

December 2011 Police Department Report

January 5, 2012

- Department Personnel
 - We are currently staffed at 9 sworn positions and 3 reserve officers.
- Commendations and Correspondence
 - Sergeant Hull received an e-mail of appreciation from Catherine de Neergaard on 12-20-11.
- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct
 - 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.

At the August 11th Board meeting, The KPPCSD Board agreed to hire Labor Law Attorney Lee Ann Wallace to investigate the allegations. Ms. Wallace has completed her investigation on 12-29-11.
 - Department Investigation 2011-003 was initiated on June 10, 2011, on allegations that an officer caused a hostile work environment, insubordination, conduct violations, and discrimination. The internal investigation was completed by Sergeant Hull on August 1st. A Skelly hearing was held September 7th. Discipline was administered and is pending appeal. The appeal hearing was held on December 5, 2011 and continued to 01-12-12.
 - Department Investigation 2011-004 was initiated on July 5, 2011 on allegations that an officer violated department reporting procedures. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.
 - Citizen's Investigation 2011-005 was initiated on October 5, 2011, on allegations that an officer was rude while signing off on a fix it ticket. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.

- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.
- The Ring Time Report for November identified 52 total 911 calls for service and only one with a ring time over 20 seconds. That occurred on 11-14-11 at 5:57 PM with a ring time of 41 seconds. After the dispatcher spoke to the caller, there was no call for service generated.

Average ring time for the month of November was 5 seconds.

The Ring Time Report for December identified 49 total 911 calls for service and no ring times over 20 seconds.

Average ring time for the month of December was 4 seconds.

- Community Networking
 - On 12-12-11, Chief Harman and KPPCSD Board President Chuck Toombs attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting.
 - On 12-14-11, Chief Harman participated in the Arlington Community Church "Procession of Light" parade.

Officer Manny Ramos attended the Mechanics Bank Toy Drive Holiday Mixer.
 - On 12-15-11, Chief Harman and Officer Rodney Martinez attended the Kensington Senior Center Annual Christmas Party. After deciding who would draw the grand prize by round of applause, I drew the lucky winner who just happened to be the only person that wanted Rodney to pick the name. This just goes to show you that I will go to any means necessary to win people over!
- Community Criminal Activity
 - This section of the Watch Commander's Reports are prepared by Sergeant Hull for Team One, Acting Sergeant Hui for Team Two, and Detective Barrow.

- Watch Commander Reports
- **Sergeant Hull**

TEAM #1 STATISTICS

Officer:	Turner (K46) (0600-1800)	Stegman (K32) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	14	13
Traffic Stops	54	11
Moving Citations	15	2
Parking Citations	0	7
Vacation/Security Checks	92	81
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	4	1
Self Initiated Cases	1	0
Arrests	1	0
Calls for Service	75	30

Officers Ramos and Turner received an appreciation letter from a resident who maintains a second home in Kensington. These officers responded to a residential alarm as the result of an attempted residential burglary. The home owner was impressed with the professionalism these officers displayed during the owners contact with them and the quick response time of the officers to get on scene.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed KPD Policy 304 – Shooting policy
- Reviewed KPD Policy 310 – Officer Involved Shooting
- Reviewed KPD Policy 312 – Firearms
- Reviewed KPD Policy 452 – Medical Marijuana
- Reviewed Consensual Encounters
- Reviewed Misdemeanors not committed in an Officer’s presence
- Reviewed Citizen’s Arrest
- Reviewed Searches Incident to Arrest
- Reviewed Landlord Tenant Disputes
- Discussed professionalism with Parolees and Probationers
- Discussed Abandonment with respect to Search and Seizure
- Discussed Officer Response to Critical Incidents
 - Officer Involved Fatal/Serious Incident
 - Major Crimes
 - Kidnapping/Missing Person At Risk
 - Homicides
- Reviewed Fourth Amendment – Unreasonable Searches and Seizures

Discussed Neighbor Dispute on Colusa Ave.
Discussed on-going Harassment by a former Kensington Resident
Reviewed Traffic Stops and Legal Limits on Police Conduct
Reviewed Child Abduction Checklist
Reviewed Detention Stops

- Reasonable Suspicion
- Lawful Detention

Reviewed WI5150 Gravely Disabled

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

I would like to remind everyone to contact KPD when suspicious people, or peddlers and solicitors are seen in your neighborhood. I believe soliciting is being used as a ruse to determine if anyone is home during the day as homes are identified for burglaries.

The District has experienced a slight increase in the crimes of burglary, theft and attempted theft and burglary of property in cars as well as homes. I suspect in some of these cases these criminal were seen by residents but no one called KPD.

At a minimum the KPD response will identify person of interest which is well within the law considering the amount of property crime we have been experiencing. The communities assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated as we attempt prevent crime from being committed and arrest persons responsible for crimes that have been successfully committed.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2011-8476 – On 12/04/2011, Officer Turner responded to the 300 blk of Colusa Ave on a report of an assault.
- 2011-8495 – On 12/06/2011, Officer Turner arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant on the 8800 blk of Terrace Ave.
- 2011-8624 – On 12/11/2011, Officer Turner responded to a disturbance/harassment by a former resident in the unit blk of Arlington Avenue.
- 2011-8637 – On 12/12/2011, Officer Stegman responded to the unit blk of Stratford Rd on a report of a vehicle theft.
- 2011-8657 – On 12/12/2011, Sgt. Hull logged a Temporary Conduct Order filed against a business owner and neighbor in the 300 blk of Colusa Avenue.
- 2011-8720 – On 12/14/2011, Sergeant Hull responded to the unit blk of Kensington Ct on a report of a vehicle theft.
- 2011-8794 – On 12/18/2011, Officer Turner and Sergeant Hull responded to the 100 blk of Highland Blvd on a report of disturbing the peace.

- 2011-8827 – On 12/19/2011, Officer Stegman responded to the 400 blk of Ocean View Ave on a report of a grand theft.
- 2011-8836 – On 12/20/2011, Officer Turner and Officer Ramos responded to the unit blk of Kerr Ave on a report of vandalism.
- 2011-9061 – On 12/28/2011, Sergeant Hull responded to the 100 blk of Kensington Rd on a report of a grand theft.

•• **Acting Sergeant Hui**

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

A.S. Hui (K42) Issued 2 moving citations and one parking citation
(1400-0200)

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Wilson (K38) (1800-0600)	Ramos (K41) (0730-1730)
Days Worked	12	13	13
Traffic Stops	22	10	11
Moving Citations	7	4	4
Parking Citations	5	5	2
Vacation/Security	27	44	2
Checks			
FI-Field Interview	0	0	0
Cases	0	0	0
Self Initiated Cases	0	0	0
Arrests	0	0	0
Calls for Service	56	27	29

Officer Martinez recovered 60 hours of vacation time.

Officer Wilson recovered 44 hours of vacation time.

Officer Ramos recovered 2 hours of vacation time.

Officer Wilson recovered .5 hours of comp time.

Acting Sergeant Hui recovered 5.5 hours of comp time.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed Contra Costa County Ordinance for Intoxication
- Reviewed Contra Costa County Ordinance for Animals at Large
- Reviewed Contra Costa County Ordinance for Solicitors and Peddlers
- Reviewed KPD Policy #332 – Missing Persons

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

This past month, one of our residents interrupted a burglary at his house. This resident heard someone knock at his door but did not answer since he and his wife were not expecting any visitors. A brief period later, he heard a

commotion coming from one of the rooms on the front side of the house. When he went to check out the noise, he found an unknown person halfway through his window.

Luckily, the suspect chose to flee instead of confronting the resident.

In the past several months in my sergeant's summary, I have urged residents to call on solicitors they see in Kensington. This example of our resident is a prime reason why we should all be calling on solicitors. Often times, people choose not to call because they don't want to get anyone in trouble. When contemplating whether to call KPD regarding a solicitor, please keep in mind that many burglars pose as solicitors. It provides them with the opportunity to walk up and survey a house and check to see if the residents are home.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2011-8443 – On 12/02/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 300 blk of Colusa Ave on a report of a commercial burglary.
- 2011-8574 – On 12/09/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Yale Ave on a report of a grand theft.
- 2011-8718 – On 12/14/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 blk of Purdue Ave on a report of a hit and run collision.
- 2011-8742 – On 12/15/2011, Officer Wilson responded to the unit blk of Edgcroft Rd on a report of a grand theft.
- 2011-8745– On 12/16/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Franciscan Way on a report of a vehicle theft.
- 2011-8848 – On 12/20/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 400 blk of Beloit Ave on a report of a hit and run collision.
- 2011-8877 – On 12/21/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 100 blk of Ardmore Dr on a report of an identity theft.
- 2011-8932 – On 12/23/2011, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the unit blk of Kerr Ave on a report of a grand theft.
- 2011-9074 – On 12/29/2011, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the unit blk of Franciscan Way on a report of an interrupted residential burglary.

RESERVE OFFICER STATISTICS

Reserve Officer:	Colon (K44)	Armanino (K47)
Days Worked	0	7
Traffic Stops	0	47
Moving Citations	0	9
Parking Citations	0	0
Vacation/Security Checks	0	23
FI-Field Interview	0	0

Cases	0	0
Self Initiated Cases	0	0
Arrests	0	0
Calls for Service	0	16

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2011-8498 – On 12/05/2011, Reserve Officer Armanino responded to the 500 blk of Coventry Rd on a report of a petty theft.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

- 19 citations issued on Colusa Ave.
- 17 citations issued on Arlington Ave.
- 4 citations issued on Franciscan Wy.
- 1 citation issued on Highgate Rd.
- 1 citation issued on Westminster Ave.
- 1 citation issued on Santa Fe Ave.

•• **Detective Keith Barrow**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

2011-9074 Residential Burglary
 On Thursday, December 29, 2011, Officers responded to a residential burglary on Franciscan Avenue. The resident was home and the suspects fled the area. Persons of interest have been identified and this investigation is on going.

2011-8848 Hit and Run Vehicle Accident
 On Tuesday, December 20, 2011, Officers responded to a vehicle hit and run accident on Beloit Avenue. Officers contacted the victim who provided information that led to the identity of the suspect. **I contacted the suspect and this case will be forwarded to the Contra Costa County District Attorney for charges.**

2011-4621 Theft from a vehicle and unauthorized use of credit cards.
Two suspects have been arrested and charges have been filed with the Contra Costa County District Attorney.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

2011-8338 Identity Theft
 On Monday, November 28, 2011, three Kensington merchants reported they had been the victims of identity theft. This case is under investigation.

2011-4622 Theft from a vehicle and unauthorized use of credit cards.
Two suspects have been arrested and charges have been filed with the Contra Costa County District Attorney.

2011-6641 2011-6669 Residential Burglary/Stolen Vehicle
On Saturday, October 1, 2011, officers responded to a reported residential burglary. We were able to recover some of the victim's property out of another jurisdiction. Two days after this incident the victim's vehicle was stolen by who we believe to have been the suspect in the residential burglary. **The vehicle in this case has been located.** These cases are under investigation.

2011-7186 Residential Burglary
On Thursday, October 20, 2011, officers responded to a reported residential burglary witnessed by a Kensington resident. We were able to identify potential suspects in this case and I'm still investigating.

2011-5504, 5580 Petty Theft
On Sunday August, 21 & 23, 2011, officers took two reports of catalytic converters being stolen from vehicles on Purdue Avenue and Arlmont Road. **Pleasant Hill PD took two subjects into custody that may be linked to this case.** These cases are under investigation.

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.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS

- Made several court runs for filling cases, and retrieve court notifications.
- 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.

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.

CRIME SUMMARY:

In the month of December the District of Kensington sustained:

- 0 Homicides
- 0 Robberies
- 0 Rapes
- 1 Assault
- 1 Residential Burglary
- 1 Attempted Residential Burglary
- 1 Commercial Burglary
- 0 Auto Burglaries
- 3 Stolen Vehicles
- 2 Grand Thefts
- 1 Petty Theft
- 3 Thefts from Unlocked Vehicles
- 1 Fraud
- 0 Forgeries
- 0 Vandalisms
- 0 Identity Thefts
- 0 Injury Accidents
- 0 Non-Injury Vehicle Accidents
- 0 Injury Hit and Run Accident
- 2 Hit and Run Vehicle Accidents

•• Chief Harman

For the month of December, I thought I would prepare a crime summary of the past year and a brief summary of the department's activities.

In September, the Contra Costa County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) accepted a Municipal Service Review for Law Enforcement Services in the County. The entire 300 page report is available on the Contra Costa County LAFCO website however some of the highlights of the report- Our report card so to speak.

Of the 21 law enforcement agencies in the report, Kensington PD had:

The 4th best Priority One response time of 2:45 over the last 3 years.

The best Violent Crime Clearance Rate of 65% over the last 3 years.

The best Property Crime Clearance Rate of 17% over the last 3 years.

And tied for 14th place in Annual Average Service Calls per Capita over the last 3 years, with 5,000 annual calls for service for 5,000 population.

As far as comparing crimes committed this year with those of the past 3 years:

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Homicide	0	0	0	1
Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	2	0
Assaults	0	1	4	2
Res Burg	32	28	37	18
Auto Burg	55	50	20	10
Petty Theft	32	30	36	28
Grand Theft	12	7	25	10
Auto Theft	64	47	12	8

We have basically cut property crimes in half this year from the previous 3 three years. This is an outstanding accomplishment and a result of the efforts of our officers and community working together to reduce crime. But how did this occur? What changed this year from past year that caused crime to be cut in half?

In March 2010, UC Berkeley Institute of Transportation Studies completed a free Traffic Evaluation for the District of Kensington. The main recommendation of the report was that to increase traffic safety in the community, it was recommended that the Kensington Police department adopt a “Zero Tolerance Policy” of traffic enforcement. The Board accepted and adopted this recommendation in May 2010, and after a 6 month “educational period”, the Kensington Police Department went to a Zero Tolerance Policy in January of this year.

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mov Cites	459	327	570	1554
Injury Acc	6	10	3	4
Non In Acc	31	21	22	17
20002	15	15	9	14
Total	52	46	34	35

As you can see from the above chart, we have issued more traffic citations this year than the previous 3 years combined. While our traffic enforcement efforts did not have the impact on reducing traffic collisions as we had hoped, the extra time devoted to traffic enforcement and patrol duties I believe resulted in the decrease in criminal activity in the community. Increased patrol activities, along with our Neighborhood Watch efforts, are the reasons we have been able to cut property crime in half in Kensington.

However, we just don't isolate our crime prevention efforts in Kensington. For example, Detective Barrow continues to work with the West County Narcotic Task Force with officers from the West County area. On December 16th, Detective Barrow and Reserve Officer Armanino participated in the West County Costa Vehicle Theft Suppression Enforcement Team operation. We assign officers to work the Richmond PD truancy details throughout the year. Officer Ramos and other officers work the DUI suppression details during the holidays. We work very closely with investigators from both El Cerrito and Berkeley, when criminal activity spills over into our jurisdiction. Our activities with our neighboring law enforcement agencies also help decrease criminal activity in our community.

Our cooperation with other agencies is not just limited to law enforcement activities. We also train with neighboring agencies, especially El Cerrito. We conduct joint firearms and defensive tactics training on an on going basis with El Cerrito, with Detective Barrow serving as a defensive tactics instructor for El Cerrito hosted certified POST training. Our Traffic Officer Juan "Manny" Ramos is training with El Cerrito motor officers, learning the finer points of motorcycle traffic enforcement. Detective Barrow and Officer Stegman continued to train and serve on the Contra Costa County Mobile Field Force.

As we start the New Year, we will continue with our Zero Tolerance Policy of traffic enforcement, increase our cooperative efforts with our neighboring agencies, and continue to develop our neighborhood watch- community based law enforcement efforts. It is our goal to reduce crime even further in 2012.