

February 2012 Police Department Report

February 29, 2012

- Department Personnel
 - We are currently staffed at 9 sworn positions and 3 reserve officers.
- Commendations and Correspondence
 - The Police Department received a note of appreciation from resident Mandy Hammond on 02-01-12.
 - KPPCSD Board President Charles Toombs received letter from Tom Dean, the Moderator at the Arlington Church, commenting on the excellent service provided by the police department and acknowledging Officer Doug Wilson and Chief Harman for meeting with members of the congregation on January 5th. The letter was received on 02-01-12 and read at the February 9th KPPCSD Board meeting by President Toombs.
 - On 02-06-12, Officer Chris Turner received an e-mail of compliment from resident Marion Gade following her ride along with him.
 - On 02-14-12, Officer Chris Turner received another e-mail of compliment from Kevin Tjahjadi, a current police academy recruit, following a ride along.
- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct
 - 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.
 - Citizen's Investigation 2012-001 was imitated on January 8, 2012 on an allegation that an officer used racial profiling in issuing a traffic citation. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.

- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.
- The Ring Time Report for February has not been received as of this report date.
- Community Networking
 - On 02-13-12, Officer Doug attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting.
 - On 02-22-12, Chief Harman attended the Contra Costa County Police Chief's Association meeting in Martinez.

Later that evening, Chief Harman, Corporal Barrow, TAS Hui, and Officer Stegman attended the Richmond Elks Club "Officer of the Year Awards Dinner", in which Officer Doug Wilson was honored as Kensington Police Department's Officer of the Year.

 - On 02-27-12, Chief Harman attended the KIC meeting.
- 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)	Ramos (K41) (0730-1730)
Days Worked	14	13	10
Traffic Stops	63	11	41
Moving Citations	25	5	35
Parking Citations	7	2	6
Vacation/Security Checks	73	50	5
FI-Field Interview	0	0	0
Cases	1	1	0
Self Initiated Cases	0	1	0
Arrests	1	4	0
Calls for Service	96	12	11

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Distributed Domestic Violence Quick Reference Guide
- Viewed video on Human Trafficking
- Reviewed Client Alert Taking DNA Samples
- Reviewed Informal Discovery Requests
- Reviewed process to obtain phone traps from a harassment allegation.
- Reviewed Ca. AG's Victim Services Unit pamphlet Helping Crime Victims
- Reviewed Open Carry Law update
- Reviewed Adult and Juvenile arrest log

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

This month KPD completed and passed a detention audit conducted by the California Corrections Standards Authority.

This month the District suffered an armed carjacking and an unarmed street robbery. Fortunately no one was injured in these incidents. Unfortunately, no polity is crime free. However, the community and the police department can aspire to keep crime to a minimum if we work together. I urge residents and civic minded visitors to the district to report crime, suspicious activity, and other occurrences that cause concern. At a minimum the KPD can make contact and assess the activity and identify involved parties. Not all suspicious activity is criminal but if it happens in a public space or is visual from a public space, KPD has the authority to make contact.

Three subjects were arrested for possession of methamphetamine.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2012-0980 – On 2-8-2012, Detective Barrow was contacted by a juvenile in the City of El Cerrito who reported a possible failed abduction attempt.
- 2012-1063 – On 2-12-2012, Officer Turner conducted a traffic enforcement stop and arrested the driver who had a misdemeanor traffic warrant from Pleasanton PD.
- 2012-1081 – On 2-13-2012, Officer Turner responded to the unit block of Kingston Dr. to a report of robbery.
- 2012-1101 – On 2-14-2012, Officer Turner and Officer Ramos were responding to assist ECPD with a home invasion. While enroute to assist, the suspect carjacked a vehicle and drove at high rates of speed into Kensington. The suspect almost collided with one KPD officer and carjacked a second vehicle from a Kensington resident with a gun. Driving this vehicle erratically and at high rates of speed almost collided with a second KPD officer. A pursuit ensued but the suspect eluded capture. The suspect subsequently committed similar crimes in the cities of Martinez and Vacaville before he was located in Richmond later in the evening. Another pursuit ensued whereby the suspect stole a Richmond

patrol vehicle and attempted to evade capture. This pursuit ended with the suspects arrest in the city of Richmond.

- 2012-1103 – On 2-14-2012, Reserve Armanino responded to the 1600 block of Ocean View Ave. to a report of theft from a vehicle.
- 2012-1257 – On 2-20-2012, Officer Turner responded to the 1600 block of Oak View Ave. to a report of a dog bite.
- 2012-1261 – On 2-20-2012, a Berkeley resident came to KPD to report she was a victim of Identity Theft. Officer Turner took a courtesy report for the Berkeley Police Department.
- 2012-1330 – On 2-22-2012, Officer Turner responded to the 200 block of Lake Dr. to a report of auto theft.
- 2012-1469 – On 2-28-2012, Officer Stegman and Reserve Foley conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of Arlington Ave. that resulted in three adult males being arrested for possession of methamphetamine.
- 2012-1470 – On 2-28-2012, Officer Stegman and Reserve Foley conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of Arlington Ave. that resulted in one adult male being arrested for possession of marijuana.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS:

42 moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave
32 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave
20 moving citations were issued on Grizzly Peak Blvd
12 moving citation were issued on Franciscan Wy
5 moving citation were issued on Kenyon Ave
1 citation was issued on Coventry Rd
1 citation was issued on Berkeley Park Blvd
1 citation was issued on Purdue Ave
1 citation was issued on Beloit Ave.

•• Acting Sergeant Hui

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

A.S. Hui (K42)
(1400-0200)

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Wilson (K38) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	16	11
Traffic Stops	35	12
Moving Citations	19	8
Parking Citations	6	7
Vacation/Security	66	34
Checks		
FI-Field Interview	0	0

Cases	6	0
Self Initiated Cases	0	0
Arrests	0	0
Calls for Service	59	24

Officer Wilson recovered 6 hours of comp time.

Acting Sergeant Hui recovered 24 hours of comp time.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed KPD Policy #304 – Shooting Policy
- Reviewed KPD Policy #310 – Officer Involved Shooting
- Discussed Officer Conduct/Public Perception
- Reviewed SDRMA subject matter on first aid
- Reviewed changes to California vehicle code pertaining to child passenger restraint systems
- Reviewed changes to firearms laws in California
- Reviewed restraining orders and protective orders

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

Many of you who read this monthly report have already heard about the February 18th murder of a Berkeley resident on Park Gate Rd near Grizzly Peak Blvd. Based on reports by local media, the call initially came out as a suspicious person possibly trespassing. This tragedy occurred less than two miles from the Kensington/Berkeley border.

I urge all residents to call KPD when they observe suspicious activity, crimes, or any occurrence that causes concern. By working together with residents and the community, we can strive to keep Kensington a wonderful place to live and play and do our best to keep crime to a minimum.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2012-0818 – On 2/1/2012, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the unit blk of Stratford Rd on a report of a residential burglary.
- 2012-0834 – On 2/2/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Franciscan Way on a report of a petty theft.
- 2012-0840 – On 2/2/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Franciscan Way on a report of financial abuse of an elderly subject.
- 2012-0878 – On 2/4/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the 1600 blk of Oak View Ave on a report of a petty theft.
- 2012-0993 – On 2/9/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the 300 blk of Colusa Ave on a report of a commercial burglary.
- 2012-0994 – On 2/9/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Lake Dr on a report of a petty theft.

- 2012-1357 – On 2/23/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Beverly Rd on a report of a residential burglary.

Reserve Officer:	Colon (K44)	Armanino (K47)
Days Worked	0	4
Traffic Stops	0	20
Moving Citations	0	12
Parking Citations	0	3
Vacation/Security Checks	0	14
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	0	0
Self Initiated Cases	0	0
Arrests	0	0
Calls for Service	0	11

•• **Detective Keith Barrow**

Due to end of month investigations, Detective Barrow’s February Report will be in next month’s Police Report.

•• **Chief Harman**

In last month’s report, I had written about how proud I was of the department for reducing property crime in half the past year. I also wrote how proud I was of Officer Doug Wilson in the way that he took his time investigating an elderly resident’s call of her recently installed carbon monoxide alarm going off and as a result, he probably saved her life.

Officer Doug Wilson was voted by his peers to represent Kensington as this years Richmond Elks “Officer of the Year.” Part of the honor of being named “Officer of the Year” is being recognized by the West County Law Enforcement community at the Awards Dinner at the Richmond Elks Lodge. Each agency’s chief presents his “Officer of the Year” and gives a biography on the honored officer.

This is were the Kensington officers sometimes feel a bit undeserving of the award. We sit there and listen how “Officer San Pablo” made 94 arrests last year and “Officer Richmond” made 36 drug arrests, seizing 50 pounds of drugs, and recovered 25 assault rifles.

This year, I presented our Officer of the Year, Officer Doug Wilson. I mentioned how Doug is our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, arranged over 20 National Night Out parties last year, produces a Neighborhood Watch bulletin, and is our main component in our community policing efforts dealing with a very “high

maintenance community”. My comment did receive one of the biggest laughs of the night, but in a way, it was a true reflection of how we police this community.

I can think of no other police department that is more involved in the community policing philosophy than ours. Our officers make every effort to respond to citizen’s concerns, take as much time that is necessary to make sure that every call they handle is done in a way to insure as best as they can that all parties they are dealing with are treated fairly and with respect, and really do care about the community they serve.

I remember the first time I experienced this was when I first was applying for the position here. I had made several trips into the community and on one particular Saturday, I noticed Sergeant Ricky Hull speaking with an elderly resident in front of the bank. I watched for several minutes this exchange before deciding to move along. Forty five minutes later, I drove by and noticed Sergeant Hull was still speaking with the resident. At the time, I thought that was unusual, for any officer to take that much time just talking with a citizen.

However, that was my introduction to as what Sergeant Khan use to call, “The Kensington Way”. When I hired Doug Wilson, I did so knowing how well he worked with the community at our previous employer, believing he would be a perfect fit for Kensington.

Officer Chris Turner recently received a nice compliment from a ride along police academy recruit who stated, “I’ve been to several ride alongs with multiple departments, yet I witnessed the best example of community policing and proactive initiative with Officer Turner.” He ended his e-mail with, “I immediately turned in an application with Officer Turner after our ride along, and look very much forward in progressing to become a part of the Kensington Police Department.”

After only a few hours of observation, this young police academy recruit was able to identify what we do best, “community policing and proactive initiative”.

So, as I presented Doug Wilson as our “Officer of the Year” to our law enforcement peers, I did so knowing that our department is all about “community policing and proactive initiative”. That’s what we do and I believe we do it well.