

January 2009 Police Department Report

MEMORANDUM
Police Department Report
January 31, 2009

- Department Personnel

- The department continues to be at full staffing for sworn personnel.

With the funding from the COPS Grant in question, Donald Miller's position as the Administrative Aide will not continue to be funded. However, Donald has expressed an interest in becoming a Reserve Police Officer with us and we will begin the process of being him on in that capacity during the coming months.

We are also begun the preliminary background process for Shane Lett for the position of Reserve Police Officer.

- Correspondence

- Officer Cesar Celada received a thank you e-mail from Mez Charfe for his assistance in dealing with a parking problem.
- Officer Keith Barrow received a thank you note from Sam Eletr for his response to an alarm call at his residence.

- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct

- Department Investigation #08-04 of an alledged hostile work environment has been completed however; all parties involved have not been notified as of this report date and no further information can be released at this time.
- Department Investigation #08-05 of an alleged hostile work environment is near completion and its findings will be reported next month.
- Department Investigation #08-06 of an alleged release of personnel file information was completed in December and found to be unsubstantiated.
- Department Investigation # 08-07 was initiated in October on an

allegation that an officer had falsified a police report. This investigation will be completed on February 5th and will be under review by the Chief of Police. The findings will be posted next month.

- Department Investigation # 08-08 was initiated in November on an allegation that an officer had failed to properly prepare for and testify during a court appearance. This investigation was conducted by Sergeant Hull and has been completed. It is currently under review of the Chief of Police and the findings will be posted next month.
- Department Investigation #08-09 was initiated at the end of November on an allegation that an officer failed to report a traffic collision involving a District vehicle. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull and it is now estimated it will be completed by March.
- Department Investigation #08-10 was initiated in December on an allegation that an officer acted in a way unbecoming an officer while off duty. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull and should be completed by March.
- Department Investigation #09-01 was initiated in January on an allegation that an officer failed to perform his duties during his shift. This investigation is currently being investigated by Sergeant Escobar and should be completed in March.
- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.
 - For the month of December, there were no ring times over 20 seconds of the 78 “911” calls received.
- 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.
- Community Networking
 - On 1-05-09, Chief Harman attended the Annual KCC meeting held at the Community Center.

- On 1-07-09, Chief Harman attended the West County Police Chief's meeting in Hercules.
- On 1-08-09, Chief Harman attended the Labor Law Arbitration Update course held in Oakland.
- On 1-13-09, Chief Harman attended the Dad's Club meeting held at the Hilltop School.
- On 1-15-09, Chief Harman attended the COPTAC (Chief's of Police Technology Advisory Committee) Mobile ID meeting in Martinez.
- On 1-16-09, Chief Harman and District Secretary Stephanie Fries attended the EBRPD Measure WW workshop held in Oakland.
- On 1-17-09 and 1-18-09, Chief Harman, Stephanie Fries, and Andrea DiNapoli attended the KPPCSD Board workshop held at the Community Center.
- On 1-20-09, Chief Harman and Sergeant Ricky Hull attended an Internal Affairs Investigations seminar held in Sacramento.
- On 1-26-09, Chief Harman attended the KIC meeting at the Community Center.
- On 1-27-09, Chief Harman attended the KMAC meeting at the Community Center.
- On 1-28-09, Chief Harman attended California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Education Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- On 1-30-09, Chief Harman attended California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Membership Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- Community Criminal Activity
 - This section of the report has been prepared by the Watch Commanders reporting on their areas of responsibility.
- Watch Commander Reports
 - **Sergeant Khan**

Sergeant Khan was on vacation the last two weeks of the month December and his Team's December and January reports will be included in this month's Police

Report.

SIGNIFICANT CASES/ EVENTS: December 2008

- 08-6322 On 12/2/08 at 1310 hrs. Officer Wilson made a warrant arrest on Arlington Ave.
- 08-6339 On 12/3/08 at 1126 hrs. Officer Wilson took a hit and run report on Arlington Ave.
- 08-6419 On 12/9/08 at 1502 hrs. Officer Wilson took a residential burglary on Norwood Ave.
- 08-6423 & 08-6424 On 12/9/08 at 1931 hrs. Officer Medina took a vandalism report on two cars parked on Norwood Ave.
- 08-6427 On 12/10/08 at 0812 hrs. Officer Barrow took a stolen vehicle report on Highland Blvd.
- 08-6430 On 12/10/08 at 0903 hrs. Officer Barrow arrested a subject on Jessen Ct. for domestic violence.
- 08-6476 On 12/14/08 at 1250 hrs. Officer Wilson took an auto roll over accident without injuries, on Arlington Ave.
- 08-6477 On 12/14/08 at 1520 hrs. Officer Wilson took a residential burglary report on Coventry Rd.
- 08-6488 On 12/15/08 at 1006 hrs. Officer Barrow took a theft of a catalytic converter on Coventry Rd.
- 08-6498 On 12/16/08 at 1149 hrs. Officer Wilson took a theft of a catalytic converter on Berkeley Park Blvd.
- 08-6545 On 12/20/08 at 0946 hrs. Officer Barrow took an auto burglary report on Yale Ave.
- 08-6546 On 12/20/08 at 1040 hrs. Officer Barrow took an auto burglary report on Oberlin Ave.
- 08-6588 On 12/23/08 at 1707 hrs. Officer Wilson took an ID theft case on Coventry Rd.
- 08-6590 On 12/23/08 at 2253 hrs. Officer Medina took an auto burglary report on Arlington Ave.
- 08-6660 On 12/30/08 at 1314 hrs. Officer Wilson took an auto burglary report on Highland Blvd.
- 08-6662 On 12/30/08 at 1433 hrs. Officer Wilson took graffiti report on Highland Blvd.
- 08-6664 On 12/30/08 at 1633 hrs. Officer Wilson took graffiti report on Coventry Rd.
- 08-6665 On 12/30/08 at 1823 hrs. Officer Wilson took a vandalism report on Beloit Ave.

BRIEFING/ TRAINING:

Officers Barrow, Medina, and Wilson received DVD and on line training in various subjects.

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

Now that the rainy season has begun I want to take this opportunity to remind our residents to slow down and drive more cautiously. Kensington streets are narrow and are not designed for the volume of traffic that we have. Add wet streets and aggressive driving and the result will be an accident. Please remember that the few minutes you gain is not worth the risk of injury or death. If someone is tailgating you, is much wiser to pull over and let them by than to keep driving in front of them. Chances are KPD or another agency will eventually stop them.

TEAM STATISTICS:

Officer	<u>Barrow</u>	<u>Medina</u>	<u>Wilson</u>
Days Worked	15	19	19
Traffic Stops (no cite)	11	6	1
Moving Citations	12	5	3
Parking Citations	0	4	10
Vacation/ Security Checks	3	66	26
Field Interviews (FI's)	0	5	3
Cases	4	3	7
Self Initiated Cases	0	0	3
Arrests	0	0	1
Calls for Service	27	19	51

SIGNIFICANT CASES/ EVENTS: January 2009

- 09-075 On 1/7/09 at 0721 hrs. Officer Barrow took a vandalism report on Arlington Ct.
- 09-077 On 1/7/09 at 0801 hrs. Officer Barrow took an auto burglary report on Norwood Ave.
- 09-078 On 1/7/09 at 0821 hrs. Officer Barrow took an auto burglary report on Arlington Ct.
- 09-079 On 1/7/09 at 0842 hrs. Officer Barrow took an auto burglary report on Arlington Ct.
- 09-120 On 1/10/09 at 0733 hrs, Officer Barrow arrested two subjects for stealing mail and possession of stolen property on Arlmore Rd. This case is a good example of a citizen immediately notifying the police of a suspicious event and a perceptive officer making a good arrest. Officer Barrow did an outstanding job on this case!
- 09-156 & 09-157 On 1/12/09 at 2304 hrs. Officer Medina took two mail theft reports from residents on Highgate Rd.
- 09-242 On 1/19/09 at 0923 hrs. Officer Barrow took a theft report from a resident on Ardmore Rd.
- 09-244 On 1/19/09 at 1026 hrs. Officer Barrow took a theft from a vehicle report from a resident on Ardmore Rd.

- 09-249 On 1/19/09 at 1851 hrs. I took a hit & run report on Ocean View Ave. and identified the driver.
- 09-250 On 1/19/09 at 2055 hrs Officer Wilson took a residential burglary report from a resident on Coventry Rd.
- 09-252 On 1/20/09 at 2137 hrs. I took an attempted auto theft report from a resident on Purdue Ave. The thieves were scared off by a neighbor.
- 09-258 On 1/20/09 at 1107 hrs. Officer Barrow took an auto burglary report from a resident on Kingston Rd.
- 09-259 On 1/20/09 at 1321 hrs. Officer Barrow took a residential burglary report from a resident on Oberlin Ave.
- 09-309 On 1/24/09 at 1841 hrs. I took a missing person's report on Edgcroft Rd. of an elderly woman with Alzheimer's. With an outstanding group of neighbors assisting me, she was located.

BRIEFING/ TRAINING:

All officers received update training by watching various POST DVD's. Officer Barrow and Wilson received defensive tactics training.

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

Kensington has several missing persons cases every year that we investigate. I want to take a moment to explain how we investigated the one we had on January 24, 2009 (case #09-309). At 6:41 PM I was advised by Dispatch that an elderly female with Alzheimer's was missing. This presented several problems. It was dark, making a search harder. The missing person was elderly and had Alzheimer's disease, making her susceptible to the winter cold. She might not be able ask for help, or even seek it. She had been missing for about 45 minutes.

Unlike in the past, we take missing person's reports immediately. You no longer have to wait 24 hours. As in most of these cases we need to search the home and immediate area thoroughly. We need to get a description of the missing person and notify the surrounding agencies as soon as possible. There are laws that require us to make an entry into the Missing Person's System (MUPS). These are all high priority tasks. In this case, I was working alone. There would normally have been two of us, but an officer was on vacation. The officer assigned to the graveyard shift was due to be in at 8:00 PM.

Edgcroft Road is next to a creek and heavily wooded ravine. This is a tough area to search as it is wet and muddy. I called Star 1 for assistance. This is the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department helicopter. It is equipped with a powerful spotlight and more important, it has FLIR. FLIR stands for forward looking infra red. This device detects heat and displays it on a small TV screen. Humans, animals, and fire generate heat that shows up on this screen. Star 1 is available to all agencies in the County. On the Wednesday night prior to this case, Star 1 found an armed robbery suspect in a back yard for El Cerrito PD. In this case, they were able to search the creek and ravine and determine our

missing person was not there. This was an enormous savings of time and manpower.

I was lucky that the neighbors came out with flashlights and started walking the neighborhood and surrounding area. I was very impressed. I have never seen a neighborhood come together like this and work so well together.

I returned to the police department to make more notifications and contact the County's Search and Rescue team. I was hampered in making these calls due to the large number of calls coming in asking about the helicopter. If there is a danger to the public we will use a loud speaker on a patrol car or helicopter to notify you. KPD also does press releases and has a call log that is on the web site.

TEAM STATISTICS:

Officer	Barrow	Medina	Wilson
Days Worked	15	8	16
Traffic Stops (no cite)	5	1	2
Moving Citations	11	5	1
Parking Citations	3	4	5
Vacation/ Security Checks	3	31	31
Field Interviews (FI's)	1	0	0
Cases	3	2	2
Self Initiated Cases	0	0	2
Arrests	2	0	0
Calls for Service	40	11	28

.. **Sergeant Escobar**

SIGNIFICANT CASES/ EVENTS:

- 09-0013 On 01/02/09 at 1455 hours, Officer Stegman took an auto burglary report from a resident on Arlington Avenue. The victim believed he locked his vehicle but there were no signs of forced entry. A camera, Fastrak transponder, and fifty dollars in cash were taken from the vehicle. No suspect(s) leads.
- 09-0011 On 01/02/09 at 0933 hours, Officer Celada took a stolen vehicle report from a resident on Arlmont Road. The residents 1990 Honda was taken sometime between 12/31/08 at 1200 hours and 01/02/09 at 0900 hours. The vehicle was later recovered by Dixon PD on 01/08/09. No suspect leads.
- 09-0097, 0098, and 0099, On 01/08/09 between 1515 and 1530 hours, Officer Stegman took three solicitor reports in the areas of

Coventry Road, Beverly Road, and Oak View Avenue. The subjects were contacted and advised to have permits to solicit in Contra Costa County.

- 09-0180 On 01/15/09 at 1000 hours, Officer Celada took a vandalism report from a resident on Kenyon Avenue. An unknown suspect(s) threw a blue colored decorative rock into the rear window of the victim's vehicle. No suspect leads.
- 09-0202 On 01/16/09 at 1542 hours, Officer Stegman took an injury accident report on Arlington Avenue. A driver hit a parked car and sustained a minor injury to the arm.
- 09-0204 On 01/16/09 at 2129 hours, Officer Martinez took a residential burglary on Ardmore Road. The resident reported that sometime between 1945 and 2100 hours unknown suspect(s) broke a rear bedroom window and gained entry into the residence. The suspect(s) took two laptop computers and a portable external hard drive was taken. No suspect(s) leads.
- 09-0237 On 01/18/09 at 2300 hours, Officer Martinez took an injury accident report on Anson Way. The driver was speeding, hit large bumps in the road, went air borne, and then hit two parked cars. The driver sustained injuries to the hand, arm, and leg.
- 09-0294 On 01/23/09 at 1105 hours, Officer Celada took a non-injury accident report on Westminster Avenue and Arlington Avenue. A vehicle backed out of the driveway and hit a vehicle on the roadway. Minor damage to both vehicles.
- 09-0369 On 01/28/09 at 1840 hours, Officer Stegman and Sergeant Escobar contacted a solicitor on Los Altos Drive. The subject did not have a permit to solicit in Contra Costa County. Sergeant Escobar conducted a consensual search with negative results for contraband, etc. The subject was given a courtesy ride to the Arlington store group.
- 09-0375 On 01/29/09 at 145 hours, Officer Celada took a residential burglary report on Lexington Road. The crime occurred sometime between 0915 and 1220 hours. The suspects entered a window that was open about 12" and locked. The suspect(s) reached in and unlocked the window and gained access into the residence. The suspect(s) took a laptop computer, jewelry, and two credit cards. No suspect(s) leads.
- 09-400 On 01/31/09, Officer Celada took a vandalism report from the Hilltop Elementary School. Unknown suspect(s) climbed up onto the roof and spray painted the walls and doors of the school. They also used chalk to write inappropriate words on the playground. The crime occurred between 01/30/09 at 2130 hours and 01/31/09 and 1000 hours. No suspect(s) leads.
- Sergeant Escobar contacted two subjects soliciting on Yale Avenue. The subjects did not have a permit. Sergeant Escobar conducted consensual searches with negative results for

contraband, etc. Field interviews were conducted. The subjects were advised of the need for a permit to solicit in Contra Costa County. Both subjects were given a courtesy ride to the Bart station, in El Cerrito.

BRIEFING/ TRAINING: Sergeant Escobar attended a three day management/leadership training course. Officer Stegman attended the Bullet Proof Mind: Mental Preparation for Combat. Officer Stegman and Officer Borgfeldt both received Defense Tactics training with El Cerrito PD. Officer Celada received SDRMA training in Crowd Control, Legal Actions Involving Police Officers, Children/When Parents are Arrested, and Case law Updates.

Officers have conducted daily extra patrols throughout the day for traffic violations on Arlington Avenue at Kensington Park Boulevard and Franciscan Way and Sunset Drive.

TEAM 2 STATISTICS:

Officer	<u>Celada</u>	<u>Stegman</u>	<u>Martinez</u>
Days Worked	19	15	15/4 WestNet
Traffic Stops (no cite)	12	8	7
Moving Citations	7	1	0
Parking Citations	2	1	0
Vacation/ Security Checks	8	14	60
Field Interviews (FI's)	4	10	3
Cases	10	2	5
Self-Initiated Cases	2	0	3
Arrests	0	0	0
Calls for Service	27	36	10
Foot Patrol	7	0	31
Vehicle Searches	0	0	0
Field Sobriety Tests	0	0	0

Team Totals:

Traffic stops	27
Moving Violations	8
Parking citations	3
Security Checks	82
Field Interviews	17
Cases	17
Self-Initiated	5
Arrests	0
Calls for service	73
Foot Patrols	38
Vehicle searches	1

•• Kensington Police Department Investigations Report

Sergeant Hull

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Met with Alameda County DA Inspector Garcia and relinquished evidence to his custody from cases 2008-4700, 2008-4702, and 2008-4705.

2009-0120 – Mail Theft, Possess Stolen Property

Two suspects arrested by Officer Barrow were held on \$100,000 bond for mail theft and possession of stolen property from the Napa County Sheriff's jurisdiction residential burglary.

2009-0156, 2009-0157 – Mail Theft

One suspect arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

2009-0159 – Restraining Order

A parent dropped off a restraining order to KPD that restrains the father from their children who attend schools in Kensington. Previous contact has been made by KPD with administrative personnel at both schools concerning this restraining order.

2009-0202 – Hit and Run Accident

A resident collided with a parked vehicle on Arlington Ave. then left the scene without notifying the owner of the damaged property. A Good Samaritan stopped to assist the driver and subsequently drove the driver home. As a result of the collision the driver sustained a laceration on the arm and complained of chest pains. This case was forwarded to the DA for review.

2009-0204 – Residential Burglary

Unknown suspect/s entered a residence by smashing a downstairs bedroom window. The suspect/s stole three lap top computers. No suspects or leads have been developed at this time.

2009-0237 – Hit and Run Accident

A driver collided with two vehicles on Anson Way then came to a stop on Midcrest Way in El Cerrito. The driver suffered minor injuries as a result of the collision. The driver responsible for the collision spoke with the owners of the damaged property while KPD was on scene. This case will be forwarded to the DA for review.

2009-0249 – Hit and Run Accident

A resident backing from a driveway collided with a vehicle stopped on the roadway due to a second vehicle stopped in the roadway dropping off a resident. The vehicle backing from the driveway collided with the first vehicle mentioned above. The driver of the vehicle backing from the driveway exited the vehicle and began yelling at the driver who was stopped in the roadway. The driver that backed from the driveway got back into the vehicle pulled forward and collided with a "no parking sign." The driver back up again and collided with a vehicle that parked across the street. The driver then left the area. The driver, who was known to residents, eventually returned home where he was contacted and told KPD personnel he suffered from a brain injury. The driver's driving privileges will be re-examined and this case was forwarded to the DA for review.

2009-0250 – Residential Burglary

Unknown suspect/s gained entry into the residence by prying open the front door. The suspect/s stole a lap top computer, jewelry, and money. There are no suspects or suspect leads in this case.

2009-025 – Residential Burglary

Unknown suspect/s entered the residence via a bedroom window between 1530 hours on 1-19-09 and 1930 hours on 1-20-09. It is unknown what was stolen from the residence. A possible suspect description was listed as a light skinned Black or mixed race male wearing a white T-shirt, tan pants and a brown tool belt with pouches filled with tools. No suspect/s has been developed in this case.

2009-0309 – Missing Person

Prior Kensington resident who suffers from Alzheimer's walked away from a vehicle she was sleeping in while her son was doing repairs to a home on Edgcroft Road. Star 1, the Sheriff's Helicopter, was summoned and aided in the search. The missing person was located in some bushes on Edgcroft Rd. suffering from some facial injuries which may have occurred from her falling down. A letter of gratitude was forwarded to Sheriff Warren Rupf for assisting KPD in this search.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

2008-5830 – Domestic Violence

No charges were filed by the Contra Costa County DA after the case got re-filed due to a lack of cooperation by the victim refusing to allow the children to be interviewed.

2008-6430 – Domestic

No charges were filed.

2008-6543 – Auto Burglary

This case is currently under review by the DA.

2008-6662 – Vandalism

Graffiti found at Hilltop school is being investigated by Officer Wilson. Juvenile suspects, Kensington and El Cerrito residents, have been identified.

OTHER KPD INVESTIGATOR ACTIVITY:

- DVD Training – Crowd Management.
- Completed subject officer interview for IA DA2008-009.
- Purged evidence from KPD evidence room.
- Attended internal affairs investigation seminar.
- Two press releases were written this month associated with cases 09-120 and 09-309.

•• Chief Harman

Two incidents occurred this month that I believe demonstrate the special relationship the Kensington community has with the police department.

The first was in the search for the elderly female with Alzheimer's disease that occurred on the night of January 24th. Sergeant Khan was working alone that night and several neighbors came together and assisted with the search that eventually located the victim.

The second occurred on the morning of January 31st after it was discovered that vandals had spray painted graffiti on the walls of the Hilltop School. A group of 17 parents and members of the Dad's Club came together that morning and repainted the walls so that the graffiti would not be seen by the students on their return to school that Monday.

People talk about "community policing" and police departments state that they work with their communities and have special relationships. However, I believe that our department and our community do work together to make Kensington a better place, and I am proud to be a part of this relationship.