hear a vehicle entering your neighborhood late at night, especially with its headlights off? Call KPD right away at (510) 525-7573, or 911 for a theft in progress, so officers can check it out before a crime occurs.

09 / AROUND THE DEPARTMENT THIS MONTH

Photo Highlights

CHP PAS & Field Sobriety Test Training





Sgt. Lande & Officer Fajardo Commendation





Child Death Investigation Training



Kensington Park'd





DUI Saturation Patrol Operations









Kensington Annual Parade









KPD Volunteers EVOC Training





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10 / SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming November Events

Kensington has a community event planned for November. Community members are encouraged to attend, meet local public-safety personnel, and enjoy the activity.

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Sunday

Colusa Circle Tree Lighting & Holiday Fair

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Colusa Circle, Kensington

A festive evening of lights, music, art, and seasonal treats, held annually in Kensington at Colusa Circle.

> Thank you to the Kensington community for your continued partnership. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.