

March 2014 Police Department Report

April 5, 2014

- Department Personnel
 - We are fully staffed at 10 sworn positions with two reserve officers.

On March 12th, I was a guest speaker at Solano Junior College, and on March 13th, I was a project evaluator for the Administration of Justice course at California State University East Bay. I used both opportunities to do recruiting during my presentations at both campuses.
- Commendations and Correspondence
 - On March 10th, Master Sergeant Hull and Sergeant Hui received a nice and humorous thank you note from the Collis's that is attached to the April 10th Agenda packet under Correspondence.
- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct
 - On February 12th, Department Investigation 2014-01 was initiated by me on an allegation that an officer had used their status as a police officer to gain influence. The investigation was completed by me on February 24th with a finding of Unsubstantiated, however, the officer did receive verbal counseling.

We have since received evidence of a recorded conversation in which the reporting party of this alleged wrong doing admits to making a false report on the officer. This new information will be added to the investigation and the verbal counseling will be removed from the officer's file.
 - On February 24th, Citizen's Complaint 2014-02 was initiated on an allegation that an officer failed to perform their duty. The investigation has been assigned to Master Sergeant Hull.
- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.
 - The Ring Time Report for March identified 47 total 911 calls with 3 having ring times over 20 seconds. The average ring time for the month was 7 seconds.

- Community Networking
 - On 3-10-14, Chief Harman attended the Regional Chiefs of Police meeting held in Richmond.
 - On 3-10-14, Officer Wilson attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting.
 - On 3-12-14, Chief Harman, KPPCSD Board Member Tony Lloyd, and KPPCSD District Administrator Lynn Wolter attended and presented to the West County Costa Unified School District Board of Directors meeting a partnership proposal to increase security and safety at the Kensington Hilltop School. The School Board voted to accept the proposal and approve future funding to KPPCSD for continued partnership in increasing security and safety at Kensington Hilltop.
 - On 03-18-14, Chief Harman, District Administrator Lynn Wolter, and Police Services Aide Andrea Di Napoli attended SDRMA Safety Day in Sacramento. Our attendance at this workshop reduces our insurance premiums paid to SDRMA.
 - On 3-24-14, Chief Harman attended the KIC meeting.
- Community Criminal Activity
 - This section of the Watch Commanders Reports are prepared by Corporal Stegman for Team One, Sergeant Hui for Team Two, and Sergeant Barrow for Investigations.

- Watch Commander Reports

- **Corporal Stegman**

TEAM #1 STATISTICS

Officer:	Ramos (K41) (0800-1800)	Turner (K46) (0600-1800)	Wilson (K38) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	15	15	14
Traffic Stops	29	24	11
Moving Citations	20	12	10
Parking Citations	0	1	2
Vacation/Security Checks	21	75	45

FI-Field Interview	0	0	2
Traffic Collision Reports	1	1	0
Cases	4	1	2
Arrests	0	0	0
Calls for Service	18	58	22

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed California Gun Laws
- Reviewed “Felony Criminal Conduct”

SERGEANT’S SUMMARY:

This month we noticed an increase in parking complaints. The most common complaints we receive are vehicles blocking driveways, blocking fire hydrants, parking in stalls with time limits, blocking sidewalks, parking the wrong way, and 72 hour violations (parked in the same place without moving for 72 hours).

More often than not when we respond to these sort of calls we find the violator lives in Kensington and it was a neighbor who called in the complaint. Although we try to be understanding and reasonable when dealing with such complaints we simply do not have the resources to track down each vehicle’s owner and ask them to correct the problem. Please be aware of signage and parking laws, and take care to park your vehicle legally.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2014-0801 – On 3/1/14, Officer Turner responded to the unit block of Lenox Rd. for a report of a stolen vehicle. It was determined the vehicle had been stolen several days earlier and was not reported due to the victim being out of town. On 2/28/14 four suspects were arrested by Sacramento PD in connection with the vehicle and other crimes. This case is closed.
- 2014-0815 – On 3/2/14, Officer Ramos took a report of a hit and run that occurred in a drive way in the 100 block of Purdue Ave. There are no witnesses and the damage reported was a crack in a brick, in a retaining wall.
- 2014-0819 – On 3/3/14, Officer Turner responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. for a report of an identity theft.
- 2014-0951 – On 3/9/14, Corporal Stegman stopped a vehicle in the 200 block of Cambridge Ave. and arrested a severely intoxicated driver for DUI.

- 2014-0974 – On 3/10/14, Officer Turner responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. for report of an identity theft.
- 2014-01028 – On 3/13/14, Officer Turner responded to the 1600 block of Ocean View Ave. for a non-injury accident.
- 2014-01160 – On 3/19/14, Corporal Stegman responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. on a report of two juveniles in a physical altercation.
- 2014-01300 – On 3/25/14, Officer Turner responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. for a report of an identity theft.
- 2014-01402 – On 3/30/14, Officer Turner responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. for a report of a check fraud.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS:

Team #1 took 2 traffic collision reports during the month of February.

18 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.
 17 moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave.
 4 moving citation were issued on Franciscan Way.
 2 moving citation were issued on Highgate Rd
 1 moving citation were issued on Kenyon Ave
 1 moving citation were issued on Amherst Ave.

•• Sergeant Hui

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

Sergeant Hui (K42) - Issued two moving citations this month.
 (1600-0400)

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Wilkins (K50) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	14	11
Traffic Stops	23	6
Moving Citations	16	3
Parking Citations	15	1
Vacation/Security	43	27
Checks		
Cases	4	0
Arrests	0	0
Traffic Accident Reports	0	0
Calls for Service	60	19

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed California Gun Laws
- Reviewed “Felony Criminal Conduct”

SERGEANT’S SUMMARY:

Spring almost seems like it is upon us. At least it did until it was pouring rain this morning! I enjoy this time of year when the days are longer and the weather warms a bit. This time of year also brings forth spring cleaning and tending to the yard. Yard work tends to be my least favorite chore around the house. Because I do not particularly find yard work enjoyable, I tend to neglect my yard during the winter months. As spring comes, the plants, trees, and weeds all seem to gain a burst of energy and grow with increased fervor. As our plants and trees grow, some may begin to grow over onto our neighbor’s yards or onto the sidewalk.

If you are tending to your trees or shrubbery along your property line, please be aware of any potential concerns with your neighbors. This time of year, we typically begin to receive calls for service where neighbors are upset at one another because of a tree. Contra Costa County has a zoning ordinance pertaining to trees which can be found under Section 816. I would suggest consulting with the CCC Tree ordinance if you have any concerns regarding your or your neighbor’s tree.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2014-0903– On 3/07/2014, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Lake Dr on a report of a petty theft.
- 2014-1060– On 3/14/2014, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Ardmore Rd on a report of a petty theft.
- 2014-1165– On 3/20/2014, Officer Martinez responded to the 400 blk of Colusa Ave on a report of a commercial burglary.
- 2014-1177– On 3/20/2014, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Lam Ct on a report of an identity theft.

Reserve Officer:	Armanino (K47)
Days Worked	2
Traffic Stops	11
Moving Citations	6
Parking Citations	2
Vacation/Security	15
Checks	
Cases	0
Arrests	0
Traffic Accident Reports	0

Calls for Service 3

Traffic Totals for Team 2 – includes Master Sergeant Hull

19 citations were issued on Arlington Ave
15 citations were issued on Colusa Ave
1 citation were issued on Fairmount Ave
1 citation was issued on Grizzly Peak Blvd

•• **Detective Sergeant Barrow**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

14-1083 Possible Sexual Abuse

On 3/13/14, I received an incident from Albany and Berkeley Police Departments who had taken a report of a possible sexual abuse that may have occurred in Kensington. After contacting the involved parties and witnesses, this incident was found to be without merit. No further action will be taken.

14-1404 Fraud

On 3/30/14, Officer Turner received a reported fraud that had occurred 00 block of Marguerite Drive. Several suspects out of Oakland have been identified in this case and the investigation is still ongoing.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

- I made court runs to file cases, and retrieve court notifications.
- I updated the KPD Case Review Log.
- I reviewed the “Trak Flyer” messages and maintained the flyer board.
- I assisted WestNet in serving several search warrants for suspects in recent San Pablo and Pinole homicides. We also served other search warrants in relationship to other ongoing WestNET investigations.

KPD Monthly Crime Statistics					
March 2014					
Part 1 Crimes	Reported	Open/ Pending	Suspended	Closed	Arrest
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	1	0	0	1	0
Residential Burglary	1	1	0	0	0
Larceny Theft	2	0	2	0	0
Vehicle Theft	1	1	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	3	2	1	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Forgeries	0	0	0	0	0
Restraining Order Violations/ Stalking/ Criminal Threats	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Crimes (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Assault/ Battery (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0
Warrant	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	1	0	1	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	1	0	0	1	1
Other Crime Totals	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
All Crime Totals	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	2				
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0				

KPD Crime Statistics					
YTD 2014					
Part 1 Crimes	Reported	Open/ Pending	Suspended	Closed	Arrest
Homicide	0	1*	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	3	0	0	3	1
Residential Burglary	2	2	0	0	0
Larceny Theft	8	1	6	1	0
Vehicle Theft	2	2	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>15</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	9	3	6	0	0
Fraud	2	1	1	0	0
Forgeries	0	0	0	0	0
Restraining Order Violations/ Stalking/ Criminal Threats	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Crimes (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Assault/ Battery (other)	1	0	0	1	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0
Drugs	2	0	0	2	2
Warrant	5	0	0	5	5
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	4	2	2	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	4	0	0	4	4
Other Crime Totals	<u>27</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>
All Crime Totals	<u>42</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>12</u>
Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	11				
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	1				
* 2011 case					

•• **Chief Harman**

(The following documentation was prepared by KPPCSD District Administrator Lynn Wolter)

At the July 11, 2013 KPPCSD BOD meeting, WCCUSD Board Member Charles Ramsey addressed the KPPCSD Board. Below is a summary of his comments.

Mr. Ramsey reported that, as a result of recent changes in the way California was funding schools, the WCCUSD would see a doubling of revenues within six years and was enjoying its largest reserve in the school district's history: \$23 million.

He said that the school district was expanding its relationships with police protection services and that the WCCUSD had just expanded its relationship with the City of Richmond. He said that Kensington needed to be included because, in the unincorporated areas, the school district was working with the Contra Costa Sheriff's department.

He went on to say, **"The Superintendent, in light of what happened in Newtown, wants to make sure we don't leave any community without enough public safety. So I welcome your Chief to at least give me some idea of what we can do to enhance what you're doing here to help work with this local community."**

"Everyone, especially Kensington, has been very supportive with parcel taxes and bond measures. We need to continue to collaborate. I'm up here to try to share with you, and I want all of you to think about this: to entertain something; to brainstorm to see if we can come together."

He concluded, "I just want to share this really good news that the District has, especially with the governor making education funding a priority. I know that cities and counties and other areas are still struggling, but for schools it's been a big, big benefit. And, when this local funding really kicks in in two years, for local schools and English language learners, it's going to make a big, big impact. So, we're excited about that."

In response to an inaudible question, Mr. Ramsey replied that the school district had just entered into a \$475,000 partnership with the Richmond Police Department.

Following Mr. Ramsey's comments, then KPPCSD Board President Tony Lloyd, Sergeant Keith Barrow, and District Administrator Lynn Wolter met to analyze services provided to the WCCUSD's Kensington Hilltop School by the KPPCSD. From this analysis, a proposal was developed and then presented to the WCCUSD on November 5, 2013.

On November 6, 2013, during Board Member Comments, President Lloyd reported on this meeting and the proposal to the KPPCSD Board and the community and let the Board know that there would be follow-up meetings on the matter. There was no opposition expressed by the Board or the community.

In early March, 2014, Mr. Lloyd received a phone call from WCCUSD Board President Ramsey, letting him know that, at its March 12, 2014 Board meeting, Mr. Ramsey would be presenting, for an up or down vote, a proposal for the WCCUSD to enter into a partnership with the KPPCSD. Mr. Ramsey indicated that there would be time on the agenda for Kensington to make a presentation, and he asked that Mr. Lloyd bring two others with him for this purpose.

On March 12, 2014, in response to Mr. Ramsey's proposal to enter into a partnership, the WCCUSD voted unanimously to support Mr. Ramsey's proposal of a partnership in which the WCCUSD would resume providing funding for services it had paid for in the past but had to abandon when the school district was in the throes of financial distress. His proposal was to enter into an agreement to provide up to \$50,000 per year for three years to the KPPCSD.

On March 13, 2014, Mr. Ramsey attended the KPPCSD Board meeting and addressed the Board and the community about the proposed agreement. Among the points he made:

- The passage of Proposition 30 had added \$12.5 million to the WCCUSD's operating budget
- Governor Brown's local control funding formula had provided additional significant operating funds
- The WCCUSD had \$24 million in unallocated reserves
- It was important to accomplish things for all parts of the school district
- That other schools and geographic areas within the school district were already receiving funds for police services and safety (Hercules, El Cerrito, Richmond, San Pablo, and unincorporated areas through a partnership with the Sheriff's Dept.)

I as the General Manager/ Chief of Police, would like to personally take this opportunity to address the historic partnership between the school district and the KPPCSD, and what the relationship could look like moving forward.

For approximately 20 years now, the KPPCSD has been funding the school crossing guard at the Arlington traffic light to provide pedestrian safety for those using the crosswalk during school commute times.

Since my arrival in 2007, I have always stressed to our officers the importance of traffic enforcement around the school area as a method to increase pedestrian

safety. We have always provided additional traffic enforcement during the beginning of the school year and during “Walk to School Days” to assist parents and students commute to school in a safe manner.

We have participated in the Hilltop Carnival, emergency preparedness drills, and other school related activities in order to provide access to our officers and support to the school community in our partnership to provide additional safety and security to the school.

I have also required school security checks during off school hours to make sure the school facility and those individuals on school grounds after hours are safe and free from any type of criminal activity.

However, following recent tragic events that have occurred during school hours at other school campuses in the nation, I have also required our police personnel to make school safety checks while school is in session during the day.

With the generous offer of possible funding we have received from the school district, we will be able to continue our partnership with the school community and possibly increase our involvement with the additional resources to add a part time School Resource Officer and additional traffic safety enforcement in the school area.

We are currently waiting to receive an agreement from the school district for funding resources, which when received, will be placed on the KPPCSD Board agenda for discussion and possible approval.

I have always considered the police department’s relationship, as well as my own with Judy Sanders and members of the school community to be a special one, and with the possibility of additional funding, one that can be increased to provide additional safety and security to our number one community asset, our kids.