

August 2013 Police Department Report

September 5, 2013

- Department Personnel
 - We are fully staffed at 10 sworn positions with two reserve officers however; we are beginning the background process on two new reserve officers candidates.
- Commendations and Correspondence- None This Month
- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct
 - Citizen's Investigation 2013-002 was initiated on March 21st on an allegation that an officer intimidated the complaining party. This investigation is being conducted by Master Sergeant Hull.
- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.
 - The Ring Time Report for July identified 46 total 911 calls with 2 having ring times over 20 seconds. Average ring time for the month of July was 7.2 seconds.
- Community Networking
 - On Saturday, 08-03-13, Chief Harman, Yolla Harman, and Cheyenne and Destiny Harman volunteered at the "Taking the World by Storm: Building Self-Confidence & Leadership Skills for Girls on & Off the Field" soccer clinic hosted by Assemblywomen Susan Bonilla at the Tesoro Soccer Fields in Concord.
 - On 08-06-13, Chief Harman, Sergeant Barrow, and Officers Wilson, Ramos, Wilkens, Turner, and Reserve Officers Armanino and Foley participated in National Night Out.
 - On 08-12-13, Officer Wilson attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting.
 - On 08-15-13, Chief Harman and KPPCSD Director Linda Lipscomb participated in the John Gioia sponsored Kensington Library workshop.

- Community Criminal Activity
 - This section of the Watch Commanders Reports are prepared by Sergeant Barrow for Team One, Sergeant Hui for Team Two, and Detective Stegman.
- Watch Commander Reports
 - **Sergeant Barrow**

TEAM #1 STATISTICS

Officer:	Ramos (K41) (0600-1800)	Wilson (K38) (1800-0600)	Wilkins (K50) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	17	14	14
Traffic Stops	46	3	23
Moving Citations	43	3	16
Parking Citations	2	6	3
Vacation/Security Checks	18	24	45
FI-Field Interview	0	0	0
Traffic Accident Reports	1	0	2
Cases	3	2	4
Arrests	0	0	0
Calls for Service	26	22	56

- BRIEFING/TRAINING:
 - Reviewed KPD Policy 302 -- Use of Force Review
 - Reviewed KPD Policy 304 – Shooting Policy
 - Reviewed KPD Policy 306 – Leg Restraint Device
 - Reviewed KPD Policy 308 – Control Devices and Techniques
 - Reviewed KPD Policy 310 – Officer Involved Shooting
 - Reviewed Possession of Medical Marijuana
 - Reviewed Obtaining DNA without a Warrant
 - Reviewed Officer Safety Pertaining to Dogs
 - Reviewed Dogs Off-leash at Park
 - Reviewed Law Enforcement Officer Liability from Tactics

SERGEANT'S REVIEW:

- Contra Costa County Runaway Juvenile Policy

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

School is back in session so please slow down and pay special attention to all pedestrians. Officers are addressing problem traffic areas and issuing citations, so please obey the rules of the road.

A quick reminder about safety; please do not let utility workers into your home unless they have an appointment and/or have identification. Please report any suspicious activity in regards to utility or construction workers that seems unnecessary or suspicious.

National Night Out was Tuesday August 6th and it was a successful event again in Kensington this year. Officer Wilson did an outstanding job once again and he advised me there were more events than there were last year. The officers gave presentations and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves as they networked in attempt to create awareness and increased the Neighborhood Watch program. Good job to all. Please continue to network with your neighbors throughout the year.

The second Kensington Police Departments Citizen's Academy has started, and they have already completed their third class. Officer Wilkens and I taught the Investigative Procedures and Evidence Collection classes, and the students seemed to be enjoying and appreciating the information. Many were surprised and unaware of what steps the officers take in their investigations here in Kensington.

Again please slow down as the kids are back in school, thank you.

- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
- 2013-3621 – On 8-1-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Arlington Avenue for a reported identity theft.
- 2013-3647 – On 8-2-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Highland Blvd for a reported vandalism.
- 2013-3704 – On 8-5-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 400 block of Ocean View Avenue for a reported stolen vehicle that was later determined to be a false police report connected to a crime committed in Berkeley.
- 2013-3706 – On 8-5-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 200 block of Yale Avenue for a reported stolen vehicle recovery.
- 2013-3806 – On 8-12-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 300 block of Arlington Avenue for a reported non-injury vehicle collision.
- 2013-3816 – On 8-12-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Highland Blvd for a reported vandalism.
- 2013-3828 – On 8-13-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Arlington Avenue for a reported fraud.

- 2013-4001 – On 8-21-2013, Sergeant Barrow responded to the 200 block of Arlington Avenue for a reported identity theft.
- 2013-4088 – On 8-25-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 100 block of Arlington Avenue for a reported non-injury vehicle collision.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS:

Team #1 took 3 traffic collision reports during the month of August.

- 12 moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave.
- 34 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.
- 6 moving citations were issued on Franciscan Way.
- 7 moving citations were issued on Grizzly Peak Blvd.
- 2 moving citations were issued on Westminster Ave.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Wellesley Ave.

•• Sergeant Hui

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

Sergeant Hui (K42)
(1600-0400)

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Turner (K46) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	14	17
Traffic Stops	23	46
Moving Citations	17	26
Parking Citations	16	4
Vacation/Security Checks	30	58
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	5	3
Arrests	0	3
Traffic Accident Reports	0	1
Calls for Service	49	27

Sergeant Hui took two days of vacation.
Officer Turner recovered 6 hours of comp time.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

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This past month, I attended a neighborhood block party and had the opportunity to speak with several residents. One of the most voiced concerns from the residents at this block party was traffic safety. Specifically, the concern was for traffic safety for pedestrians at the intersection of Arlington Ave and Kensington Park Rd/Rincon Rd.

Master Sergeant Hull is actively working with all of the involved parties to find a solution for this intersection.

For my summary this month, I would like to touch upon the issue of traffic safety. Traffic safety continues to be one of the biggest concerns for our residents. As many of you may expect, during the course of our traffic enforcement efforts, we have pulled over and cited many Kensington residents for traffic violations.

I would like to urge residents to obey all traffic laws so that we can have safer streets and also so that residents can avoid traffic tickets. Our busiest traffic times tend to be around both the morning and afternoon commute hours. These are when streets are most congested and people are trying to get to and from work. We tend to be somewhat distracted during these times as we are often thinking about what we need to do at work, or trying to get home to get dinner on the table. If we focus on the driving more, we can increase traffic safety throughout our town.

One tool we implemented to help address traffic concerns is our Supplemental Traffic Enforcement Request form. This form can be found at:

<https://kensingtoncalifornia.org/trafficrequest.php>

If you have an area of concern, I urge you to fill out this form. We use the data from this form to help direct our traffic enforcement efforts to the areas that are residents are most concerned about.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2013-3723– On 8/8/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Purdue Ave on a report of an identity theft.
- 2013-3729– On 8/8/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Arlington Ave on a report of a vehicle theft.
- 2013-3847– On 8/15/2013, Officer Turner arrested a subject on the unit blk of Arlington Ave for driving under the influence of alcohol.
- 2013-3904– On 8/17/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the 300 blk of Coventry Rd on a report of a grand theft.
- 2013-4053– On 8/23/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Cambridge Ave on a report of a residential burglary.
- 2013-4066– On 8/23/2013, Officer Turner arrested a subject on the 100 blk of Colusa Ave for driving under the influence of alcohol.
- 2013-4071– On 8/24/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Anson Way on a report of a residential burglary.
- 2013-4166– On 8/29/2013, Officer Turner arrested a subject on the 300 blk of Rugby Ave for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Traffic Totals for Team 2 – includes Master Sergeant Hull

24 citations were issued on Colusa Ave
22 citations were issued on Arlington Ave
3 citations was issued on Franciscan Way
1 citation was issued on Amherst Ave
1 citation was issued on Canon Dr
1 citation was issued on Highland Blvd
1 citation was issued on Fairmount Ave

•• **Detective Eric Stegman**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

13-3872

13-4053

13-4071

Kensington had three burglaries in August, all with a similar MO. The suspect(s) will generally gain access through the rear of an unoccupied house (often unlocked), and take only a few items of jewelry or electronics. The interior of the affected homes are typically barely disturbed. I am working with surrounding agencies who experienced burglaries with similar circumstances recently.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

13-3288 Assault (Possible Homicide/ Manslaughter)

Details are pending the conclusion of this case.

12-5354 Murder

On 8/13/12 at approximately 1145 hours, Officer Ramos responded to a welfare check for a potential fall victim (James Durkin). Shortly after his arrival Officer Ramos requested I respond to the scene. Due to the initial circumstances I began investigating the case as a homicide. During the investigation it was revealed the victim had been stabbed in the chest with a serrated kitchen knife. Later in the investigation, the suspect (Diane Sydenham), was identified. Early on 8/14/12, Sydenham was arrested for the Murder of James Durkin. On 8/16/12 the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office formally charged Sydenham with Murder and she was arraigned.

On 8/30/12 a judge granted an increase in Sydenham's Bail from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. On 9/20/12 Sydenham entered a not guilty plea. **On 8/28/13, I testified at the preliminary examination. Subsequently Sydenham was given an arraignment date of 9/20/13, in which she will re-enter a plea. The trial date is TBD.**

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

- I made court runs to file cases, and retrieve court notifications.
- I updated the KPD Case Review Log.
- I reviewed the "Trak Flyer" messages and maintained the flyer board.
- I attended a two week course on homicide investigation
- I attended a one day course on outlaw motor cycle gangs
- As mentioned above I spent one day testifying in Sydenham's preliminary examination.

KPD Monthly Crime Statistics

August 2013

Part 1 Crimes	Reported	Open/ Pending	Suspended	Closed	Arrest
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	0	0	0	0	0
Residential Burglary	3	3	0	0	0
Larceny Theft	1	1	0	0	0
Vehicle Theft	1	0	1	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	3	3	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Forgeries	0	0	0	0	0
Restraining Order Violations/ Stalking/ Criminal Threats	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Crimes (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Assault/ Battery (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	2	0	2	0	0
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0
Warrant	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	0	0	0	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	3	0	0	3	3
Other Crime Totals	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

All Crime Totals	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
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Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	4
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0

KPD Crime Statistics

Year To Date 2013

Part 1 Crimes	Reported	Open/ Pending	Suspended	Closed	Arrest
Homicide	0	1*	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	4	1	0	3	0
Residential Burglary	21	9	8	4	1
Larceny Theft	23	3	20	0	0
Vehicle Theft	11	1	9	1	0
Arson	1	0	1	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>60</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>

Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	23	7	13	3	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Forgeries	1	0	1	0	0
Restraining Order Violations/ Stalking/ Criminal Threats	2	1	0	1	0
Sex Crimes (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Assault/ Battery (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	16	3	11	2	0
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0
Warrant	11	0	0	11	13
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	10	0	9	1	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	10	0	0	10	10
Other Crime Totals	<u>73</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>23</u>

All Crime Totals	<u>133</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>24</u>
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Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	29
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0

* 2011 case

•• **Chief Harman**

On Tuesday, August 6th, we held our 7th National Night Out and it was our biggest one to date. Officer Wilson did an outstanding job in assisting 21 neighborhood groups in participating in National Night Out this year.

On Tuesday, August 13th, we held the first class of our second Citizen's Academy, and we have 16 registered students in the course. This eight week course provides citizens the opportunity to learn about police work and the Kensington Police Department from our officers. There is no cost for this great opportunity to meet our officers and ask all those questions you have about the job they do.

On Tuesday, August 20th, the Kensington Hilltop School reopened for the new school year. With schools now back in session, the department's personnel turns their attention to traffic safety. Both sergeants addressed traffic safety in their monthly reports so there is no need for me to mention it further other than to say, please drive carefully.