

KENSINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE #24



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

I look forward to the opportunity to put on another Citizen's Academy in the future

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR
PARTICIPATING RESIDENTS!

* * * **Kensington Earthquake Drill: August 29 10am**

Save the Date! There will be a city-wide earthquake drill for Kensington and El Cerrito, on Saturday August 29, 10am to 11am.

This very simple, very short, drill will focus on gathering at your Disaster Meeting Spot, and practicing checking in. No pressure to volunteer for anything! But if this were a real disaster, you could then choose to volunteer on the spot to assist CERT members. Therefore at the drill we will also practice assigning impromptu volunteers to rescue teams, and we will practice radio communication.

At a future drill we will practice actually doing search and rescue, fire suppression, and medical assistance. But the Aug 29 drill is only for practicing organizing whoever is available without advanced preparation.

Your CERT Area Coordinator will provide more information as the date comes closer, including letting you know where your Disaster Meeting Spot is.

You can find your CERT Area coordinator at:
<http://www.el-cerrito.org/index.aspx?NID=579>

* * * 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 June 2015 crime stats. Things are looking good. ☺

http://www.kensingtoncalifornia.org/download/monthly-police-reports/2015_police_monthly_reports/2015-06_PD_Report.pdf

* * * 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 you 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 25th "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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