

# March 2013 Police Department Report

April 5, 2013

- Department Personnel
  - We are currently fully staffed at 10 sworn positions and we currently have two reserve officers.  
  
Stephanie Wilkens has completed Phase 4 of her Field training and is currently in her Final Evaluation Phase with Sergeant Barrow.
  
- Commendations and Correspondence
  - On 03-02-13, we received a letter from Cathy Bailey regarding an incident that occurred in August 2012. That letter and the letter in response is included in the agenda packet for 04-11-13.
  
  - On 03-04-13, Carol Morrison sent a card of thanks for the officer that helped her understand a citation issued in another city. The card is also included in the agenda packet for 04-11-13.
  
- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct
  - Department Investigation 2012-002 was initiated on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012, on an allegation that an officer was insubordinate. This investigation is being conducted by Master Sergeant Hull.
  
  - Citizen's Investigation 2012-003 was initiated on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012, on an allegation that 3 officers were rude during a traffic stop. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hui.
  
  - Citizen's Investigation 2012-004 was initiated on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012, on an allegation that an officer used racial profiling in making a traffic stop. This investigation is being conducted by Master Sergeant Hull.
  
  - Citizen's Investigation 2013-001 was initiated on January 3, 2013, on allegations that two officers acted in an unprofessional manner. This investigation is being conducted by Chief Harman.
  
  - Citizen's Investigation 2013-002 was initiated on March 21<sup>st</sup> 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 March 2013 has not been received as of this report date. March Ring Times will be reported in April.

- Community Networking

- On 03-04-13, Chief Harman attended the KCC meeting.
- On 03-06-13, Chief Harman attended the West County Police Chief's Association meeting in Hercules.
- On 03-07-13, Chief Harman attended the Park & Rec Exposition in San Jose.

Chief Harman then attended the funeral services for Santa Cruz Sergeant Loran Baker and Detective Elizabeth Butler held in San Jose.

- On 03-11-13, Chief Harman and Director Chuck Toombs attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting.
- On 03-13-13, Chief Harman attended the California Peace Officers Association "Leg Day" in Sacramento.
- On 03-20-13, Chief Harman and Director Linda Lipscomb attended the Arlington Street Light meeting hosted by Supervisor John Gioia.
- On 03-25-13, Chief Harman attended the KIC meeting.
- On 03-27-13, Chief Harman attended the Contra Costa County Police Chief's Association meeting in Martinez.
- On 03-28-13, Chief Harman and Police Services Aide Andrea Di Napoli attended the SDRMA Safety Day in Sacramento.

- Community Criminal Activity

- This section of the Watch Commander's 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)	Field Training Officer FTO Wilson (K38) / Wilkens (K50) (1800-0600) / (1800-0600)	
Days Worked	15	8	8
Traffic Stops	4	4	
Moving Citations	1	2	2
Parking Citations	5	2	
Vacation/Security Checks	26	19	
FI-Field Interview	0	0	
Traffic Accident Reports	1	0	
Cases	9	3	
Arrests	0	0	
Calls for Service	52	24	

○ BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed Detaining Subjects on Physical Description
- Reviewed Probable Cause to Search a Vehicle Incident to Arrest
- Reviewed Chapter 12: Ramey: Entry to Arrest
- Reviewed Chapter 11: Searches Incident to Arrest
- Reviewed Consent Searches

SERGEANT'S REVIEW:

- Reviewed Seal, Purge or Destroy Marijuana Convictions in California.

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

Sergeant Barrow wrote 2 moving and 2 parking citations.  
Officer Wilkens has started her final Phase of Infield Training with  
Sergeant Barrow.

Over the last month or so, Kensington and other local jurisdictions have experienced several residential burglaries and property related crimes. I know I have brought this issue up several times in the past but many of these crimes are occurring because residents leave their homes unsecured. Several of these burglaries occurred when residents left a second floor window open. The suspect(s) used the resident's own ladder, which was left unsecured on the grounds, to get to the window and gain entry.

I would encourage residents to lock your homes, all windows and doors.

Do not leave ladders and items that can be climbed to gain access to second floor windows or balconies. If it would help, try this test. Secure your home and then visually see if it is possible to gain entry without your key. If you think you can, you need to eliminate that possibility and make the secure change.

Other thefts have been from “unlocked vehicles”. Additionally, miscellaneous yard decorations, plants, pots, and other unsecured items have been taken. Please secure your vehicles, and if you have an alarm, set it even if you are gone for only a few minutes. If you buy items like plants and pots for your yard, please plant them or put them in a secured area. Maybe even secure the pot to the area where it sits.

A lot of these thefts are opportunistic in nature and only take seconds to perpetrate. A few weeks back, a landscaper had parked his truck in a parking lot and was eating lunch, when a male subject walked up to the rear bed of the vehicle and grabbed an expensive motorized tool. Before the victim could confront the individual, the suspect ran to a waiting vehicle and fled the area. No matter what we do, thefts will happen, but some of the crimes I’ve seen could have been prevented.

If you need assistance, call the PD (526-4141) and an officer will stop by (as time allows) and answer any questions you may have.

- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
- 2013-1063 – On 3-3-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 600 block of Beloit Ave for a reported physical altercation between motorists. Neither wanted police involvement.
- 2013-1094 – On 3-5-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Berkeley Park Blvd for a reported burglary.
- 2013-1109 – On 3-6-2013, Sergeant Barrow responded to the 00 block of Highgate Road for a reported Non-injury vehicle collision.
- 2013-1185 – On 3-10-2013, Officers Wilson and Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Sunset Drive for a reported theft.
- 2013-1192 – On 3-10-2013, Sergeant Barrow made a warrant arrest in the 200 block of Arlington Ave.
- 2013-1202 – On 3-11-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 100 block of Lawson Drive for a reported burglary.
- 2013-1222 – On 3-12-2013, Officers Wilson and Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Arlington Ave for a reported vandalism.
- 2013-1329 – On 3-18-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Coventry Road for a reported stolen vehicle.
- 2013-1336 – On 3-18-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Amherst Ave for a reported Non-injury vehicle collision.

- 2013-1332 – On 3-18-2013, Officer Wilkens and Detective Stegman responded to the 00 block of Rincon Road for a reported vehicle burglary.
- 2013-1436 – On 3-25-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Edwin Drive for a reported theft from an unlocked vehicle.
- 2013-1525 – On 3-31-2013, Officer Wilkens and Sergeant Barrow responded to the 00 block of Franciscan Way for a reported stolen vehicle.

**TRAFFIC STATISTICS:**

Team #1 took 2 traffic collision reports during the month of February.

- 1 moving citation was issued on Colusa Ave.
- 4 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Cambridge Ave.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Sunset Ave.

**•• Sergeant Hui**

**TEAM #2 STATISTICS**

Sergeant Hui (K42)  
(1600-0400)

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Turner (K46) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	9	16
Traffic Stops	13	42
Moving Citations	4	13
Parking Citations	3	1
Vacation/Security	39	67
Checks		
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	1	1
Arrests	0	1
Traffic Accident Reports	0	0
Calls for Service	37	48

- Sergeant Hui recovered 2 hours of comp time.
- Sergeant Hui participated in a 4 hour PSP Arrest Control Tactics class.
- Officer Martinez participated in a 4 hour PSP Arrest Control Tactics class.
- Officer Martinez participated in a LIDAR class.
- Officer Turner participated in a 4 hour PSP Arrest Control Tactics class.

## BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed Consent Searches
- Reviewed Searches Incident to Arrest
- Reviewed Ramey: Entry to Arrest
- Reviewed Vehicle Searches
- Reviewed Probation and Parole Searches
- Reviewed Case Law: People v. Evans
- Reviewed Case Law: People v. Walker
- Reviewed Traffic Calming Efforts factsheet from CCC Public Works
- Reviewed Current Traffic Concerns of Residents

## SERGEANT'S REVIEW:

- Reviewed Marijuana Convictions in California

## SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

As the dreary days of winter come to an end and we begin to enjoy longer sunny days, many residents begin to think about fixing up their properties. This may range from touching up the paint in a particular room, to a full blown remodel. For those of us who are considering a more extensive remodel project, whether performed by yourself or a contractor, please be mindful of thefts from construction sites.

Every summer, we end up having a few homes under construction that are burglarized. There are would-be burglars who will actively seek out vacant residences under construction. These burglaries are typically committed during the evening hours and the burglars are usually looking for tools and sometimes appliances.

A few steps that you can take to make your residence less attractive include securing any tools left on your property and securing the doors and windows. If you are working on your own property, try and lock your tools in a closet or other secure area where they cannot be seen through a window. If you have a contractor working on your residence, you might want to suggest that they take their tools with them at the end of the day, or find some way to secure them on your jobsite.

If your property will be vacant during construction, I would also suggest notifying your neighbors (and KPD if you so desire). We have already had our first burglary from a residence under construction this year. With a little help from you (or your contractor), we can hopefully help keep this number low and possibly catch one of these burglars in the act!

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2013-1031– On 03/01/2013, Sergeant Hui met with the victim at KPD on a report of an identity theft.
- 2013-1138– On 03/07/2013, Corporal Stegman responded to the 600 blk of Parkside Ct and arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant.
- 2013-1145– On 03/08/2013, Sergeant Hui responded to the unit blk of Arlington Ave on a report of a vandalism.
- 2013-1150– On 03/08/2013, Sergeant Hui responded to the unit blk of Highgate Rd on a report of a petty theft.
- 2013-1286– On 03/15/2013, Officer Turner responded to the 200 blk of Willamette Ave on a report of a residential burglary.
- 2013-1504– On 03/30/2013, Officer Turner initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Arlington Ave at Westminster Ave and arrested the driver for driving under the influence of alcohol.
- 2013-1506– On 03/30/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Kerr Ave on a report of a burglary.
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Reserve Officer: Armanino (K47)

Days Worked 3  
Traffic Stops 13  
Moving Citations 6

Parking Citations 1  
Vacation/Security 4  
Checks  
FI-Field Interview 0  
Cases 0  
Arrests 0  
Traffic Accident Reports 0  
Calls for Service 3

Traffic Totals for Team 2

12 citations were issued on Colusa Ave  
7 citations were issued on Arlington Ave  
2 citations was issued on Amherst Ave  
1 citation was issued on Kenyon Ave  
1 citation was issued on Fairmount Ave

•• **Detective Eric Stegman**

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

**13-1097,13-1138,13-1192**

Warrant Arrests- During the first two weeks of March, I organized an effort to serve outstanding arrest warrants which were within Kensington. We were able to successfully arrest three people with outstanding warrants. There are still several remaining within Kensington which we will attempt to serve when time permits.

**KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:**

**13-1202 Burglary**

On 3/11/13 a house in the 100 block of Lawson Rd was burglarized. The loss was cash and several computers. I am currently following up a lead I generated through working with El Cerrito detectives.

**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. The date of the preliminary hearing was set for 4/4/13, but has been postponed.

**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 for filling cases, and retrieve court notifications.
- I updated the KPD Case Review Log.
- I reviewed the "Trak Flyer" messages and maintained the flyer board.
- I received 4 hours of PSP defensive tactics training.
- I spent 3/18/13 to 3/29/13 (2 weeks) as Officer Wilkens' FTO.
- On 3/4/13 I assisted WestNET in serving a search warrant.



## KPD Monthly Crime Statistics

March 2012

<b>Part 1 Crimes</b>	<b>Reported</b>	<b>Open/ Pending</b>	<b>Suspended</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Arrest</b>
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	2	0	0	2	0
Residential Burglary	4	3	1	0	0
Larceny Theft	2	0	2	0	0
Vehicle Theft	2	1	1	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Part 1 Totals</b>	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>

<b>Other Crimes</b>					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	1	1	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	1	0	1	0	0
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0
Warrant	4	0	0	4	4
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	1	0	1	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	1	0	0	1	1
<b>Other Crime Totals</b>	<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>

<b>All Crime Totals</b>	<b><u>18</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>
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Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	4
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0

## KPD Crime Statistics

YTD 2013

<b>Part 1 Crimes</b>	<b>Reported</b>	<b>Open/ Pending</b>	<b>Suspended</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Arrest</b>
Homicide	0	1*	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	2	0	0	2	0
Residential Burglary	8	5	3	0	0
Larceny Theft	7	0	7	0	0
Vehicle Theft	4	1	3	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Part 1 Totals</b>	<b><u>21</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>13</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>

<b>Other Crimes</b>					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	7	1	6	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	9	0	9	0	0
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0
Warrant	6	0	0	6	7
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	2	0	2	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	4	0	0	4	4
<b>Other Crime Totals</b>	<b><u>28</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>17</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>

<b>All Crime Totals</b>	<b><u>49</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>30</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>
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Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	11
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0

•• **Chief Harman**

The West Contra Costa Police Chiefs Association is taking an active role in supporting the efforts of the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), the California Highway Patrol (CHP), and over 200 law enforcement agencies in high visibility enforcement operations during April's National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

During a recent meeting of the West County Chiefs and other high ranking officers, we discussed the dangers and the serious injuries caused by distracted driving. One Chief said a driver was actually stopped for weaving in the roadway because she was putting together a fish bowl that was in her lap! If there was a bicyclist or another car beside this driver, there may have been a tragic accident. Because of these types of risky behaviors, the West County Chiefs are collectively emphasizing to their officers and the public the dangers of distracted driving.

OTS reports that nationally an estimated 3,331 people died in 2011 caused by distracted driving. Any activity that diverts the driver's attention away from the primary task of driving is distracting, but the recent dramatic rise in cell phone talking and texting has greatly increased the number of collisions.

OTS is providing drivers with the following tips that can be implemented by any motorist:

- Turn off your phone and/or put it out of reach while driving
- Include in your outgoing message that you can't answer while you are driving
- Don't call or text anyone at a time when you think they may be driving
- Adjust controls and set your song playlist before you set out on the road
- Stay alert and keep your mind on the task of driving. Often, after a long day at work or a restless night's sleep, people's minds can wander when behind the wheel. If you find yourself daydreaming, clear your head and focus on the road.

The West County Chiefs Association is urging motorists not to be distracted and to do their part in keeping our roadways safe. It may save a life or keep from being cited. ***"It's not worth it!"***