

# April 2011 Police Department Report

May 6, 2011

- Department Personnel

Sergeant Khan is currently on Workman's Comp medical leave and will be retiring on medical disability on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Commendations and Correspondence- None this month

- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct

- Department Investigation #10-001 was initiated on September 20<sup>th</sup> on an allegation that an officer posted an inappropriate screen saver on a District computer. The investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.
- Department Investigation #10-002 was initiated on November 2<sup>nd</sup> on an allegation that an officer was rude during a traffic stop. This investigation has been completed by Sergeant Hull and the findings were Not Sustained and Unfounded.
- Department Investigation #10-003 was initiated on November 11<sup>th</sup>, at the KPPCSD Board meeting, when Catherine de Neergaard made a formal complaint indicating, "That there is no fair, impartial, and reasonable police review procedure", after voicing her complaints regarding Chief Harman's policies and directions to the department were not being heard. This complaint was followed by an e-mail complaint received by Chief Harman on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

This complaint will be investigated by Chief Harman and will be presented to the Board at a future KPPCSD Board meeting.

- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.

- The Ring Time Report for April documented 49 "911" calls received with 2 having a ring time over 20 seconds.

The first occurred on 04-01-11, at 8:40 PM with a ring time of 33 seconds. This was on a report of a fall victim.

The second occurred on 04-21-11, at 10:16 AM and was for 30 seconds.

The dispatcher spoke to the caller for 4:15 minutes on what was a possible medical call.

The average ring time for the month of March was 6.3 seconds.

- Communication Center Service Complaints

- No complaints received this month however, ***this is a good time to remind everyone that for police non-emergencies, you need to contact the dispatch center at “236-0474” and not the KPPCSD business line of 526-4141.*** The KPPCSD business line is only monitored 6 hours a day during the week and should not be used to report police matters. Doing so, only delays the police response time, so please dial Dispatch direct.

- Community Networking

- On 04-04-11, Chief Harman attended the Kensington Community Council meeting.
- On 04-06-11, Chief Harman attended the West County Chief's meeting in Hercules.
- On 04-09-11, Chief Harman attended the Kensington Community Council Spring Party.
- On 04-11-11, Officer Doug Wilson and Reserve Officer Ted Foley attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting.

Chief Harman and Yolla Harman attended the Contra Costa County CSDA 20 Year Anniversary Dinner in Pleasant Hill.

- On 04-25-11, Chief Harman attended the Kensington Improvement Club meeting.
- On 04-29-11, Detective Barrow collected 134 pounds of prescription medication at the Public safety Building during the “Drug Take Back Day” event.

- Community Criminal Activity

- This section of the Watch Commander's Reports are prepared by Sergeant Hull for Team One, Acting Sergeant Hui for Team 2, and Detective Barrow.

- Watch Commander Reports
- **Sergeant Hull**

TEAM #1 STATISTICS

Sgt. Hull (K17) wrote 6 moving citations

Officer:	Stegman (K32) (0600-1800)	Wilson (K38) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	15	10
Traffic Stops	36	30
Moving Citations	26	23
Parking Citations	3	7
Vacation/Security Checks	44	58
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	4	0
Self Initiated Cases	0	0
Arrests	0	0
Calls for Service	44	16

Sergeant Hull attended an Individual Crisis Intervention Peer Support class (2 days).

Officer Wilson took 44 hours of Vacation.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed KPD Policy 452 – Medical Marijuana
- Reviewed KPD Policy 360 – Death Investigation
- Discussed professionalism and conduct with citizens
- Discussed Internal Investigations

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

The Police Department met with KPD retirees and updated their firearms qualifications and ID cards. I would also like to recognize the good job being done by Field Training Officers Martinez, Barrow, Stegman, and Wilson. Their efforts have been crucial to the success at maintaining a high level of service to residents and preparing the Reserve trainees to operate in the District. With all our efforts, we still need the assistance of residents to successfully close cases as they occur. In addition to the training of new officers, maintaining patrol responsibilities, they continue to complete their collateral duties efficiently.

Recently daytime residential burglaries increased. Due to the aggressive nature of these burglaries, door kicks, I would like to urge residents who are home

during the day to call in suspicious vehicles and people. If someone knocks on your door purporting to sell something or state they have the wrong address, I urge you to contact police so we can make contact with that person.

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- 2011-2136 – On 4-5-2011, Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Highland Blvd. to a report of arson.
- 2011-2165 – On 4/6/2011, Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Edgcroft Dr on a report of tampering with a vehicle.
- 2011-2319 – On 4-12-2011, Officer Stegman responded to the 600 block of Parkside Ct. to a report of attempted residential burglary.
- 2011-2460 – On 4/18/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Turner responded to the unit bock of Purdue Ave on a report of a theft from a vehicle.
- 2011-2468 – On 4/18/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Turner responded to the 300 block of Arlington Ave on a report of an injury traffic collision.
- 2011-2505 – On 4/20/2011, Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Ardmore Rd on a report of a theft.
- 2011-2599 – On 4/24/2011, Officer Wilson and Reserve Armanino responded to the 200 block of Willamette Ave on a report of a disturbance.

**•• Acting Sergeant Hui**

**TEAM #2 STATISTICS**

A.S. Hui (K42) wrote 8 moving citations.  
(1400-0200)

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Medina (K35) (1800-0600)	Ramos (K41) (0730-1730)
Days Worked	13	16	9
Traffic Stops	34	114	13
Moving Citations	30	99	9
Parking Citations	4	8	1
Vacation/Security Checks	24	71	48
FI-Field Interview	0	0	0
Cases	3	2	3
Self Initiated Cases	1	0	0
Arrests	1	0	0
Calls for Service	49	30	37

Officer Martinez attended a Patrol Rifle Operators class (3 days).  
Officer Ramos attended a Patrol Motorcycle Operators class (10 days).

Acting Sergeant Hui attended an Individual Crisis Intervention Peer Support class (2 days).

Officer Martinez took 12 hours of Vacation.

Officer Medina recovered 4 hours of Comp Time.

Acting Sergeant Hui recovered 80 hours of Comp Time.

#### SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

Over the course of the past several months, I have noticed an increase in the percentage of residential burglaries where exterior doors have been forced open. Please make sure that your door locks are properly installed. Many of the lock manufacturers specify the use of 2.5" to 3" screws to fasten the strike plates onto the door jamb. I have seen several instances where short screws were used to attach the strike plates. Although the longer screws may not prevent a door from being kicked in, they do significantly increase the amount of effort required to force open a door.

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2011-2074 – On 4/2/2011, Officer Martinez and Reserve Colon initiated a traffic enforcement stop on the unit blk of Arlington Ave that resulted in a warrant arrest.
- 2011-2075 – On 4/2/2011, Officer Martinez and Reserve Colon initiated a traffic enforcement stop on the unit blk of Arlington Ave and cited the driver for a Health and Safety Code violation.
- 2011-2120 – On 4/5/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 300 blk of Coventry Rd on a report of a residential burglary.
- 2011-2143 – On 4/5/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 blk of Los Altos Dr on a report of a theft from a vehicle.
- 2011-2173 – On 4/6/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 blk of Willamette Ave on a report of a residential burglary.
- 2011-2174 – On 4/7/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Highgate Rd on a report of a residential burglary.
- 2011-2343 – On 4/13/2011, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the intersection of Lenox Rd and Beverly Rd on a report of a traffic collision.
- 2011-2348 – On 4/14/2011, Officer Martinez towed a vehicle on the unit blk of Arlington Ave because the driver did not possess a valid license.
- 2011-2351 – On 4/14/2011, Officer Medina responded to the 600 blk of Beloit Ave on a report of a theft.
- 2011-2576 – On 4/23/2011, Officer Martinez and Reserve Armanino responded to the 600 blk of Coventry Rd on a report of a disturbance.
- 2011-2697 – On 4/28/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Amherst Ave on a report of vandalism.
- 2011-2706 – On 4/28/2011, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the 100 blk of Highland Blvd on a report of a residential burglary.

- 2011-2742 – On 4/30/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Colon met a resident at the police station who turned in a pellet gun for safekeeping.

#### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

- 103 moving citations were issued on Arlington Avenue.
- 76 moving citations were issued on Colusa Avenue.
- 11 moving citations were issued on Franciscan Way.
- 2 moving citations were issued on Berkeley Park Boulevard.
- 2 moving citations were issued on Ardmore Rd
- 2 moving citations were issued on Beloit Ave.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Coventry Rd.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Eureka Ave.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Amherst Ave.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Yale Ave.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Fairmont Ave.

#### •• **Detective Keith Barrow**

#### **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

2011-2136, 1912 Arson.

On 04-05-11, an officer responded to a reported arson outside of a classroom at the Kensington Hilltop School. This is the second arson perpetrated at the school in the last month. This case is under investigation.

2011-2120, 2173, 2194, 2706 Residential Burglary

In the month of April we received four residential burglaries with the primary entry points were pried open doors. One window was also left open. These cases are under investigation.

2011-1656 Trespassing, Possession of Burglary Tools, Receiving Stolen Property, and Auto Theft.

On 03-14-11, KPD Officers were conducting a follow-up investigation and contacted seven individuals at a residence located in the 00 block of Windsor Avenue. The residence was vacant and being remodeled. A stolen vehicle was located in the driveway that may be linked to thefts in the cities of Berkeley and El Cerrito. The seven individuals were arrested for trespassing, possession of burglary tools, receiving stolen property, and auto theft. **This case will be submitted to the Contra Costa DA for prosecution.**

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.

#### 2011-1311 Petty Theft

On 02-25-11, Officer Medina took a reported theft of a license plate. The plate has been found on a stolen vehicle and two suspects have been taken into custody by Walnut Creek Police Department. This case may be connected to recent Kensington residential burglaries. This case is under investigation.

#### 2010-5319 and 5351 Arson

On 10-16-10 and 10-17-10, Kensington Police Officers responded to fires at 59 Arlington Avenue, the Kensington Park Building E. The fires were determined to be arsons. These cases are under investigation.

#### 2010-3491 Identity Theft.

Case under investigation.

#### 2010-1457 Hit and Run Vehicle Accident.

A vehicle left the roadway and struck an AT&T phone box and two parked vehicles. **Charges have been filed in this case.** The suspect in this case has been arrested in another county for drug related offences. He will have to wait until the other county adjudicates its case before the suspect can be held to answer for the crimes committed in Kensington.

### **KPD INVESTIGATIONS**

- Made several court runs for filling cases, and citation drop off's.
- Updated the KPD residential burglary log.
- Updated the KPD stolen vehicle log.
- I'm currently assigned one day per week as a Field Training Officer.
- On April 30, 2011, we had our second prescription drug, National Take Back Initiative event, sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). At our last event we received **56 lbs.** of unpackaged prescription drugs. This event was a great success as we took in **134 lbs.** of unpackaged prescription drugs, far surpassing our last event. DEA Supervisory Special Agent Glenn Moore of the Oakland field office told me he was hoping that we will have another National Take Back Initiative Day sometime in the month of October. I will keep you informed of any further dates.

### **WEST-NET ASIGNMENT:**

I am currently assigned to the West Contra Costa County Narcotic Enforcement Team (West-NET) one day per week.

While on this assignment I work with other West Contra Costa County law enforcement officers and agencies. I participate and aid in the service of search warrants, surveillance and on going narcotics investigations.

In the month of April West-NET Agents with the help of state, federal, and local law enforcement agencies served over thirty state and federal search warrants

throughout the Bay Area. Agents seized approximately 135 lbs. of methamphetamines, 26 firearms and arrested 17 people on federal arrest warrants and numerous other people on state criminal charges.

## **INVESTIGATORS SUMMARY:**

In the month of April the District of Kensington sustained 0 identity theft, 1 non-injury vehicle accident and 0 Hit and Run Vehicle Accident, 0 Injury Hit and Run Accident, 0 Injury Accident, 4 Residential Burglaries, 1 Attempted Residential Burglaries, 1 Commercial Burglary, 0 Auto Burglary, 3 Thefts from unlocked vehicles, 0 Stolen Vehicle, 1 Petty Theft, 1 Vandalisms, 0 Embezzlement, 0 Elder Abuse, 0 Frauds, 0 Forgery, 0 Attempted Grand Thefts and 0 Grand Thefts.

### **•• Chief Harman**

An update on the on going traffic issues in the community.

Following the March 10<sup>th</sup> KPPCSD Board meeting, in which the Board directed Jerry Fahy of the County's Public Works Department to install the solar powered radar sign at 34 Arlington, Samane Nili contacted the Contra Costa County Public Works Director in protest, halting the installation. Ms. Nili had a scheduled meeting with the Public Works Director set for March 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss her concerns.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, I was informed by Jerry Fahy that he was instructed to look at two other possible locations for the sign, which he intended to do the week of March 28<sup>th</sup>. He indicated that once he investigates other possible locations and meets with the Public Works Director and Supervisor John Gioia, he will provide me an update on the radar sign.

As you can see from the Sergeant's reports, we are continuing with our traffic enforcement efforts with 201 traffic citations issued during the month.

Officer Ramos has successfully completed his 80-hours POST certified Motorcycle Officer training course. This course is the most difficult POST course to successfully complete in law enforcement. Congratulations Manny!

Officer Ramos will begin a short field motor training program with a motor officer from another police department before going out on motor traffic enforcement duties in Kensington.

The residents from the Franciscan & Sunset area are setting up a meeting to voice their concerns regarding traffic enforcement in their area. This meeting is being set up to be held sometime in May. Those that wish to attend, please contact me for the date, time, and location as it becomes available.