

November 2011 Police Department Report

November 30, 2011

- Department Personnel
 - We are currently staffed at 9 sworn positions and 4 reserve officers. Unfortunately, Reserve Officer Jill Chandler has moved out of the area and will be resigning soon. There is a Special Closed Door Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, December 5th, for a disciplinary appeal hearing.
- Commendations and Correspondence- None this month
- 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 been provided all documentation however; Ms. de Neergaard has since ceased her interviews with Ms. Wallace. We are waiting for the final report.
 - 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 however; the officer in question is no longer employed by the District.
 - 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 is scheduled for December 5, 2011.

- 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 has not been received as of this reporting date. The November Report will be reported in the December Monthly report.
- Communication Center Service Complaints- None this month
- Community Networking
 - On 11-02-11, Chief Harman attended the West County Chief's meeting in Hercules.

In the afternoon, Chief Harman and KPPCSD Director Tony Lloyd attended the AB 109 Public Safety Realignment Forum hosted by Senator Mark DeSaulnier and held in Antioch.
 - On 11-05-11, Chief Harman participated in the KIC Town Hall meeting.
 - On 11-28-11, Chief Harman attended the KIC meeting.
 - On 11-30-11, Chief Harman, Yolla Harman, Corporal Barrow, and Officer Stegman represented the Kensington Police Department at the funeral for Vallejo Police Officer James Capoot held in Vallejo.
- 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	15	15
Traffic Stops	106	13
Moving Citations	52	3
Parking Citations	2	2
Vacation/Security Checks	92	62
FI-Field Interview Cases	0 5	0 2
Self Initiated Cases		
Arrests	2	0
Calls for Service	97	23

Reserve Armanino wrote 26 moving citations
Reserve Foley wrote 2 moving citations

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed KPD Policy 300 – Use of Force
- Reviewed KPD Policy 304 – Shooting Policy
- Reviewed Domestic Violence and its affect on Children
- Reviewed Domestic Violence Quick Reference Guide
- Reviewed KPD Policy 1004 – Promotional Process
- Reviewed Contra Costa County Ordinance
 - o Solicitors and Peddlers
 - o Intoxication
 - o Curfew
 - o Unleashed dogs
- Reviewed Ca. Jury Instruction Code
 - o Child Abduction
 - o Deprivation of Child Custody Rights

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

In the past few months several vehicles were found to have been entered by a criminal/s and its contents strewn throughout the cab area but nothing was stolen. On a few occasions coinage and an electronic toll pass was stolen. I would like to remind everyone to not leave valuable items in the vehicle in plain

sight. If you vehicle is alarmed please set the alarm to “on.” There is some thought that leaving you vehicle unlocked will prevent the criminal/s from having to damage the vehicle to gain entry. I do not agree with this idea. I suggest that vehicles should be locked and all valuable items removed or covered if removal isn’t feasible.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2011-7648 – Officer Turner responded to the 100 block of Purdue Ave. to a report of identity theft.
- 2011-7766 – Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. to assist ECFD examine a male adult who fell from a tree in the Kensington Park.
- 2011-7932 – Officer Turner responded to the 300 block of Colusa Ave. to mediate an on-going neighbor dispute.
- 2011-7976 – Officer Turner responded to the 400 block of Colusa Ave. to a report of vandalism.
- 2011-7985 – Officer Stegman responded to the 400 block of Berkeley Park Blvd. to a report of vehicle tampering.
- 2011-8093 – Officer Stegman responded to the 600 block of Oberlin Ave. to a report of vandalism.
- 2011-8155 – Officer Turner responded to the unit block of Edgcroft Rd. to a report of child abduction and a violation of a court order.
- 2011-8172 – Officer Turner arrested a parolee for possession of prescription medication in the 100 block of Colusa Avenue.
- 2011-8180 – Officer Turner responded to the unit block of Sunset Dr. to a report of a vehicle collision.
- 2011-8192 – Officer Turner responded to the 100 block of Colusa Ave. to a report of a threatening phone call.

•• **Acting Sergeant Hui**

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Wilson (K38) (1800-0600)	Ramos (K41) (0730-1730)
Days Worked	16	11	15
Traffic Stops	44	11	39
Moving Citations	37	5	31
Parking Citations	1	8	1
Vacation/Security Checks	51	26	87
FI-Field Interview	0	0	0
Cases	0	0	0
Self Initiated Cases	0	0	0
Arrests	0	0	0
Calls for Service	60	35	35

Officer Martinez recovered 4 hours of comp time.
Acting Sergeant Hui recovered 5.5 hours of comp time.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

2011-7541 – On 11-1-2011, Officer Wilson responded to the 400 blk of Beloit Ave. to a report of a vehicle accident.
2011-7814 – On 11-10-2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Stanford Ave. to a report of a coroner's case.
2011-8204 – On 11/22/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 blk of Trinity Ave on a report of a coroner's case.
2011-8405 – Officer Ramos responded to the 200 blk of Yale Ave. to a report of a missing person.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed traffic concerns on Arlington Ave.
- Reviewed traffic concerns on Franciscan Way.
- Reviewed KPD Policy #1004 – Promotional Process
- Reviewed KPD Policy #1032 – Fitness for Duty
- Reviewed KPD Policy #418 – Mental Illness Commitments

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

This past month, 12 of our residents graduated from the Kensington Police Department's first Citizen's Academy. I would like to congratulate them on their accomplishment and hard work. These residents gave up their Tuesday evenings for several months to attend Citizen's Academy classes. I had the opportunity to teach one of the lessons and found the experience very rewarding. I would encourage any residents who are interested in the Citizen's Academy to contact Officer Wilson for a future academy.

As we enter into the Holiday season, many cities often see an increase in theft of packages and burglaries. This is most often the result of an increase of gifts being delivered to residences, and gifts left in plain view. Many times, burglars will look for the brown cardboard box left on the door step. If you see people walking up to your or your neighbor's front door that you don't recognize and don't appear to be delivery personnel, please call KPD so that we can check to make sure they are supposed to be in the area. Piles of presents under the tree in plain view of the sidewalk or bags full of presents in the car are both very enticing to would be burglars. Please take this into consideration when storing your gifts. Let's make sure that your gifts are received by the right people.

RESERVE OFFICER STATISTICS

Reserve Officer:	Colon (K44)	Armanino (K47)
Days Worked	0	7
Traffic Stops	0	40
Moving Citations	0	21
Parking Citations	0	3
Vacation/Security Checks	0	11
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	0	0
Self Initiated Cases	0	0
Arrests	0	0
Calls for Service	0	16

DISTRICT TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT FOR NOVEMBER

60 citations were issued on Colusa Ave.
49 citations were issued on Arlington Ave.
35 citations were issued on Franciscan Wy.
9 citations were issued on Grizzly Peak Blvd.
3 citations were issued on Coventry Rd.
3 citations were issued on Berkeley Park Blvd.
2 citations were issued on Beloit Ave.
2 citations were issued on Amherst Ave.
1 citation was issued on Kenyon Ave.

•• **Detective Keith Barrow**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

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.

2011-4621 Theft from a vehicle and unauthorized use of credit cards.

On Thursday, July 14, 2011, a purse was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 00 block of Highgate Road. Two suspects a White male adult and Hispanic female adult were captured on video using the victim's credit cards at numerous locations along San Pablo Avenue, in the cities of El Cerrito and San Pablo. **On 11/01/2011 both suspects in this case were arrested by Contra Costa County Sheriffs Deputies and have been linked to numerous thefts throughout multiple counties in the Bay Area. I have linked them to at least two Kensington thefts from vehicles resulting in numerous other criminal charges being filed against them. This investigation is on going**

due to the possibility of other victims being identified.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

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.

On 11/12/2011, I attended the California Narcotic Officers' Association annual training. The training consisted of 40 hours of instruction in narcotics, sales, laws, gangs and other related criminal activity. This training was at no cost to the Kensington Police Department.

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 November the District of Kensington sustained:

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

•• Chief Harman

November 22nd was the graduation of the first Kensington Police Department Citizen's Academy. The eight week course provided participants instruction in police ethics and professional standards, community policing, officer safety, use of force issues, crime prevention, patrol procedures, disaster preparedness, emergency management, investigative procedures, crime scene investigations, property & evidence, traffic enforcement, and for the final class a traffic stop and building search scenario. Participants not only learned about the above information, but also had the opportunity to meet and speak with our officers that were the instructors for the classes.

Instructors for our first academy were:

- Officer Eric Stegman
- Officer Rodney Martinez
- Officer Juan Ramos
- Officer Chris Turner
- Detective Corporal Keith Barrow
- Acting Sergeant Kevin Hui

However, the biggest thanks has to go to Officer Doug Wilson, who not only pulled it all together and facilitated all the classes, but helped all the instructors get their lesson plans in order and kept the classes fun and interesting.

Congratulations to KPD Citizen's Academy Class #1:

Russell Brent
Lisa Coronna
William De Miranda
Marian Gade
Katie Gluck
Sandra Gutierrez
Nina Harmon
Nicole Kaiser
Peter Liddell
Jane McKelheer
Jerry Michaels
Shane Owens

All of our graduates have agreed to meet after the holidays to discuss possible volunteer opportunities with the Kensington Police Department.

Officer Wilson was so excited about the success of Class #1 that he wants to start accepting applications for Class #2 to be held in the spring or summer of 2012. Anyone interested in attending our next session should e-mail Doug at www.dwilson@kensingtoncalifornia.org to be put on the list!