

KENSINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE #25



Hello Residents:

* * * The Citizen's Academy...

KPD's 2015 Citizen's Academy was a success!!!
Classes began on October 7th and concluded on December 9th, and it consisted of 9 sessions. The subjects covered were the following:

- Ethics/ Professional Standards
- Community Policing
- Crime Prevention/ Patrol Procedures
- Investigative Procedures/ Crime Scene Investigation
- Emergency Management/ Disaster Preparedness
- Criminal Laws/ Laws of Arrest/ Legal Issues
- Officer Safety Issues/ Use of Force
- Evidence and DNA Processing
- Traffic Enforcement Procedures
- Communications: 911/ Records

We covered a lot of information and had the opportunity to learn from each other through presentation and discussion. I look forward to having more Citizen's Academies in the future.

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR
PARTICIPATING RESIDENTS!

SPRING 2016 FBI TEEN ACADEMY

The FBI is currently accepting applications for the 2016 FBI Teen Academy. The academy will be held at 450 Golden Gate Avenue in San Francisco on Thursday, April 7, 2016 from 8:15AM-5:00PM. Any junior or senior high school students from Kensington that are interested in a career in Law Enforcement is encouraged to apply.

Please note this program is not exclusive to students interested in criminal justice. Due to the vast diversity in the FBI workforce, any student with an interest in the FBI, what they do, and how a relationship with the FBI can help their school is encouraged to apply.

Candidates will be evaluated based on their application (including GPA, school activities, and community involvement) and an essay to determine which students will be offered a seat in the class.

Please email Sergeant Kevin Hui at khui@kensingtoncalifornia.org for application materials. The application and supporting essay must be received by February 19, 2016 by 4:00PM.

IRS PHONE SCAMS

Per Detective Sergeant Barrow:

We have been receiving reports of identity theft and several appear to be from mail theft. Typically we start seeing a rise in identity theft during the tax season as personal information is being mailed. We ask you to be cognizant of when mail is being delivered and not leaving it in your mailbox for any extended amount of time. A good idea is to have a locking mailbox or a mail slot into your home or garage. Please be careful with your personal information. Some ID theft victims are due to matters beyond anyone's control. Two years ago, a health facility's main frame was breached, and the personal information of hundreds of patients were compromised and several Kensington residents had their

information stolen. Please call 911 or the RPD Dispatch non-emergency number at 510-236-0474 and report anyone you think is suspicious or unknown to the area.

PLEASE FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<https://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/Scam-Phone-Calls-Continue;-IRS-Identifies-Five-Easy-Ways-to-Spot-Suspicious-Calls>

The [Kensington Public Safety Council](#)

-If you want to get involved in the group, come by on the Second Monday of every month at 6 PM at the Community Center or email the chairperson, Peter Liddell, peterliddell@yahoo.com . You can also email him to request he add you to their e-mail list for new and updates.

KPD Crime Statistics: (Prepared by Detective Sergeant Barrow)

Here's a link to the Kensington California website, and the link will bring you directly to the 2015 crime stats and monthly reports.

<http://kensingtoncalifornia.org/police-department/police-activity-logs/>

* * * Good information on emergency preparedness is available on the Contra Costa Health Services web site at www.cchealth.org/topics/emergencies

* * * If your Neighborhood Group would like an officer to come to your home and speak to your group about Public Safety, Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Watch, please contact Officer Wilkens at www.swilkens@kensingtoncalifornia.org

* * * For the Community Warning System in Contra Cost County for land lines, call 925-313-9622, and enter your phone number to be part of a comprehensive, integrated system for alerting people in Contra Cost County to imminent threats to their life or health. To register your cell phone for the same thing, do so on-line at www.COCOCWS.US

* * * The following web site is presented by FEMA. It's an attempt to assist people in preparing for natural disasters, including wildfires. The PD is not endorsing the site. It is for your consideration. www.ready.gov

Chief Hart is also thinking of other warning systems available to the public and seeing what needs to be done to implement them here in Kensington.

* * * Watch for the Security Alerts we send out when we want you to get some important information ASAP.

* * * This UPDATE is community outreach only and is not intended to be resident's sole source of information from the PD. For more crime information please refer to the District Web Site at www.kensingtoncalifornia.org .

Please let me know if you have suggestions for the 26th "Kensington Neighborhood Watch Update".

Please tell your neighbors to get on this list. Email me at swilkens@kensingtoncalifornia.org.

Thank you,

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