

May 2011 Police Department Report

June 3, 2011

- Department Personnel

Sergeant Khan has retired on medical disability on May 31st.

- Commendations and Correspondence- None this month

- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct

- 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.

- Department Investigation #10-003 was initiated on November 11th, at the KPPCSD Board meeting, when Catherine de Neergaard made a formal complaint indicating, "That there is no fair, impartial, and reasonable police review procedure", after voicing her complaints regarding Chief Harman's policies and directions to the department were not being heard. This complaint was followed by an e-mail complaint received by Chief Harman on November 15th.

This complaint will be investigated by Chief Harman and will be presented to the Board at a future KPPCSD Board meeting.

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

- The Ring Time Report for May has not been received as of this report date.

- 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 05-02-11, Chief Harman attended the Kensington Community Council meeting.
- On 05-03-11, Chief Harman and KPPCSD Director Tony Lloyd attended the CSDA Legislative Day in Sacramento.
- On 05-04-11, Chief Harman attended the West County Chief's meeting in Hercules.

In the afternoon, Chief Harman participated in the Steering Committee for the County Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

- On 05-07-11, Chief Harman and TAS Hui attended the Hilltop School Carnival.

Officer Martinez and Chief Harman attended the Kensington Car Meet held at the Kensington Chevron Station.

- On 05-09-11, Chief Harman and Officer Wilson attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting.
- On 05-10-11, Chief Harman, TAS Hui, Officer Martinez, Reserve Officer Armanino, and Dakota Harman all participated in the Walnut Creek Police Department St. Baldrick's Event. Team Kensington raised over \$1,500 and the entire event raised \$45,000 for children's cancer research.
- On 05-20-11, Chief Harman attended the CSDA Membership meeting in Sacramento.
- On 05-23-11, Chief Harman attended the KIC meeting.
- On 05-25-11, Chief Harman attended the Contra Costa County Police Chief's Association meeting in Martinez.

Following the meeting, Chief Harman attended the Calpers Workshop in Walnut Creek.

- Community Criminal Activity

- This section of the Watch Commander's Reports are prepared by Sergeant Hull for Team One, Acting Sergeant Hui for Team 2, and Detective Barrow.

- Watch Commander Reports
- **Sergeant Hull**

TEAM #1 STATISTICS

Officer:	Stegman (K32) (0600-1800)	Wilson (K38) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	15	17
Traffic Stops	28	21
Moving Citations	17	26
Parking Citations	7	8
Vacation/Security Checks	65	74
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	0	1
Self Initiated Cases	0	0
Arrests	0	0
Calls for Service	32	28

Sgt. Hull took 80 hours vacation.
Officer Stegman took one sick day and one vacation day

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed amended laws:
 - HS 11357 – Possession Marijuana
 - PC487 – Grand Theft
 - PC602 – Trespass
 - PC666 – Petty Theft
 - PC831.5 – Picketing in Uniform
- Reviewed Legal Update; Searching Cellular Phones
- Reviewed the Fourth Amendment
- Reviewed KPD Policy 362 – Identity Theft
- Reviewed KPD Policy 356 – Megan’s Law
- Reviewed KPD Policy 516 – Traffic Citations
- Reviewed KPD Policy 520 – Disabled Vehicles
- Reviewed KPD Policy 524 – 72 Hour Parking Violations
- Reviewed the Exclusionary Rule
- Reviewed Proposition 8
- Reviewed Standing

SERGEANT’S SUMMARY:

It appears the criminal/s responsible for several of our residential burglaries have been caught. One of the suspects admitted burglarizing several Kensington

residences. I am happy to report several of our crime cases will soon be closed. There were multiple agencies involved in closing these cases to include Sonoma PD, El Cerrito PD and the Contra Costa Sheriff Department. A former KPD employee, who now works for the CCC Sheriff Department, was instrumental in finding residences that the suspect visually identified as homes he burglarized (See Detective Barrow's summary for further details). Again, I would like to emphasize to you if someone knocks on your door purporting to sell or deliver something or they state they have the wrong address **CALL THE KENSINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ON THE NON-EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER 510-236-0474!**

The Kensington Police Department continues to focus on traffic enforcement throughout the District. I want to remind everyone to be aware of your speed and the rules of the road. Many of you may have come to realize that we issue citations for mechanical violations as well. Please ensure your headlights, rear lights, brake lights, license plate lamps, and turn signals work properly to reduce the possibility of you receiving a mechanical violation citation.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2011-2778 – Officer Stegman and Reserve Turner responded to the 300 block of Arlington Ave. to a report of commercial burglary.
- 2011-2783 – Officer Stegman and Reserve Turner responded to the 00 block of Franciscan Way to a report of a resident in need of medical attention.
- 2011-2817 – Officer Stegman and Reserve Turner responded to the 400 block of Colusa Ave. to a non-injury vehicle accident.
- 2011-2820 – Sgt. Hull responded to the 100 block of Arlington Ave. to flooding due to a water main break.
- 2001-3004 – Officer Stegman responded to the 200 block of Stanford Ave. to a civil dispute with construction workers
- 2011-3163 – Officer Stegman and Reserve Armanino responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. to mediate a civil dispute over a traffic citation.
- 2011-3172 – Officer Wilson responded to Oak View Ave. and Colusa Ave where a resident was contacted and held for 72 hour mental evaluation.
- 2011-3193 – Officer Stegman responded to the 00 block of Arlington Ave. to a request for a welfare check.
- 2011-3202 – Officer Wilson and Reserve Turner responded to the 1600 block of Oak View Ave. where a resident was held for 72 hour mental evaluation.
- 2011-3322 – Officer Stegman and Reserve Colon assisted Albany PD with a report of auto theft.
- 2011-3326 – Officer Wilson responded to the 1600 block of Oak View Ave. to mediate a neighbor dispute.
- 2011-3327 – Officer Wilson responded to the 300 block of Colusa Ave. to mediate a neighbor dispute.

- 2011-3341 – Officer Stegman and Reserve Turner responded to the 100 block of Colusa Ave. to monitor a funeral where violence was threatened to occur.
- 2011-3522 – Officer Wilson, Reserve Colon and Sgt. Hull responded to the corner of Arlington Ave. and Cowper Ave. to assist ECFD 65 with flooding due to a damaged fire hydrant.

LOCATION OF TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED:

- 55 citations issued on Arlington Ave.
- 44 citations issued on Colusa Ave.
- 18 citations issued on Franciscan Way
- 1 citation issued on Yale Ave.
- 1 citation issued on Berkeley Park Blvd.
- 1 citation issued on Lenox Ave.
- 1 citation issued on Kenyon Ave.

•• Acting Sergeant Hui

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

A.S. Hui (K42) wrote 12 moving citations.
(1400-0200)

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Medina (K35) (1800-0600)	Ramos (K41) (0730-1730)
Days Worked	17	14	16
Traffic Stops	34	107	35
Moving Citations	7	46	18
Parking Citations	0	2	2
Vacation/Security Checks	29	96	17
FI-Field Interview	0	0	0
Cases	1	2	2
Self Initiated Cases	1	0	0
Arrests	1	0	0
Calls for Service	55	28	30

Officer Ramos took 10 hours of sick leave.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed KPD Policy 320 – Domestic Violence
- Reviewed KPD Policy 328 – Discriminatory Harassment

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

As summer nears, many of our residents take advantage of the nicer weather for vacation and travel. While making preparations for any upcoming vacations, I would also encourage you to consider the Kensington Police Department's Vacation Watch program. This is a program where residents notify the department of when they will be out of town. Our Vacation Watch Coordinator maintains a log of these residences and our patrol officers check on these residences as time permits during their shift. Vacation Watch sign-ups can be done in person at the Kensington Police Department or online at www.kensingtoncalifornia.org. Please try to have your vacation watch requests submitted to us at least a few days before your vacation.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2011-2852 – On 5/4/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 blk of Arlington Ave on a report of harassing phone calls.
- 2011-2932 – On 5/7/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Edwin Dr on a report of a suspicious circumstance.
- 2011-2959 – On 5/8/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 100 blk of Colusa Ave on a report of a traffic collision occurring on private property.
- 2011-3019 – On 5/11/2011, Officer Ramos and Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the intersection of Kerr Ave and Rincon Dr on a report of a traffic collision.
- 2011-3042 – On 5/12/2011, Officer Medina responded to the unit blk of Arlmont Dr on a report of vandalism to a vehicle.
- 2011-3067 – On 5/14/2011, Officer Medina responded to the unit blk of Arlington Ave on a report of a hit and run traffic collision.
- 2011-3143 – On 5/15/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the unit blk of Yale Cir on a report of a theft.
- 2011-3381 – On 5/25/2011, Officer Martinez towed a vehicle on the unit blk of Arlington Ave because the driver did not possess a valid license.
- 2011-3382 – On 5/26/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Edgcroft Dr on a report of illegal dumping.
- 2011-3429 – On 5/26/2011, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the 100 blk of St. Albans Rd on a report of possible lost or stolen property.
- 2011-3459 – On 5/27/2011, Officer Medina responded to the unit blk of Ardmore Rd on a report of an identity theft.
- 2011-3481 – On 5/28/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 400 blk of Yale Ave on a report of a possible theft.
- 2011-3455 – On 5/29/2011, Officer Martinez initiated a traffic enforcement stop on the 300 blk of Colusa Ave that resulted in a warrant arrest.

•• **Detective Keith Barrow**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

2011-2778 Commercial Burglary

On 05-01-11 at approximately 0620 hours, in the morning, champagne colored two door short bed Chevy pick up truck backed into the front doors of the Chevron gas station located at 304 Arlington Avenue. The driver was a black male 25-35 years old, with black hair approximately 5' 6 wearing a dark colored North Face sweatshirt, white T-shirt underneath, and jeans. The suspect took several items and fled the area. **If you have any information concerning this case please call Detective Barrow at (510)526-4141 ex. 26.**

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

2011-2136, 1912 Arson.

On 04-05-11, an officer responded to a reported arson outside of a classroom at the Kensington Hilltop School. This is the second arson perpetrated at the school in the last month. This case is under investigation.

2011-2194, 2706 Residential Burglary

On May 20, 2011, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department arrested two suspects for residential burglaries committed in their jurisdiction. We were able to link the suspects to two residential burglaries committed within Kensington. It is believed that these suspects have been involved in numerous other residential burglaries throughout the bay area. This investigation is still ongoing and I hope to find evidence of other Kensington victims. This case is under investigation and eventually will be submitted to the Contra Costa DA for prosecution.

2011-1618 Homicide.

On 03-12-11, KPD Officers were dispatched to a possible dead body in the 00 block of Arlington Avenue. The individual was pronounced dead at the scene. This case is being investigated as a homicide.

2010-6692, 6786 and 6867 Stolen Vehicle

On 12-15-10, 12-18-10 and 12-21-10 three vehicles were stolen. All three of the vehicles have been recovered by KPD. Two suspects have been identified and we will be filing charges with the Contra Costa DA.

2010-5319 and 5351 Arson

On 10-16-10 and 10-17-10, Kensington Police Officers responded to fires at 59 Arlington Avenue, the Kensington Park building E. The fires were determined to be arsons. These cases are under investigation.

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.
- I'm currently assigned one day per week as a Field Training Officer.

- On April 30, 2011, we had our second prescription drug, National Take Back Initiative event, sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). At our last event we received **56 lbs.** of unpackaged prescription drugs. This event was a great success as we took in **134 lbs.** of unpackaged prescription drugs, far surpassing our last event. DEA Supervisory Special Agent Glenn Moore of the Oakland field office told me he was hoping that we will have another National Take Back Initiative Day sometime in the month of October. I will keep you informed of any further dates.

WEST-NET ASIGNMENT:

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.

INVESTIGATORS SUMMARY:

In the month of May the District of Kensington sustained 2 identity thefts, 1 non-injury vehicle accident and 1 Hit and Run Vehicle Accident, 0 Injury Hit and Run Accident, 2 Injury Accidents, 0 Residential Burglaries, 0 Attempted Residential Burglaries, 1 Commercial Burglary, 0 Auto Burglary, 0 Thefts from unlocked vehicles, 0 Stolen Vehicle, 0 Petty Theft, 3 Vandalisms, 0 Embezzlement, 0 Elder Abuse, 0 Frauds, 0 Forgery, 0 Attempted Grand Thefts and 0 Grand Thefts.

•• Chief Harman

The biggest community concern continues to be that of traffic safety and traffic safety has generated the most communication in the public, on the Board, and within the police department. The way in which we address traffic safety has also divided the community, with half the community complaining that we are not doing enough as far as traffic safety is concerned and the other half complaining

that we are doing too much. And there are strong feelings and emotions on both sides of the issue.

In the early part of 2010, the University of California, Institute of Transportation Studies, Technology Transfer Program, completed a Kensington Traffic Safety Evaluation for the District at no charge. This report will be placed on the District's website for review.

One of the main findings and recommendations of the report was that the District should adopt a "Zero Tolerance Policy" for traffic enforcement. The report noted, "That a citation is the most effective tool to influence and change a driver's behavior leading to a raised level of compliance with traffic laws." The report also noted that in small communities there is a tendency to issue warnings and not citations due to political pressure, and therefore communities should adopt a "Zero Tolerance Policy" to change driver's behavior.

Based on the recommendation of the report, at the May 13, 2010 KPPCSD Board meeting, the District's Board of Directors voted to accept the report and the recommendation of a "Zero Tolerance Policy" for traffic enforcement in the District. During the following months after the May meeting, we have been reporting and advising the community that we were moving toward a "Zero Tolerance Policy" of traffic enforcement. As we began the New Year, our police officers have implemented a Zero Tolerance Policy, making traffic enforcement stops for both driving and vehicle mechanical violations, and issuing citations and not warnings.

Are our traffic enforcement efforts working?

Traffic safety is measured by vehicle accidents that occur in a community. If you were to compare the first quarter of 2010 when we had 8 traffic accidents, to the first quarter of 2011 when we had 6 accidents, that would be a 25% reduction in traffic accidents since we implemented a "Zero Tolerance Policy" in traffic enforcement. If this is a trend that continues through the remaining part of the year, a 25% decrease in traffic accident would seem to be a successful result of our efforts to improve traffic safety in the community.

How can you avoid receiving a traffic citation?

Drive at or under the speed limit of 25 mph, stop at the stop signs, stop at the traffic light, adhere to the rules of the road, and keep your vehicle registered, insured, and have all of your vehicle's equipment working properly. If you follow these rules, you will not receive a traffic citation from a Kensington police officer.

And stay off your cell phone while driving!