

September 2011 Police Department Report

October 4, 2011

- Department Personnel
 - Reserve Police Officer Chris Turner will be hired as a full time paid officer on October 6th. Chris has done an outstanding job in our reserve program and we believe he will be a great addition to our staff. Officer Turner will be sworn in at the October 13th KPPCSD meeting. Congratulations Chris!
 - Reserve Officer Chris Armanino has completed his field training program and is now on solo duty. Congratulations Chris!
- Commendations and Correspondence- None this month
- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct
 - Department Investigation #2010-001 was initiated on September 20th on an allegation that an officer posted an inappropriate screen saver on a District computer. The investigation was conducted by Sergeant Hull. The investigation was sustained and discipline administered.
 - 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 been provided all documentation and has nearly completed her investigation.
 - Department Investigation 2011-002 was initiated on June 5, 2011, on an allegation that an officer falsified an official police document. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.
 - 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.

- 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.
- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.
- The Ring Time Report for August indicated that there were a total of 40 “911” calls with 2 having ring times over 20 seconds. The first occurred on 08-01-11 with a ring time of 35 seconds at 8:33 PM and was a fire call with no further information available. The second occurred on 08-17-11 at 8:15 PM with a ring time of 21 seconds. Average ring time for the month was 5 seconds.

The Ring Time Report for September has not been received yet.

- Communication Center Service Complaints- None this month.
- Community Networking
 - On 09-12-11, Officer Wilson and I attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting. The next meeting of the KPSC is scheduled for Monday, 10-10-11, at 6:30 PM in Room 3 of the Community Center.

Following the KPSC meeting, Chief Harman attended the KCC meeting.
 - On 09-14-11, Chief Harman attended the LAFCO meeting in Martinez, in which the County’s Police Municipal Services Review was accepted by the LAFCO Board.
 - On 09-17-11, Detective Barrow participated in the Tri- City Day at El Cerrito Plaza.
 - On 09-26-11, Chief Harman attended the KIC meeting.
 - On 09-27-11, Chief Harman attended the KMAC meeting.
 - On 09-29-11, Chief Harman met with parent representatives to discuss school traffic safety.

- 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**
(1400-0200)

TEAM #1 STATISTICS

Officer:	Wilson (K33) (0600-1800)	Stegman (K32) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	15	16
Traffic Stops	16	7
Moving Citations	4	1
Parking Citations	5	0
Vacation/Security	32	1
Checks		
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	0	1
Self Initiated Cases	0	1
Arrests	0	1
Calls for Service	45	49

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed Mayer Alert – Open Carry of Firearms
- Reviewed Principles of Probable Cause
- Reviewed Penal Code 148.9 – False Representation of Identity
- Reviewed Penal Code 529 – False Personating of Another
- Reviewed Penal Code 827.1 – Deny release of Misdemeanor Warrant
- Reviewed Vehicle Code 40302 – Mandatory Appearance
- Reviewed a Report of Child Abuse from CPS
- Reviewed Investigation Contacts (CCI 2011)
- Reviewed CHP Bulletin – On Duty Emergency Vehicle Accidents
- Reviewed Definition – Accident
- Reviewed Definition – School Bus
- Reviewed Definition – Special Conditions
- Reviewed Definition - Witness
- Reviewed KPD Policy 330 – Child Abuse Reporting
- Reviewed KPD Policy 418 – Mental Illness Commitments
- Reviewed KPD Policy 420 – Cite and Release Policy

Reviewed KPD Policy 502 – Traffic Collision Reports
Reviewed KPD Policy 602 – Sexual Assault Victims DNA Rights

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

I would like to remind everyone not to leave valuables inside your vehicles where they can be easily seen. The temptation may be too much for a criminal to resist. I would also like to suggest locking the doors to your vehicles after you park them and leave them unattended. I understand that some prefer to remove all valuables from vehicles and leave the doors unlocked. Theory being if a criminal wants to get into a vehicle, nothing need be damaged for the criminal to gain entry. It is my preference that all vehicles be locked when unattended.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2011-5893 – On 9-5-2011, Sgt. Hull responded to the unit block of Kingston Dr. to a report of a suspicious event.
- 2011-5910 – On 9-5-2011, Officer Stegman responded to the 200 block of Berkeley Park Blvd. a resident was taken into custody for mental evaluation.
- 2011-5931 – On 9-5-2011, Officer Stegman responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. to a report of petty theft.
- 2011-5914 – On 9-6-2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Duong responded to the 200 block of Kenyon Ave. to a report of a resident in need of medical assistance.
- 2011-5918– On 9/6/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Duong responded to the 200 blk of Cambridge Ave on a report of a grand theft.
- 2011-5931– On 9/6/2011, Officer Stegman responded to the 200 blk of Arlington Ave on a report of a petty theft.
- 2011-6121 – On 9-13-2011, Officer Wilson responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. to a report of an animal bite.
- 2011-6272– On 9/18/2011, Sergeant Hull responded to the unit blk of Kingston Rd on a report of domestic violence. The primary aggressor was arrested.
- 2011-6283– On 9/19/2011, Officer Wilson and Reserve Armanino responded to the 100 blk of Purdue Ave on a report of a vandalism.
- 2011-6479 – On 9/25/2011, Officer Wilson responded to the 200 blk of Grizzly Peak Blvd on a report of an auto burglary.
- 2011-6490 – On 9/26/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Duong responded to the 200 blk of Yale Ave on a report of a stolen vehicle. One juvenile suspect arrested.
- 2011-6491 – On 9/26/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Duong responded to the unit blk of Kingston Rd on a report of a burglary.
- 2011-6493 - On 9-26-2011, Officer Wilson contacted a suspicious person looking over fences on Sunset Drive.

•• **Acting Sergeant Hui**

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

A.S. Hui (K42) issued 1 moving violation
(1400-0200)

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Ramos (K41) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	16	17
Traffic Stops	52	33
Moving Citations	38	20
Parking Citations	9	0
Vacation/Security Checks	53	193
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	8	1
Self Initiated Cases	0	0
Arrests	0	0
Calls for Service	85	32

Officer Ramos took 12 hours of vacation.

Officer Martinez took 12 hours of vacation.

Acting Sergeant Hui recovered 27.5 hours of comp time.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed sections of “Verbal Judo” by George Thompson
- Reviewed KPD Policy #410 – Ride Alongs
- Reviewed KPD Policy #432 – Patrol Rifles
- Reviewed case law: Kentucky v King

SERGEANT’S SUMMARY:

During this past month, Reserve Officer Turner and Reserve Officer Armanino completed their field training programs. I would like to congratulate them for passing the field training program and thank them for all the time they volunteered to accomplish this goal.

In a recent Berkeley PD Crime Advisory by Officer White, he details a trend of residential burglaries in the North Berkeley Hills between noon and 6pm. I would like to remind residents to take extra caution in securing their residences and vehicles. Often times, burglaries are a crime of opportunity where the would be burglar sees an item that he wants to steal. One of the most effective ways of reducing the likelihood that your house or vehicle could

be burglarized is by making sure that you do not have any valuables left in plain view, and that you lock and secure your residence or vehicle.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2011-5852 – On 9/3/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the unit blk of Kingston Rd on a report of a petty theft.
- 2011-6013 – On 9/10/2011, Officer Martinez and Reserve Armanino responded to the 600 blk of Oberlin Ave on a report of a petty theft.
- 2011-6146 – On 9/14/2011, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the 200 blk of Colgate Ave on a report of a petty theft.
- 2011-6185 – On 9/16/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 blk of Colusa Ave on a report of a petty theft.
- 2011-6273 – On 9/18/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 blk of Stanford Ave on a report of a non-injury hit and run collision.
- 2011-6420– On 9/23/2011, Officer Martinez and Reserve Turner responded to the 200 blk of Lake Dr on a report of a grand theft.
- 2011-6431 – On 9/23/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 100 blk of Highland Blvd on a report of a grand theft.
- 2011-6458 – On 9/24/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Lam Ct on a report of a non-injury hit and run collision.
- 2011-6462 – On 9/24/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 100 blk of Highland Blvd on a report of a theft of mail.
- 2011-6537 – On 9/28/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 300 blk of Coventry Rd on a report of a petty theft.
- 2011-6544 – On 9/28/2011, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the unit blk of Richardson Rd on a report of an identity theft.
- 2011-6564 – On 9/29/2011, Officer Martinez and Reserve Armanino responded to the 800 blk of Coventry Rd on a report of a burglary.
- 2011-6587 – On 9/30/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Kerr Ave on a report of a petty theft.
- 2011-6588 – On 9/30/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Franciscan Way on a report of a petty theft.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

- 37 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.
- 32 moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave.
- 12 moving citations were issued on Franciscan Way.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Highland Ave.

•• **Detective Keith Barrow**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

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. These cases are under investigation.

2011-4023 Hit and Run

On 06-20-11, Officer Wilson responded to a hit and run vehicle accident on Amherst Avenue. The victim vehicle was parked along the west curb line and the suspect vehicle failed to leave a note or make any attempt to contact the owner. Officer Wilson's investigation yielded a suspect vehicle. I contacted the owner and this case is closed. **This case is closed and has been submitted to the Contra Costa DA for prosecution.**

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

2011-4980 Hit and Run

On Tuesday, July 28, 2011, officers responded to a hit and run vehicle accident in the 300 block of Colusa Avenue. Through a good initial investigation by KPD Officer Ramos, I was able to contact the suspect in Berkeley. **This case is closed and has been 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.

During the month of September we did not take any Residential or Commercial Burglary reports. I believe this is due to the high visibility of our officers and reserves.

We arrested two Hit and Run drivers through good initial investigations by KPD Officers Ramos and Wilson. They were able to obtain good witness statements and physical evidence left at the scenes. Good job.

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.

In the month of September West-NET agents conducted over 13 search warrants and arrested numerous suspects. Agents seized over 65 lbs. of methamphetamines, over 550 marijuana plants, and 15 lbs. of marijuana processed and packaged for sale. We also seized over 15 firearms.

CRIME SUMMARY:

In the month of September the District of Kensington sustained:

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

•• **Chief Harman**

The month of September saw significant changes in personnel and assignments in the police department.

Detective Barrow was promoted to the rank of Corporal. This promotion was well deserved and will assist us in providing additional patrol supervision and coverage when the sergeants are on scheduled vacations.

Reserve Officer Mike Colon completed his field training assignment in August and has begun solo patrol in the District.

Reserve Officer Chris Armanino completed his field training assignment and has begun solo patrol in the District.

Reserve Officer Chris Turner not only completed his field training but will be sworn in as a full time paid officer beginning October 6th. Chris is a great addition to our department and this hiring also increases our staffing back to 9 positions. This will enable us to transfer Traffic Officer Juan "Manny" Ramos from the graveyard shift back to traffic duties once Officer Turner gains experience working as a solo officer.

Reserve Officers Foley and Duong are continuing their training in the field training program.

Hopefully, by the end of the year we will be back up to full staffing and with our reserve officers on solo duty, begin to really become proactive in crime prevention and traffic enforcement.