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**DATE:** April 1, 2026  
**TO:** David Aranda: General Manager  
**FROM:** M. Gancasz, Chief of Police  
**RE:** Police Chief's Monthly Report for March 2026

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### Patrol Operations

During the period Mar 1 – Mar 31, 2026, Kensington Police Department handled 1,253 total incidents, a slight increase from 1,180 in the prior comparison period (Feb 1 – Feb 28, 2026). Of these, 1,057 were officer-initiated activity (OIA), a slight increase from 951 in the previous period, and 196 were dispatched calls for service. Officer-initiated activity included 128 traffic stops, 327 building/security checks, and 8 vehicle/pedestrian checks. Officers issued 92 citations and 41 warnings, a notable decrease from 114 in the prior period.

Officers responded to 196 dispatched calls for service, a slight decrease from the 229 calls handled in the prior period. The average response time for dispatched calls was 5.6 minutes (*consistent with 5.5 minutes in the prior period*). Additionally, the department authored 21 investigative reports, of which 12 were crime reports (10 of which were NIBRS reportable and two were arrests for warrants from other agencies), an increase from the 17 reports filed the month prior.

Officers made 7 arrests, a significant increase from 3 in the prior period. These were all for misdemeanor crimes.

Notable cases include officers making arrests for two separate Driving Under the Influence (DUI) investigations, a domestic battery, two warrant arrests, and two fraud cases related to vehicles. One of the DUIs involved the driver going off the road, through a fence, and into a ravine, requiring a rescue by Kensington Fire, a DUI investigation, a collision investigation, and specialty vehicle recovery equipment to recover the vehicle.

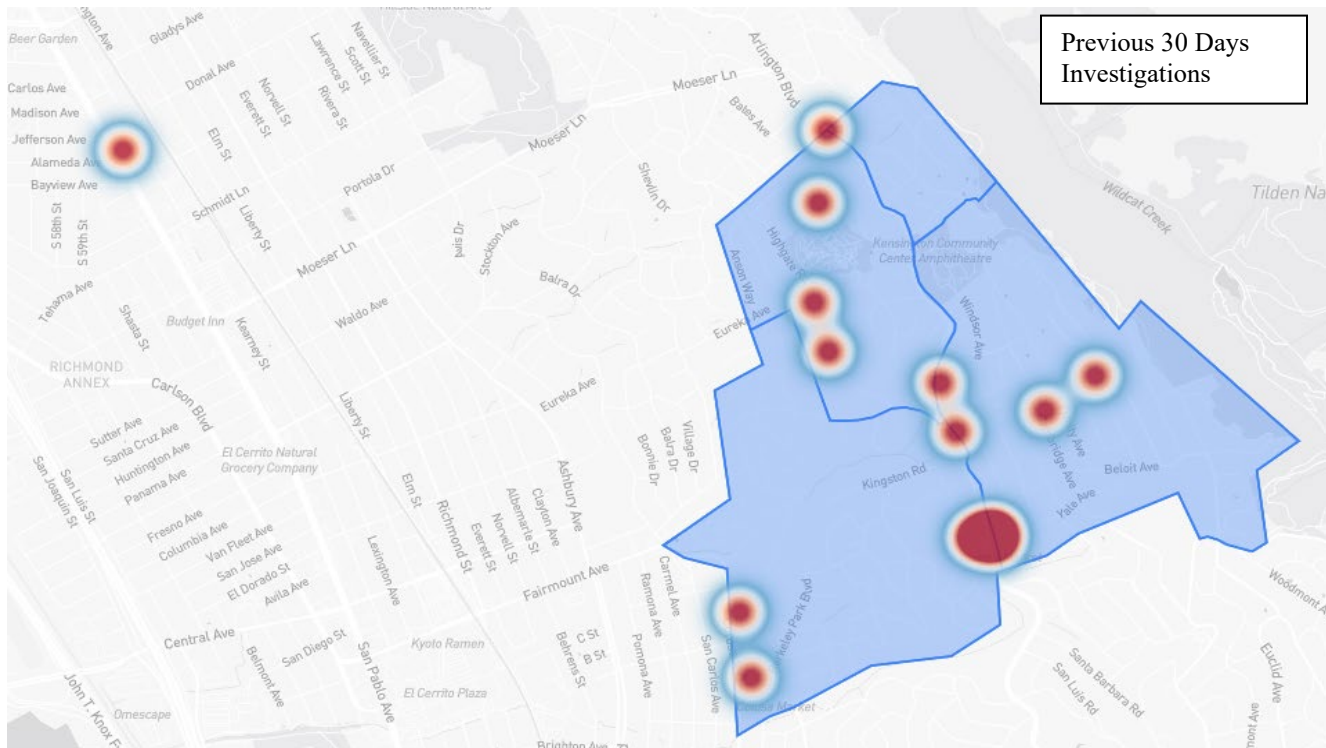
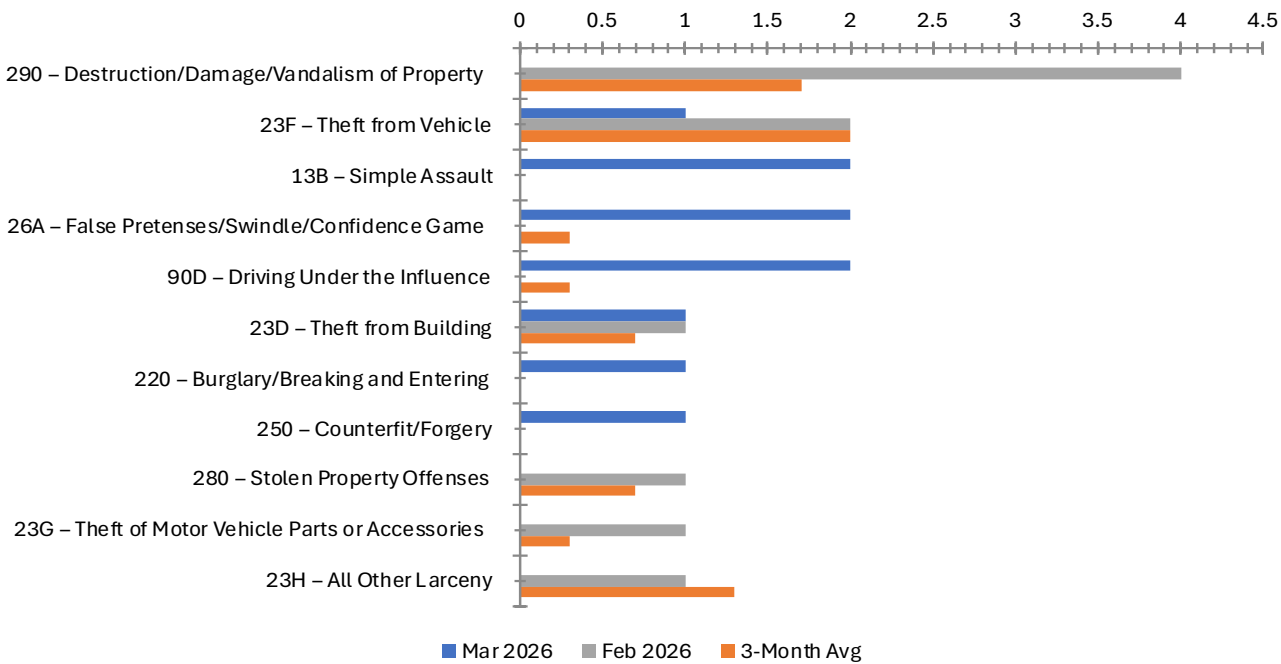
**Table 1. Patrol Data Comparison by Month**

Metric	February 2026	March 2026	Change
Total Cases	17	21	+23.53%
Dispatched Calls for Service	1,180	1,253	+6.19%
Traffic Stops	254	232	-8.66%
Citations Issued	91	92	+1.10%
Investigative Reports	17	21	+23.53%
Misdemeanor Arrests	2	7	+250.00%
Felony Arrests	1	0	-100.00%
Avg. Response Time	5.5 min	5.6 min	+0.1 min (+1.82%)

**Table 2. March 2026 NIBRS Offense Data**

NIBRS Code	Offense	Mar-26	Feb-26	% Change	Z-Score
13B	Simple Assault	2	0	100%	0
26A	False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	2	0	100%	2.89
90D	Driving Under the Influence	2	0	100%	2.89
220	Burglary/Breaking and Entering	1	0	100%	0
250	Counterfeit/Forgery	1	0	100%	0
23D	Theft from Building	1	1	0%	0.41
23F	Theft from Vehicle	1	2	-50%	-0.71
120	Robbery	0	0	0%	-0.58
280	Stolen Property Offenses	0	1	-100%	-0.82
290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	0	4	-100%	-1.29
23E	Theft from Coin Operated Machine	0	0	0%	-0.58
23G	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	0	1	-100%	-0.58
23H	All Other Larceny	0	1	-100%	-1.15
26F	Identity Theft	0	0	0%	-0.58
90C	Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0%	-1.15
90Z	All Other Offenses	0	0	0%	-0.82

### NIBRS Category Comparison - Kensington Police Department



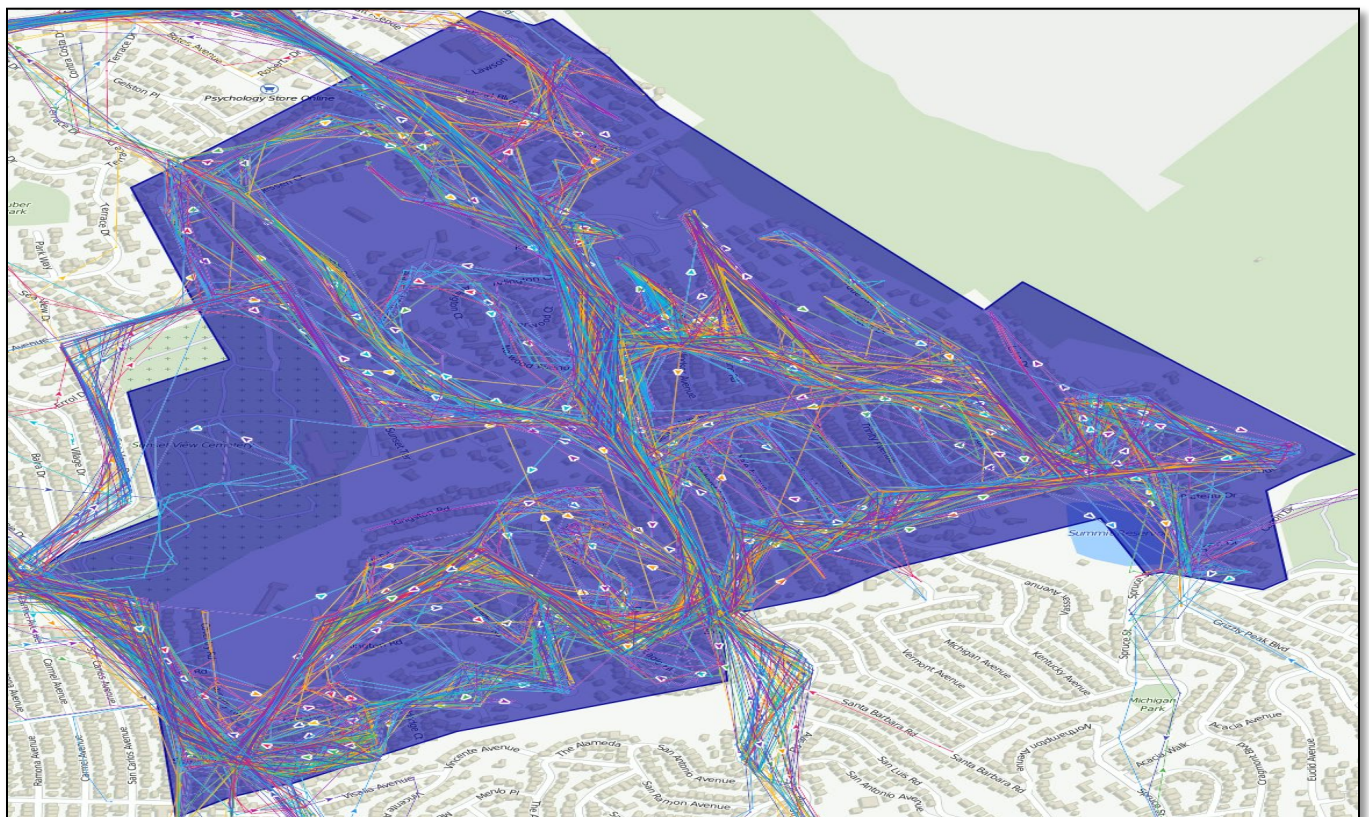
**Figure 1. Patrol Case Heat Map (Past 30 Days):** Incident locations are aggregated into a heat surface using a distance-weighted smoothing calculation over nearby points, where warmer colors indicate higher estimated activity concentration and cooler colors indicate lower concentration.

Day	00-03	03-06	06-09	09-12	12-15	15-18	18-21	21-00
Sun	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	1
Mon	0	0	0.5	0.5	2.4	1.27	0.67	0.67
Tue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.33	0.67
Wed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Thu	0.18	0.18	1.18	0.18	0.18	0	1	0.12
Fri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sat	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

**Case Temporal Heatmap (Past 30 Days):** The temporal heatmap uses time-quality weighting where incidents with exact reported times count fully toward their hour, while incidents with unknown or range-based times are proportionally distributed across applicable hours, providing a more accurate representation of activity patterns by reducing the skewing effect of default midnight timestamps common in RMS data.

### Table 3. Patrol Fleet Mapping

Kensington's patrol fleet is tracked with GPS technology, allowing real-time mapping. The map depicts the Special District of Kensington's boundary (dark blue), and the six colored lines represent the locations of black-and-white patrol cars within the district throughout the month.



## Patrol Activity Log:

Date	Time	Location	Offense Statute	Offense(s)	Severity	Arrest	Summary
3/31/2026	08:12 PM	5XX BERKELEY PARK BL KENSNGTN, CA 94707	23152(A) VC	Dui alcohol (M)	Misdemeanor	Yes	On March 31, 2026, an individual was arrested for driving under the influence following a traffic stop near the intersection of Colusa Avenue and Oakview Avenue in Kensington.
3/30/2026	01:39 PM	ARLINGTON AV HIGHLAND BL KENSNGTN, CA 94707	O/W-M	Misdemeanor Warrant	Misdemeanor	Yes	On March 30, 2026, a misdemeanor bench warrant was confirmed and cited during a traffic stop at the intersection of Arlington Avenue and Highland Boulevard; the subject was released on citation.
3/29/2026	12:40 PM	15XX VALLEY RD KENSNGTN, CA 94707	RECVEH	Recovered Vehicle	N/A	No	On March 29, 2026, a stolen vehicle was recovered at the intersection of Coventry Road and Valley Road after a traffic stop; the occupant was cooperative and unaware of the vehicle's stolen status.
3/25/2026	11:05 PM	2XX CAMBRIDG E AV KENSNGTN, CA 94708	INFO	Informational Report	N/A	No	On March 25, 2026, an informational report was taken regarding a verbal dispute between two cohabitants at the 2XX block of Cambridge Avenue, with no injuries or crime reported.
3/22/2026	08:32 PM	COLUSA AV CURRY AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707	23152(A) VC	Dui alcohol (M)	Misdemeanor	Yes	An arrest was made for misdemeanor DUI after a single-vehicle collision into a drainage ditch in the 2XX block of North Colusa Avenue. The subject was transported for evidential breath testing and subsequently cited.
3/22/2026	05:10 PM	4XX ARLINGTON AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707	4463(A)(1) VC	Forge/alter vehicle registration/etc (M)	Misdemeanor	Yes	On March 22, 2026, a driver was arrested for displaying an improper registration tag on a vehicle during a traffic stop at the XX block of Arlington Avenue.
3/22/2026	03:42 PM	ARLINGTON AV COVENTRY AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707	4462.5 VC	Display on vehicle/present to officer unlawful registration (M)	Misdemeanor	Yes	On March 22, 2026, a traffic stop was conducted at the 2XX block of Arlington Avenue for an unsafe turn and use of license plates not registered to the vehicle. The driver was cited for displaying unlawful registration and released at the scene; no arrest was made.
3/22/2026	08:30 AM	3XX COLUSA AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707	Collision No Inj	Collision Report No Injury	N/A	No	On 03/22/2026 at approximately 0830 hours, a vehicle backed into another parked vehicle at the 3XX block of Colusa Ave, causing minor front grill damage. The driver was cooperative and provided insurance information; an investigative report was filed.
3/21/2026	03:00 PM	1XX ARLINGTON AV KENSNGTN, CA 94707	368(B)(1) PC	Cause inj elder/dep adult - Simple (F)	Felony	No	On March 27, 2026, officers responded to a welfare check at the 1XX block of Arlington Avenue regarding a caretaker neglect allegation involving an intoxicated adult male. The adult son was advised to leave the residence voluntarily; no arrest was made, and the case was referred to Adult Protective Services.
3/16/2026	08:50 PM	XX HIGHGATE RD	459 PC	Burglary - Burglary/breaking and entering (F)	Felony	No	On March 16, 2026, a burglary was reported at the XX block of Highgate Road where forced entry was evident; no suspects were

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3/16/2026	04:39 PM	KENSGTN, CA 94707 COLUSA AV CURRY AV KENSGTN, CA 94707	11-81	Accident,min injuries,no amb needed	N/A	No	located and the case was suspended due to lack of leads. On 03/16/2026 at approximately 1635 hours, a vehicle driven northbound on the 1900 block of Colusa Avenue swerved to avoid a dog and collided with a utility pole; the driver sustained minor injuries and declined ambulance transport.
3/16/2026	01:30 PM	1XX ARLINGTON AV KENSGTN, CA 94707	O/W-M	Misdemeanor Warrant	Misdemeanor	Yes	On March 16, 2026, a traffic stop was conducted at the 1XX block of Arlington Avenue for multiple vehicle code violations. The driver was found to have a suspended license and an outstanding misdemeanor warrant; a citation was issued, an arrest was made, and the driver was released at the scene.
3/16/2026	08:45 AM	2XX ARLINGTON AV KENSGTN, CA 94707	INFO	Patrol Officer Info to/from APD	N/A	No	On March 16, 2026, a collision report involving property damage was taken at the 2XX block of Arlington Avenue. An investigation is pending to determine fault, including review of security footage and witness statements.
3/12/2026	08:16 AM	RINCON RD ARLINGTON AV KENSGTN, CA 94707	11-82	Accident, no injuries	N/A	No	On March 12, 2026, at approximately 0816 hours, a two-vehicle traffic collision occurred at Arlington Ave and Rincon Rd. Both vehicles were moved to the block of Arlington Avenue parking lot; no injuries were reported and an investigative report was filed.
3/9/2026	01:08 PM	XX ARDMORE RD KENSGTN, CA 94707	530.5(A) PC	Get credit/etc others id - False pretenses/swindle/confidence game (F)	Felony	No	On March 9, 2026, a report of identity theft involving fraudulent use of a credit card was documented at the XX block of Ardmore Road; the investigation concluded with no loss.
3/8/2026	11:35 PM	2XX WILLAMETT E AV KENSGTN, CA 94708	243(E)(1) PC	Battery:spouse/ex spouse/date/etc - Simple (M)	Misdemeanor	Yes	On March 8, 2026, a subject was cited for misdemeanor battery following an incident at the XX block of Willamette Avenue involving a family dispute.
3/7/2026	10:33 PM	ARLINGTON AMHERST KENSGTN, CA 94707	FNDPROP	Found Property	N/A	No	On March 7, 2026, found property consisting of a wallet with cash and cards was turned in near the 3XX block of Arlington Avenue and was returned to the owner following identification.
3/5/2026	10:49 PM	109XX SAN PABLO AV ELCERRIT, CA 94530	REPO	Repossession	N/A	No	On February 9, 2026, personnel at the Kensington Police Department processed a vehicle release for a brown Chevrolet Silverado repossessed due to payment default. The registered owner provided necessary documentation, and the vehicle was released without incident.
3/5/2026	06:00 PM	2XX ARLINGTON AV KENSGTN, CA 94707	459 PC	Burglary - From building (F)	Felony	No	On March 5, 2026, a burglary was reported at the 2XX block of Arlington Avenue involving the theft of multiple decorative items from a business. The investigation is ongoing with attempts to identify potential suspects and obtain security footage.
3/2/2026	09:00 AM	XX HIGHGATE RD	487(A) PC	Grand theft:money/labor/property - From motor vehicle (M)	Misdemeanor	No	On March 2, 2026, a theft from motor vehicle was reported at the XX block of Highgate Road involving the loss of a wallet containing personal identification and cash. A

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		KENSGTN, CA 94707					neighborhood canvass was conducted with no new leads; the case has been suspended pending further information.
3/2/2026	07:30 AM	XX RINCON RD KENSGTN, CA 94707	INFO	Patrol Officer Info to/from APD	N/A	No	On March 2, 2026, reports were received of a mountain lion sighting near the Carmelite Monastery and surrounding areas. Authorities notified regional agencies, advised local schools and the public, and coordinated with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife; no further sightings were reported by the end of the day.

### Community Safety Cameras – ALPR (automatic license plate reader)

In March, the District's CSCs remained paused in response to community concerns. This 90-day suspension aims to review these concerns and assess system performance.

### Training: Professional Standards, Development & Readiness

March training was heavily focused on meeting state mandates. To that end, Officer Fajardo, Payne, and Thota, as well as Sergeants Lande and Rivera, attended a week-long Advanced Officer Training course hosted by the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office. The training meets the state's Perishable Skills Program requirements (PSP). By training with the Sheriff's Office, KPD ensures its training is current with county-wide standards of practice, which increases interoperability between the agencies. Further, the training provides important opportunities for KPD officers to establish working relationships with a key partner. In total Officers completed 180 hours of training in March

**Firearms – PSP (Pistol)** Officers completed their annual POST-mandated pistol qualification, demonstrating proficiency with their duty sidearm under standardized conditions. This training reinforces fundamental marksmanship, safe weapons handling, and the decision-making skills required to deploy force appropriately and accurately in dynamic field situations.

**Firearms/Tactical Rifle** Update Building on the morning pistol session, officers transitioned to long-gun platform training, sharpening their proficiency with the patrol rifle. This course addresses real-world tactical scenarios in which a rifle's extended range and stopping power may be the critical factors in officer and community safety.

**Driver Training – Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC)** Officers refreshed their emergency vehicle operation skills, covering high-speed maneuvers, vehicle control at the limits of traction, and the legal and tactical considerations governing emergency driving decisions. Importantly, for fleet maintenance, officers spent considerable time training in slow-speed maneuvers such as backing, parallel parking, and turning in space-limited road conditions. The goal of these maneuvers is to reduce the likelihood of minor collisions that affect law enforcement fleet operations and

budgets. EVOC training directly reduces liability exposure while ensuring officers can respond rapidly without endangering the public.

**First Aid Practical** Officers received updated instruction in field trauma care and emergency medical response. The training builds on the online training officers completed in February and moves from learning concepts and first-aid knowledge to practicing first-aid application under simulated conditions. This training prepares officers to serve as first responders at injury scenes — whether involving community members or fellow officers — bridging the gap between incident and paramedic arrival with potentially life-saving intervention.

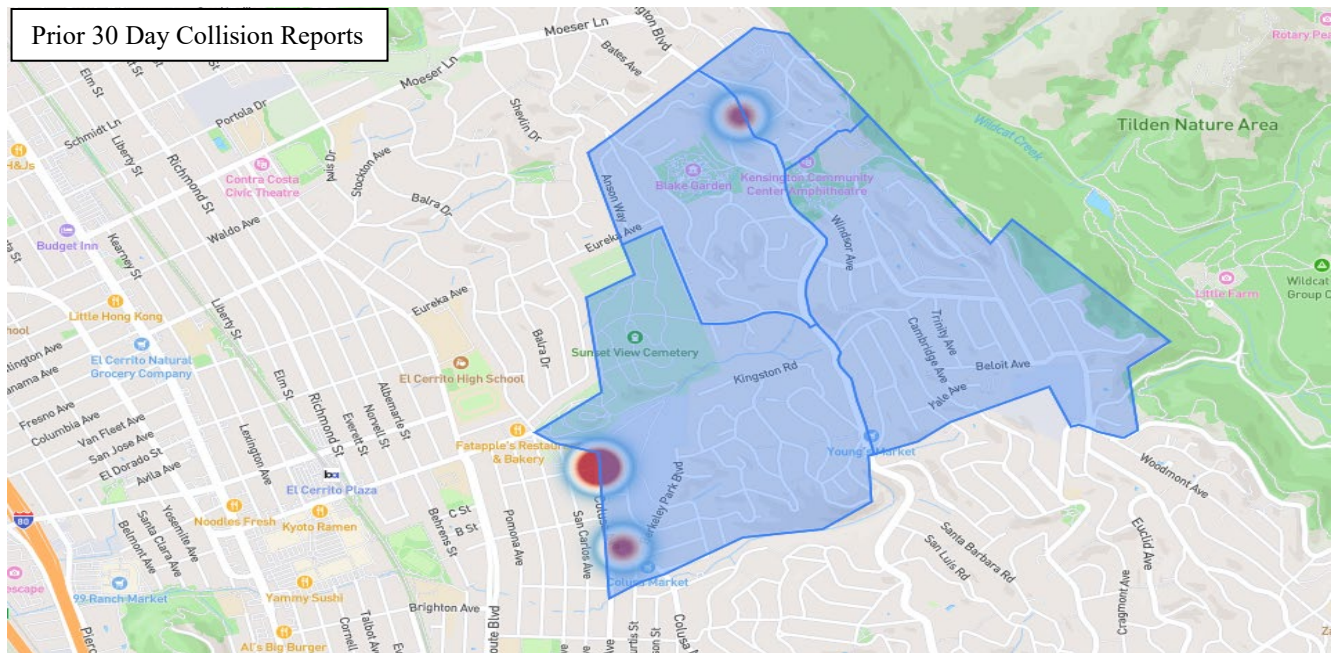
**Arrest and Control (PSP)** Officers trained in current arrest and control techniques consistent with POST guidelines and evolving use-of-force standards. Emphasis was placed on proportional force application, subject control with minimal injury risk, and the physical skills needed to safely take resistive individuals into custody — a foundational competency for every patrol officer.

**Crisis Intervention Update (PSP)** Officers completed updated training in recognizing and de-escalating encounters involving individuals experiencing mental health crises. This course equips officers with communication strategies, threat assessment skills, and diversion knowledge that reduce the need for force, improve outcomes for vulnerable community members, and align with California's evolving standards for law enforcement mental health response.

**Use of Force (PSP)** Officers engaged in comprehensive use-of-force training integrating legal standards, departmental policy, and scenario-based decision-making. Covering the continuum from presence through deadly force, this training ensures officers can articulate the reasonableness of their force decisions under *Graham v. Connor* and California law — a critical competency in today's accountability environment. The training also reviewed numerous recent case law updates pertaining to how officers use force.

## **Traffic Safety**

During the period Mar 1 – Mar 31, 2026, 4 collisions were reported (2 non-injury, 2 injury), which was identical to 4 in the prior period (Feb 1 – Feb 28, 2026). One of the collisions was a DUI-related collision.



*Map of March 2026 Collisions*

## **Chief of Police**

### **After Action Report for the "No Kings" Planned Demonstration**

On March 28, 2026, a planned demonstration took place within the Kensington community. The Kensington Police Department approached this event with a clear and unwavering commitment: to protect the constitutional right of community members to peacefully assemble and express their views, free from interference. In advance of the event, KPD conducted outreach to local businesses to provide guidance, and a sergeant and three officers were on duty to maintain a measured, unobtrusive presence throughout the District. Pre- and post-event inspections for hazards were completed to promote a safe environment. The dispatch center received zero calls for service related to the event, and no injuries, property damage, or safety issues were identified at any point.

### **Mutual Aid**

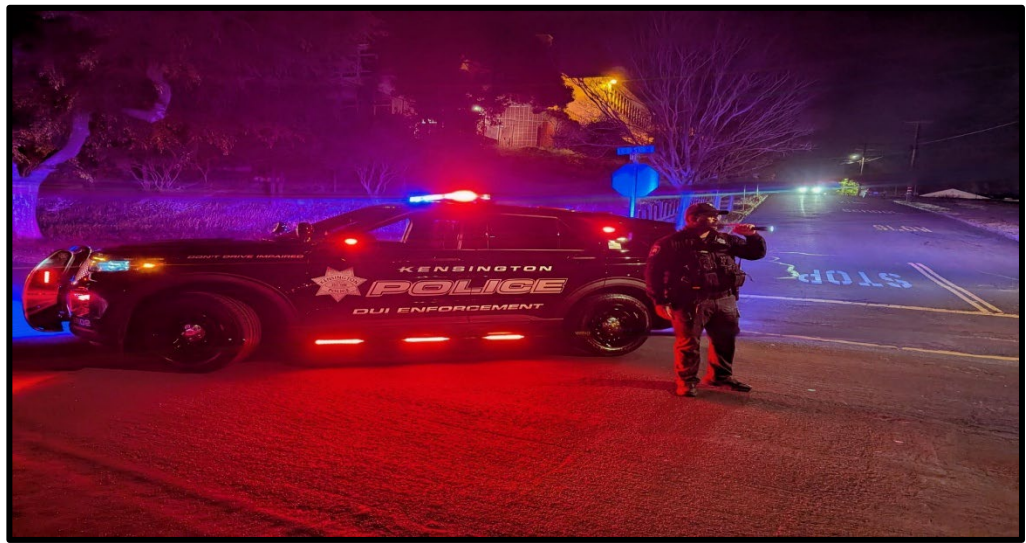
On March 28, 2026, the Kensington Police Department received advance notice of a planned large-scale gathering at the Albany waterfront, with attendance projections ranging from 500 to 1,000 individuals and the potential for spillover into adjacent residential neighborhoods. Coordinated mutual aid staffing of a supervisor and two officers was provided to assist with on-site operations. Attendance was significantly lower than projected; no enforcement actions were required, and there were no injuries, property damage, or public safety concerns.

## DUI Collision and Complex Recovery



On March 22, 2026, at approximately 8:32 p.m., officers responded to a single-vehicle collision on Colusa Avenue in which a vehicle left the roadway, crossed a curb, breached a wire fence, and came to rest in a drainage ditch approximately 30 feet from the roadway, on the property of the Sunset Cemetery.

The incident required a multi-agency response involving the Kensington Police Department, the Kensington Fire Department, and emergency medical personnel. The driver and sole occupant did not sustain serious injuries and was arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol.



**CHP DUI/DUID Grant Activity**

KPD officers conducted the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of 15 scheduled DUI saturation patrols under the CHP DUI/DUID grant program. These operations resulted in 40 traffic stops, leading to 10 warnings and 25 citations for various vehicle code violations. Officers administered one Standardized Field Sobriety Test and one Preliminary Alcohol Screening Test, leading to a DUI arrest. The team deployed the newly acquired, grant-funded patrol vehicles during these operations.



### **Volunteers in Police Services VIPS**

Our Volunteers, Logan, Gill, and Haynes, contributed over 52.5 hours of service to the Police Department and the community. Their contributions included administrative support, fleet management, inspection of patrol fleet vehicles, and several special projects as assigned.

### **Baker to Vegas 2026**

Sergeant Brian Lande and Officer Jose Fajardo prestigiously represented our Kensington Police Department at the 2026 Baker to Las Vegas Relay Race, an internationally renowned 120-mile law enforcement relay event held March 27–29 through the Mojave Desert. Now in its 40th year, Baker to Vegas draws approximately 6,000 runners from roughly 300 teams representing agencies across the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, and for the second consecutive year, Kensington had a place among them.

Sergeant Lande and Officer Fajardo ran alongside the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office team, and everyone delivered performances worthy of the tradition. Sergeant Lande ran a demanding six-mile hilly desert leg in 95-degree heat, finishing 49th out of 271 runners to place in the top 18 percent. Officer Fajardo made his Baker to Vegas debut with equal distinction, completing his six-mile leg near the race's midpoint and crossing the California-Nevada state line nearly three minutes ahead of his projected time. We thank the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office for once again organizing the team and managing the logistics. We will sponsor two runners next year if the invitation to participate is extended. ***Congratulations, Sergeant Lande and Officer Fajardo - well done!***



