

April 2014 Police Department Report

May 2, 2014

- Department Personnel
 - We are fully staffed at 10 sworn positions with two reserve officers.

We are now in the background process with three potential reserve officer candidates.
- Commendations and Correspondence
 - On April 7th, we received a thank you letter from Mary Hammond, which is attached to the KPPCSD Board Packet under the Correspondence Section.
- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct
 - On February 24th, Citizen's Complaint 2014-02 was initiated on an allegation that an officer failed to perform their duty. The investigation was completed by Master Sergeant Hull and the officer was exonerated of any wrong doing.
- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.
 - We have been notified by the Dispatch Supervisor that the Ring Time Report for April will be late and unavailable until after May 8th, and therefore will have to be a part of the May Monthly Report.
- Community Networking
 - On 4-02-14, Chief Harman attended the California Police Officers Association Legislative Day in Sacramento, and following the morning presentations, met with staff from Senator Hancock and DeSaulnier's offices, and Assembly member's Skinner and Bonilla offices.
 - On 4-12-14, Chief Harman attended a fund raiser for Assembly Member Susan Bonilla, who is running for re-election and election to the State Senate. He also met with Pittsburg Mayor Sal Evola, who is employed by Garaventa Enterprises, to discuss our upcoming RFP for solid waste and recycling services.

- On 4-14-14, Corporal Stegman attended the KCC meeting.
- On 4-26-14, Corporal Stegman monitored our “Drug Take Back Day” at the station, in which 125.3 pounds of unused pharmaceuticals less the packaging, was turned in for safe destruction.
- On 4-29-14, Officer Wilson presented a fingerprinting class to Boy Scout Troop 100.

Officer Turner attended the KMAC meeting, in which another cell site was discussed.

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

Team 1 Statistics

Officer:	Ramos (0800 - 1800)	Turner (0600- 1800)	Wilson (1800- 0600)
Days Worked	12	15	16
Traffic Stops	18	23	15
Moving Citations	13	14	11
Parking Citations	0	1	3
Vacation			
Security Checks	10	35	48
Field Interviews	0	0	0
Traffic Collision			
Reports	2	1	0
Cases	1	4	1
Arrests	0	1	0
Calls for Service	27	68	23

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

Public Information Disclosure and Personal Cell Phones
Firearm Donations
Youth Bicycle Helmet Law

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

Officer Wilson has asked that I discuss the KPD Vacation Watch program. Of specific concern to him is *when* people notify KPD they will be out of town. Certainly not all travel can be well planned out ahead of time, and we realize things come up. In those cases we understand not much can be done. However the problem is, it has become somewhat common for people to submit requests to be put on the vacation list a day, or even hours before they are leaving.

Our vacation watch list is not automated or updated in real time by a computer program. As a result Officer Wilson manually updates the list weekly and it can be a time consuming process. Another thing to remember is Officer Wilson is not at work seven days a week.

We of course want to get everyone on the list while they are away so when time provides we can do proactive checks, but this is not possible without a little more advanced warning. So that we may provide better service, we ask that requests to be put on the Vacation Watch list be submitted at least a week before you leave. Thank you for your help.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2014-1447 – On 4/1/14, Officers Turner and Ramos responded to the unit block of Marchant Gardens on a report of a deceased elderly female. The case was initially investigated as a possible homicide, as a result Sgt. Barrow and I became involved in the investigation. It was eventually determined the subject died of natural causes.
- 2014-1462 – On 4/2/14, Officers Turner and Ramos took a report of a possible elder abuse/ check fraud that occurred in the 200 block of Arlington Ave. Through follow up investigation it was determined no crime occurred.
- 2014-1560 – On 4/6/14, Master Sgt. Hull and Officer Armanino, responded to the 200 block of Willamette Ave. for a death investigation.
- 2014-1571 – On 4/7/14, Officer Ramos responded to a hit and run on the 700 Block of Coventry Rd.

- 2014-1573 – On 4/7/14, Officer Turner arrested a subject for possession of narcotics inside their vehicle.
- 2014-1704 – On 4/13/14, Officer Turner responded to the unit block of Marguerita Rd. for a report of a burglary.
- 2014-1706 – On 4/13/14, Officer Wilson responded to the unit block of Marchant Ct. for a report of a vehicle theft.
- 2014-1712 – On 4/14/14, Officer Turner located a stolen vehicle on the 400 block of Coventry Rd.
- 2014-1751 – On 4/16/14, Officer Turner took a vandalism report on the unit block of Oberlin Ave.
- 2014-1828 – On 4/20/14, Officer Turner took a vandalism report on the unit block of Garden Dr.
- 2014-1829 – On 4/20/14, Officer Turner took a vandalism report on the unit block of Highgate Rd.
- 2014-1859 – On 4/22/14, Officer Turner took a report of a non-injury accident on the 300 block of Colusa Ave.
- 2014-1963 – On 4/27/14, Officer Turner responded to a natural death on the 300 block of Colusa Ave.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS:

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

23 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.

13 moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave.

1 moving citation were issued on Franciscan Way.

1 moving citation were issued on Coventry Rd.

•• **Sergeant Hui**

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

Sergeant Hui (K42) - Issued 14 moving citations this month.

(1600-0400)

Master Sergeant Hull (K17) – issued 11 moving citations and 2 parking citations this month.

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Wilkins (K50) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	11	14
Traffic Stops	11	18
Moving Citations	6	13
Parking Citations	2	2
Vacation/Security Checks	26	81
Cases	4	0
Arrests	0	0
Traffic Accident Reports	0	1
Calls for Service	44	31

- Sergeant Hui recovered 12 hours of comp time.
- Officer Martinez took three days of vacation.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Public Information Disclosure and Personal Cell Phones
- Firearms Donations
- Youth Bicycle Helmet Law

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

This past month was National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. As KPD increase our enforcement efforts on distracted driving enforcement, I must admit that I was mildly impressed with how few hands-free driving violations I was able to observe. Specifically, I noticed a decrease in the number of people violating 23123(a) CVC, which states that a person shall not drive a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone unless that telephone is specifically designed and configured to allow hands-free listening and talking, and is used in that manner while driving. This law essentially requires that the driver of a vehicle must use a headset or speakerphone if they desire to use their cell phone while driving.

One area that I would like to discuss is the use of the built-in speakerphone available on many of the cell phones that we use today. Using the speakerphone feature on your cell phone satisfies the requirements of 23123(a)CVC only if you are not holding the phone while driving. I stopped several drivers this past month who were talking on their cell phone via the speaker phone, but they were holding their phone in their hand approximately 12 to 18 inches away from their face. Using the speakerphone in this manner does not comply with the hands-free law since you are still using your hand to hold your phone.

One distracted driving violation that I did notice an increase in was 27400 CVC. 27400 CVC states that a person operating a motor vehicle or bicycle may not wear a headset covering, or earplugs in, both ears. I observed many drivers

driving down the road with both ear buds of their headset in their ears. Most people I spoke with regarding this violation were not aware that it was a violation. Please be aware that if you are using a headset, you can only have one ear covered. The purpose of this is so that the driver is still able to hear what is happening around him or her.

Overall, I was rather pleased that more drivers were complying with the hands-free cell phone use requirements. Some people would believe that police officers issue citations to be punitive, but our goal is to facilitate a safer environment. Two additional items I wanted to conclude with are:

- Recent case law has now clarified that the driver of a vehicle may use the navigation application on their cell phone while driving without being in violation of 23123(a) CVC.
- I unfortunately noticed a significant number of drivers who were not wearing their seatbelts. Please remember to buckle up!

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2014-1472– On 4/03/2014, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Lenox Ave on a report of an identity theft.
- 2014-1505– On 4/04/2014, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Lake Dr on a report of an identity theft.
- 2014-1165– On 3/20/2014, Officer Martinez responded to the 400 blk of Colusa Ave on a report of a commercial burglary.
- 2014-1177– On 3/20/2014, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Lam Ct on a report of an identity theft.

Reserve Officer:	Armanino (K47)
Days Worked	2
Traffic Stops	2
Moving Citations	0
Parking Citations	0
Vacation/Security	2
Checks	
Cases	0
Arrests	0
Traffic Accident Reports	0
Calls for Service	1

Traffic Totals for Team 2 – includes Master Sergeant Hull

32 citations were issued on Arlington Ave
7 citations were issued on Colusa Ave
3 citations was issued on Grizzly Peak Blvd
2 citations were issued on Franciscan Way

•• **Detective Sergeant Barrow**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

2014-1447 Coroners Case.

On 4/1/2014, Officers responded to an elderly female, not breathing. When they arrived the female had been deceased for several days. The scene had been disturbed prior to the officer's arrival. Certain aspects of the scene led to this incident being investigated as a suspicious death. Later it was determined after an autopsy that the female had died of natural causes. No further action is to be taken in this incident.

2014-1462 Elder Abuse.

On 4/2/2014, Officers responded to Mechanics Bank for a possible forged check. Prior to officer's arrival the suspects had left the area. The suspects have been identified and this case is still under investigation.

2014-1849 / 2014- 1864 Civil.

Husband-Wife dispute over settlement of marital assets and a court order. The interpretation of the court order by opposing parties and of their lawyers was unclear. I met with the judge who had signed the order to gain a clearer understanding of what the Department's role would be in this incident. It was determined that this is only a civil matter and that both parties would have to return to civil court to take any further action. KPD will not take any enforcement action in this incident and would only standby if needed. No further action will be taken.

2014-1850 Warrant Arrest.

On 4/21/2014, while standing in front of the Police Department I noticed a female trying to break into a locked vehicle that had been parked in front of the neighbors residence. I contacted the female who was later transported to the county hospital for a mental health evaluation as she had been running away from, "several bears." I contacted several of her friends nearby and learned one of them was wanted on a no bail warrant out of Alameda County for PC 484 (a) / 666 -2 counts and PC 594 (a). I arrested the subject on the outstanding warrant without incident.

2014-1860 Warrant Arrest.

On 4/18/2014, Officer Wilkens responded to a restraining order violation call in the subject had already left the scene. Subject had stop by restraining parties home but did not make a physical or verbal threats but his mere presence had violated the terms of the order. On 4/22/2014, I obtained an Arrest Warrant for the subject and arrested him at his place of residence in City of Berkeley without incident.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS

- I made court runs to file cases, have a search warrant signed, retrieve court notifications, and have an arrest warrant signed.
- I updated the KPD Case Review Log.
- I review all cases and incidents to ascertain if any further follow up is warranted.
- I reviewed the "Trak Flyer" messages and maintained the flyer board.
- I assisted WestNet in serving several search warrants for suspects. We also served other search warrants in relationship to other ongoing WestNET investigations.

I took several days off to attend a training conference that was not paid for by the District.

KPD Monthly Crime Statistics

April 2014

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	1	0	1	0	0
Larceny Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Theft	1	1	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	2	1	1	0	0
Fraud	1	0	1	0	0
Forgeries	0	0	0	0	0
Restraining Order Violations/ Stalking/ Criminal Threats	1	0	0	1	1
Sex Crimes (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Assault/ Battery (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	3	0	3	0	0
Drugs	1	0	0	1	1
Warrant	2	0	0	2	2
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	2	0	2	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	1	0	0	1	1

Other Crime Totals	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
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All Crime Totals	<u>15</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
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Traffic Accidents (Non-Injury)	4
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0


KPD Crime Statistics

YTD 2014

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	3	0	0	3	1
Residential Burglary	3	2	1	0	0
Larceny Theft	8	1	6	1	0
Vehicle Theft	3	3	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	11	4	7	0	0
Fraud	3	1	2	0	0
Forgeries	0	0	0	0	0
Restraining Order Violations/ Stalking/ Criminal Threats	1	0	0	1	1
Sex Crimes (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Assault/ Battery (other)	1	0	0	1	0
Vandalism	3	0	3	0	0
Drugs	3	0	0	3	3
Warrant	7	0	0	7	7
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	6	2	4	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	5	0	0	5	5
Other Crime Totals	<u>40</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>

All Crime Totals	<u>57</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>17</u>
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Traffic Accidents (Non-Injury)	15
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	1

* 2011 case

•• **Chief Harman**

I really hate to jinx this, but in reviewing April crime statistics, we had a really good month. As for Part One crimes, there was only one residential burglary and one auto theft reported for the month.

What makes this really impressive is the fact that spring break occurred during the month, and during spring break there is usually an increase in criminal activity.

I know the members of the police department have been working hard to reduce criminal activity, and the community has really assisted us by calling in unusual or suspicious activity. Let's keep up the good work!