

Kensington Community Updates



Community Safety Cameras Three (3) community safety cameras were installed in May. Two more will be installed in June, completing the project. As the cameras are being installed, supervisors are monitoring the captured data for function, frequency, and accuracy before fully implementing the program to patrol officers.

May Data Captured – three (3) cameras		
Type	Stolen Plates	Stolen Vehicle
Count	60	1

Police Radios

On October 12th, 2020, the California Department Of Justice (DOJ) announced new standards for police departments whenever officers broadcast citizen information over their radios. This standard required police departments to update and encrypt their radios. Kensington successfully updated and encrypted its radio inventory in May, bringing the police department into compliance with the DOJ requirements. Kensington is the first agency in Contra Costa County to comply with this requirement.

Training



The police department once again prioritized de-escalation training and crisis intervention strategies. Sergeant Lande provided Active Listening Skills (ASL) and Crisis Communications training for Officers Thota and De Santiago. Ofc. De Santiago and Sgt. Lande attended training on the use of de-escalation/less lethal impact platforms to include the 40mm sponge round and the bean bag round. The training included an emphasis on system handling, marksmanship, implementation as part of a crisis response team, case law, policy, and scenarios. The training was conducted in

conjunction with the El Cerrito Police Department's Advanced Officer Training program. Sgt. Lande, Ofc. Gill, and Ofc. De Santiago attended the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Building Entry and Search course in Elk Grove to improve officer safety when entering a building. Sgt. Lande completed an additional course on advanced reporting for DUI investigations. Safe traffic enforcement stop procedures training was completed with members of the El Cerrito Police Department. Officers received more than forty (40) hours of in-service perishable skills training.

Traffic Safety

Two misdemeanor hit and run investigations and two non-injury collision investigations were handled this month. One of the collisions involved four vehicles on Berkeley Park Blvd between Coventry and Ocean View.

On May 11th, Kensington and El Cerrito Officers conducted a joint directed speed enforcement operation in both Kensington and El Cerrito focused on speeding motorists on both Moeser Ave and Colusa Ave. The operation involved the use of Radar and Lidar. Officers continue to identify opportunities to leverage interagency coordination and resources to improve traffic safety in Kensington.

Kensington PD will be conducting its final Grant Funded DUI Enforcement operation on Friday June 7th from 2:00pm to midnight. Officers will focus their attention on impaired drivers as well as educating the public about the dangers of driving while impaired.

Chief of Police



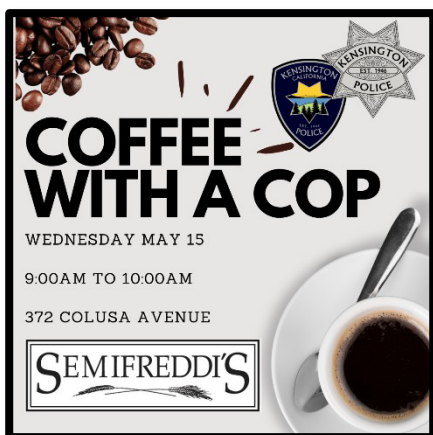
On Thursday, May 9, four officers were officially sworn in and took the oath of office during the monthly Board of Directors meeting. These officers have an outstanding background, demonstrating exceptional skills and dedication, making them ideal additions to the Kensington Police Department. With their expertise and commitment to serving the community, they are poised to uphold the department's mission and contribute to ensuring public safety and security in

Kensington. Their induction marks a significant step forward in achieving a full staff, reinforcing the department's capabilities, and enhancing its customer service theme while furthering our ability to address the evolving challenges of law enforcement. Many families and friends were present to enjoy the ceremony.

From left to right

- Officer Vijayram Thota
- Officer Harjot Gill
- Officer Jesse De Santiago
- Reserve Officer Michael Tranate

Community



On May 15th at 9:00 am, Coffee with A COP made a triumphant return to Kensington, generously hosted by Semi Freddi's Bakery. Attendees were treated to a delightful spread of coffee and pastries while engaging in lively conversations with officers and Volunteer, Mike Logan. The highlight of the event was the unveiling of the department's new patrol car, made possible through grant funding. Sergeant Nath and Volunteer Logan led informative tours of the vehicle, showcasing its innovative features and design elements. Enthusiastic discussions ensued about the car's colors, graphics, and advanced technology. The success of this event sets the stage for our upcoming Pizza with Police event, graciously hosted by Benchmark Pizzeria on

Wednesday, June 15th, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. We look forward to another opportunity to

connect with our community over delicious food and meaningful dialogue. For more information about upcoming events, visit KPPCSD.org or our Facebook page.



Hilltop Elementary School Carnival



Officers Gill and De Santiago exemplified the Kensington Police Department's commitment to community engagement by participating in the annual Kensington Hilltop Elementary School Carnival. With warmth and professionalism, they fielded inquiries, offered informative tours of patrol vehicles, and distributed stickers to eager attendees. Their presence at this event underscored the department's dedication to fostering positive relationships with local schools and nurturing trust within the community.

Volunteers in Policing (VIPS)



In Kensington, our community thrives thanks to the dedicated efforts of our invaluable volunteers who generously contribute their time and expertise. In May, these volunteers collectively donated twenty-nine (29) hours of service to both the District and the wider community. Their contributions encompass a range of essential tasks, including fleet maintenance, technology integration, and active participation in various community events. Under the capable supervision of Sergeant A. Nath, our volunteer program operates seamlessly, with Sergeant Nath overseeing daily communications and task assignments. As evidenced by its growing success, the program continues to evolve, demonstrating its pivotal role in enhancing

police and district operations while fostering community well-being. Looking ahead, we are excited to expand our volunteer base this summer, confident that their dedication will further

elevate our collective efforts in serving and enriching our community.

Swearing In Ceremony

