

December 2010 Police Department Report

January 7, 2010

- Department Personnel

Sergeant Khan is currently on Workman's Comp medical leave.

On 12-21-10, Reserve Police Officer Suzanne Tyler resigned her position with us to take a full time sworn position with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff.

We now have six reserve officers in our program however; we are in the background process with two new reserve officer applicants.

- Commendations and Correspondence

On 12-12-10, Former KPPCSD Board Member Pat McLaughlin sent the department a thank you letter.

On 12-11-10, Detective Barrow received a Watch Commander's Award from San Pablo Police Chief Walter Schuld, for his actions while working with WestNet and the arrest of three suspects for kidnapping, rape, and use of a firearm incident that occurred on 02-14-10.

- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct

- Department Investigation #09-06 was initiated on December 24th 2009, on an allegation that an officer was rude during a disturbance call for service. The investigation was completed by Sergeant Hull on 11-30-10, and is under review.
- 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 #10-002 was initiated on November 2nd on an allegation that an officer was rude during a traffic stop. This 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 November indicated that there were 59 total 911 calls for the month with two having ring times over 20 seconds. The first occurred on 11-15-10, at 6:34 PM, with a ring time of 39 seconds. After the dispatcher spoke with the caller for 4 minutes, there was no call for service generated.

The second occurred on 11-16-10, at 3:40 PM, with a ring time of 23 seconds and was a misdial.

Average ring time for the month of November was 5.9 seconds.
- The Ring Time Report for December indicated that there were 60 total 911 calls for the month with two having ring times over 20 seconds. The first occurred on 12-02-10 at 3:31 PM with a ring time of 36 seconds. After the dispatcher spoke to the caller for 48 seconds, there was no call for service generated.

The second occurred on 12-11-10 at 11:09 PM, with a ring time of 42 seconds. The call was for an intoxicated juvenile.

Average ring time for the month of December was 5.7 seconds.
- 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 12-01-10, Chief Harman attended the West County Police Chief's meeting in Hercules.
 - On 12-07-10, Chief Harman and Yolla Harman attended the Contra Costa County Police Chief's Holiday Dinner in Walnut Creek.
 - On 12-08-10, Chief Harman and Sergeant Hull attended the Mechanics Bank Holiday Toy Drive & Mixer.
 - On 12-13-10, Chief Harman attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting.
 - On 12-15-10, Chief Harman attended the Alameda & Contra Costa Counties Police Chief's meeting in Walnut Creek.
 - On 12-16-10, Officer Martinez attended the Senior Center Christmas party.

- Community Criminal Activity

- This section of the Watch Commanders Report has been prepared by Sergeant Hull who has now been assigned as the supervisor for both Team 1 & 2.

- Watch Commander Reports

- **Sergeant Hull**

TEAM #1 STATISTICS

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Medina (K35) (1800-0600)	Ramos (K41) (0730-1730)
Days Worked	16	15	16
Traffic Stops	23	28	19
Moving Citations	8	9	3
Parking Citations	5	4	1
Vacation/Security Checks	5	6	18
FI-Field Interview	0	0	0
Cases	7	1	6
Self Initiated Cases			
Arrests	0	0	0
Calls for Service	88	75	57

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

Officer:	Stegman (K32) (0600-1600)	Hui (K42) (1130-2130)	Wilson (K38) (2000-0600)
Days Worked	17	17	13
Traffic Stops	11	6	10
Moving Citations	2	6	0
Parking Citations	5	0	1
Vacation/Security Checks	14	7	21
FI-Field Interview	2	4	6
Cases	10	3	4
Self Initiated Cases	1	2	
Arrests	1	2	1
Calls for Service	33	14	65

Detective Barrow and Officer Hui made an arrest for an outside DUI warrant.
 Officer Stegman and Reserve Colon made an outside warrant arrest.
 Four tennis rackets were turned into KPD as found property.
 Reserve Lafitte wrote two traffic citations
 Reserve Turner wrote one traffic citation.
 Officer Medina took one vacation day.
 Officer Wilson took four vacation days.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

2010-6459 – On 12-4-2010 at 0150 hours, Officer Wilson arrested a drunk driver in the 200 block of Willamette Avenue.
 2010-6460 – On 12-4-2010 at 0150 hours, Officer Wilson took a multi-vehicle collision in the 200 block of Willamette Avenue.
 2010-6530 – On 12-7-2010 at 1105 hours, Officer Ramos responded to the unit block of Edgcroft Road to a report of a Hit & Run collision.
 2010-6561 – On 12-9-2010 at 1040 hours, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Amherst Ave. to a non-injury vehicle collision.
 2010-6588 – On 12-10-2010 at 1540 hours, Officer Martinez responded to the 400 block of Berkeley Park Blvd. to a report of a civil dispute.
 2010-6625 – On 12-11-2010 at 2314 hours, Officer Medina responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. and contacted several intoxicated juveniles.
 2010-6770 – On 12-17-2010 at 1315 hours, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 block of Lake Dr. to a report of theft from a vehicle.
 2010-6678 – On 12-14-2010 at 0925 hours, Officer Stegman responded to the 200 block of Colgate Ave. to a reported auto burglary.
 2010-6679 – On 12-14-2010 Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Ardmore Rd. to a report of vandalism.

2010-6691 – On 12-15-2010 at 0430 hours, Officer Wilson responded to the 200 block of Lake Dr. to a report of tampering with a vehicle.

2010-6692 – On 12-15-2010 at 0705 hours, Officer Stegman responded to the 200 block of Los Altos Dr. to a report of a stolen vehicle.

2010-6696 – On 12-15-2010 at 1014 hours, Officer Stegman responded to the 500 block of Beloit Ave. to a report of theft from a vehicle.

2010-6701 – On 12-15-2010 at 1155 hours, Officer Stegman responded to the 200 block of Los Altos Dr. to a report of theft from a vehicle.

2010-6705 – On 12-15-2010 at 1349 hours Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Lake Dr. to a report of theft from a vehicle.

2010-6706 – On 12-15-2010 at 1350 hours, Officer Stegman took a phone report from a resident in the 600 block of Coventry Rd who reported that her cat had been shot.

2010-6734 – On 12-16-2010 at 0449 hours, Officer Wilson responded to the 100 block of Lawson Rd. to a report of a missing person.

2010-6737 – On 12-17-2010 at 0926 hours, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. to a reported non-injury accident.

2010-6786 – On 12-18-2010 at 0716 hours, Officer Martinez and Reserve Colon responded to the 400 block of Yale Ave. to a reported vehicle theft.

2010-6788 – On 12-18-2010 at 0815 hours, Officer Martinez and Reserve Colon responded to the unit block of Highland Blvd. to a report of auto burglary.

2010-6789 – On 12-18-2010 at 0827 hours, Officer Martinez and Reserve Colon located, in the 200 block of Cambridge Ave., a vehicle that had been tampered with.

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2010-6792 – On 12-18-2010 at 0925 hours, Officer Martinez responded to the 400 block of Ocean View Ave. to a reported Hit & Run collision.

2010-6795 – On 12-18-2010 at 1149 hours, Officer Martinez responded to Seidell's Tow in Richmond to fingerprint a vehicle that had been towed and located stolen property from prior Kensington cases.

2010-6797 – On 12-18-2010 at 1800 hours, Officer Ramos was dispatched to the 200 block of Trinity Ave. to a report of theft from an auto.

2010-6831 – On 12-19-2010 at 1813 hours, Officer Hui responded to the 100 block of Highland Blvd. to a report of terrorist threats.

2010-6844 – On 12-20-2010 at 1120 hours, Officer Stegman and Reserve Armanino responded to the 200 block of Columbia Ave. to a reported residential burglary.

2010-6846 – On 12-20-2010 at 1130 hours, Officer Stegman and Reserve Armanino responded to the unit block of Yale Cr. To a report of tampering with a vehicle.

2010-6852 – On 12-20-2010 at 1902 hours, Detective Barrow and Officer Hui responded to the 200 block of Purdue Ave. and arrested a resident for a DUI warrant from Livermore.

2010-6867 – On 12-21-2010 at 0640 hours, Officer Stegman responded to a

vehicle accident in 300 block of Rugby Ave. and discovered the vehicle responsible for the accident was a previously reported stolen vehicle out of Kensington. One suspect was located with the assistance of ECPD.
2010-6868 – On 12-22-2010 at 0940 hours, Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Norwood Ave. to a report of theft from a vehicle.
2010-6890 – On 12-22-2010 at 1031 hours, Officer Martinez responded to the 100 block of Windsor Ave. to a report of residential burglary.
2010-6930 – On 12-23-2010 at 1049 hours, Officer Martinez responded to the 500 block of Kenyon Ave. to a report of theft from a vehicle.
2010-7018 – On 12-26-2010 at 1230 hours, Officer Stegman and Reserve Colon responded to the 300 block of Rugby Ave. to a report of auto burglary.
2010-7047 – On 12-27-2010 at 2012 hours, Officer Hui arrested a subject for possession of methamphetamine and possession of prescription medication.
2010-7073 – On 12-29-2010 at 2300 hours, Officer Ramos responded to the unit block of Beverly Rd. to a reported Hit & Run auto collision.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

KPD Policy 452 - Medical Marijuana.
KPD Policy 500 – Traffic Function.
KPD Vehicle Towing Policy.
Reviewed death scene checklist cheat sheet.
Reviewed domestic violence cheat sheet.
Reviewed element of criminal threats.
Conducted in-house sexual harassment training.
Reviewed ITS Berkeley University zero tolerance traffic policy in the KPPCSD Traffic Safety Evaluation.

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

During the month of December the District has suffered an increase in property crimes. The most notable increase is thefts from both locked and unlocked vehicles. Again, I urge residents to remove the incentive for crime by not leaving valuables in plain sight inside your vehicles and to secure your vehicles by rolling up windows and locking doors. If any suspicious activity is seen or heard please contact KPD so contact can be made to ascertain if criminal activity is in fact afoot.

Police contact with citizens has increased on graveyard shifts as one method of many to prevent the current crime trend. Of the many residents who walk or exercise at night, I ask that you attempt to be aware of the environment and if you see any suspicious activity to contact KPD. If you are contacted by an officer, whom we expect to be courteous and professional, we hope to establish a positive relationship so we can work together in the prevention of crime in Kensington.

•• **Detective Keith Barrow**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

2010-6538 Petty Theft

On 12-07-10, a resident reported the theft of a garden fixture. This case is under investigation.

2010-6678, 6788 and 7018 Auto Burglary

During the month of December KPD took three reported auto burglaries with the point of entry made by window smash. These cases are under investigation.

2010-6696, 6705, 6770, 6790, 6797, 6868 and 6930. Thefts from unlocked vehicles.

During the month of December KPD took seven reports of thefts from unlocked vehicles. These cases are under investigation.

2010-6697, 6701, 6703, 6789, 6846 and 6848 Vehicle Tampering

During the month of December KPD took six reports of vehicles that had been rummaged through. These cases are under investigation.

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.

2010-6101 2010-6844 and 6890 Residential Burglary

Two thefts from open garages. These cases are under investigation.

2010-6852 Warrant Arrest

Officer Hui and I arrested a suspect on a \$5,000.00 DUI arrest warrant out of the City of Livermore. The suspect was arrested without incident.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

2010-6054 Elder Abuse

On 11-16-10, a resident reported their mother had been the victim of numerous thefts by caretakers over the previous two years. This case is under investigation.

2010-6102 Residential Burglary.

On 11-17-10, a resident reported they had been the victim of a residential burglary. Officers found that the front glass door was smashed and items were taken from the residence. This case is under investigation.

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.

2010-4231 Residential Burglary.

On 09-01-10, a resident reported they had been the victim of a residential burglary. Officers found no sign of forced entry as the residence was unlocked. A checkbook was the only thing taken.

2010-3491 Identity Theft.

Officer Martinez took a report of an identity theft and was able to identify a person of interest that lives in North Richmond. We conducted a search for the individual and were unable to make contact. I will be conducting a follow up investigation in this case.

2010-2872 Residential Burglary.

Items taken from an unlocked downstairs room with a door leading to the rear yard. This case will be investigated.

2010-2701 Arrest of forgery suspect.

This case has been filed with the Alameda District Attorneys Office.

2010-2695 Residential Burglary.

This case is under investigation.

2010-2199 Arrest of forgery suspect.

The suspect in this case has also just been charged for similar crimes in Oakland and the US Postal Service. This case has been filed with the Alameda District Attorneys Office.

2010-2050 Hit and Run Vehicle Accident.

The suspect vehicle hit two Kensington Police Officer's personal vehicles. The Contra Costa County District Attorneys Office filed charges in this case. The suspect in this case pled guilty. He was sentenced to 15 days county jail and two years probation.

2010-1560 Residential Burglary and two vehicles were also stolen.

The Contra Costa County District Attorneys Office filed 5 criminal charges, two counts of felony burglary, two counts of felony auto theft and one count of felony possession of stolen property. The suspect is in custody and awaiting trial.

2010-1457 Hit and Run Vehicle Accident.

A vehicle left the roadway and struck an AT&T phone box and two parked vehicles. **Charges have been filed in this case.** The suspect in this case has

been arrested in another county for drug related offences. He will have to wait until the other county adjudicates its case before the suspect can be held to answer for the crimes committed in Kensington.

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.

WEST-NET ASSIGNMENT:

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 December the District of Kensington sustained 0 identity theft, 3 non-injury vehicle accidents and 3 Hit and Run Vehicle Accidents, 0 Injury Hit and Run Accident, 0 Injury Accident, 2 Residential Burglaries, 0 Attempted Residential Burglaries, 0 Commercial Burglary, 3 Auto Burglaries, 7 Theft from an unlocked vehicle, 3 Stolen Vehicles, 1 Petty Theft, 1 Vandalisms, 0 Embezzlement, 0 Elder Abuse, 0 Fraud, 0 Forgery, 0 Attempted Grand Thefts and 0 Grand Thefts.

•• Chief Harman

As noted in the above reports, there were several thefts from vehicles during the month of December. Most of these thefts occurred from vehicles that were left unlocked by the owners. We can't stress enough the importance of securing your vehicles and residences as the number one way to deter criminal activity.

Sergeant Hull indicated in his memo that our officers have increased their contacts with citizens in an effort to learn more about possible suspicious persons or activity in the community. This is also an excellent time for the officers to get to know community members and more importantly, it gives the community an opportunity to meet and speak with the officers. Unfortunately, this type of police contact may be rare in some communities and some people have been taken back by it.

The most important aspect of community policing is the communication between police department personnel and the community. We are doing all we can to engage the community, through publishing our activities in this report, through our website, our attendance at local meetings, and yes, through the personnel contacts we make during the course of our shifts.

So if an officer stops to say Hi, greet them as you would a friend or co-worker.

We are all trying to make Kensington a better place to live and work.