

# MONTHLY REPORT

**FEBRUARY 2023**

KENSINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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# February 2023 Monthly Report

## Happenings

New Officer David Payne officially began the Patrol Field Training Program with FTO Jose Fajardo on Sunday Night, February 9, at 6:00 pm. We look forward to him being a part of our future.

The Tree Project in Kensington Park was completed on time and without incident. Police patrolled the area regularly to ensure pedestrians remained a safe distance from the machinery and high-flying trees.



## Organization

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| 1. Chief of Police | M. Gancasz |
| 2. Lieutenant      | B. Harms   |
| 3. Sergeant        | A. Nath    |
| 4. Sergeant        | B. Lande   |
| 5. Officer         | J. Fajardo |
| 6. Officer         | D. Siebert |
| 7. Officer         | M. Farley  |
| 8. Officer         | D. Payne   |
| 9. Officer         | M. Smith   |
| 10. Support Staff  | J. Haynes  |
| 11. Volunteer      | L. Stokes  |
| 12. Volunteer      | M. Logan   |
| 13. Volunteer      | E. Woo     |

### February 2023

Fleet..... All Cars in service  
 CIBRS/NIBRS.....Compliant  
 RIPA.....Compliant  
 Training.....SB2 DeCert/SLI/Mark 43/Clets  
 CCW Program.....Up to Date

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On duty Injuries.....Zero  
 On duty collisions.....Zero  
 Complaints.....One Internal  
 Compliments.....One  
 COVID Exposure..... Zero

# PATROL OPERATIONS

INCIDENT SUMMARY	
DESCRIPTION	COUNT
Incidents Captured	752
Public Calls for Service	96
Officer Initiated Events	656
Traffic Stops	26
Citations Issued	22
Arrests	0
Reports taken	10

PART 1 CRIMES	
DESCRIPTION	COUNT
Assault	0
Murder	0
Sex Offenses	0
Robbery/Extortion	0
Burglary	1
Theft	5
Arson	0

INCIDENTS BY TYPE		
INCIDENT TYPE	DESCRIPTION	COUNT
10-33	Alarm	6
10851 VC	Vehicle Theft	1
11-24	Abandoned Vehicle	1
11-82	Vehicle Accident - No Injury	1
20002 VC	Hit and Run - Property Damage	2
23103 VC	Reckless Driving	1
415 PC	415 PC - Disturbance of Peace	2
459 PC	Burglary	1
487 PC	Grand Theft	4
488 PC	Petty Theft	1
594 PC	Vandalism	1
911CALL	911 Call	11
AREACHK	Area Security Check	187

CITECORR	Citation Correction	2
COP	Community Oriented Policing	17
EXTPATRL	Request for Extra Patrol	314
FDAMBRUN	Medical - Illness, injury, accident	1
FLAG	Flag down of Officer	2
FOLLOWUP	Case/Incident Follow-Up Activity	21
FOOTPTRL	Foot Patrol	2
INFO	INFORMATION	5
MPAIDED	Citizen Assist	20
MPAUTO	Mis Pub Auto	6
MPCIVIL	Misc Civil Matter	1
MPJUV	Juvenile Problem	1
OUTASST	Assistance to an Outside Agency	12
PARKER	Parking Citation	8
PEDCHK	Misc Check of a Pedestrian	4
PROPDMG	Damage to Property (City or Private)	1
RIDER	Ride Along	1
RIPATEST	RIPA TEST INCIDENT	1
ROADCLS	Road Closure	10
SECURITY	Security or Business Chk	29
SUSCIRC	Suspicious Circumstance	6
SUSVEH	Suspicious Vehicle	6
TRFHAZ	Traffic Hazard	3
TRIP	Check Vehicle Registration & Status	11
VACWATCH	Vacant Home Watch	22
VEHSTOP	Vehicle Stop	26
WELFARE	Welfare Check	1

**Total Incidents 752**

## February Patrol Log

- On Wednesday, February 1, at 0858 hours, Officers responded to a residential burglary in the 200 block of Columbia Avenue. Officers determined unknown suspects stole two bicycles from a garage. There were no witnesses to this event and officers are pursuing all leads.
- On Wednesday, February 1, at 1018 hours, Officers responded to a medical call in the 100 block of Arlington Avenue. Paramedics performed CPR but were unable to revive the elderly female. Police determined there were no suspicious circumstances associated with this event.
- On Thursday, February 2, at 1530 hours, Officers took a report of a catalytic converter theft in the 200 block of Colgate Avenue.
- On Friday, February 10, at 0430 hours, Officers saw a parked car that had the catalytic converter stolen prior to it being discovered by the homeowner. Officers took a report.
- On Tuesday, February 14, at 1300 hours, Officers responded to the 300 block of Coventry Road for a report of a theft.
- On Thursday, February 16, at 1100 hours, Officers responded to a theft in the 200 block of Los Altos Drive. A neighborhood canvass revealed video from a home that captured the theft at 0400 hours. The video was collected, and Officers are pursuing leads.
- On Thursday, February 23, at 0715 hours Officers responded to the 400 block of Colusa Avenue for a vandalism report that took place at a constructions site. Video was located showing the crime took place at 1747 hours. Officers are pursuing all leads.
- On Thursday, February 23, at 0800 hours, Officers were dispatched to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 100 block of Windsor Avenue. Follow up investigation revealed the vehicle was seen at a toll booth in Richmond at 0115 hours. The investigation is ongoing.
- On Monday, February 23, Officers responded to the 200 block of Yale Avenue for a report of a stolen package. Officers are following up on leads provided by the homeowner's security cameras.

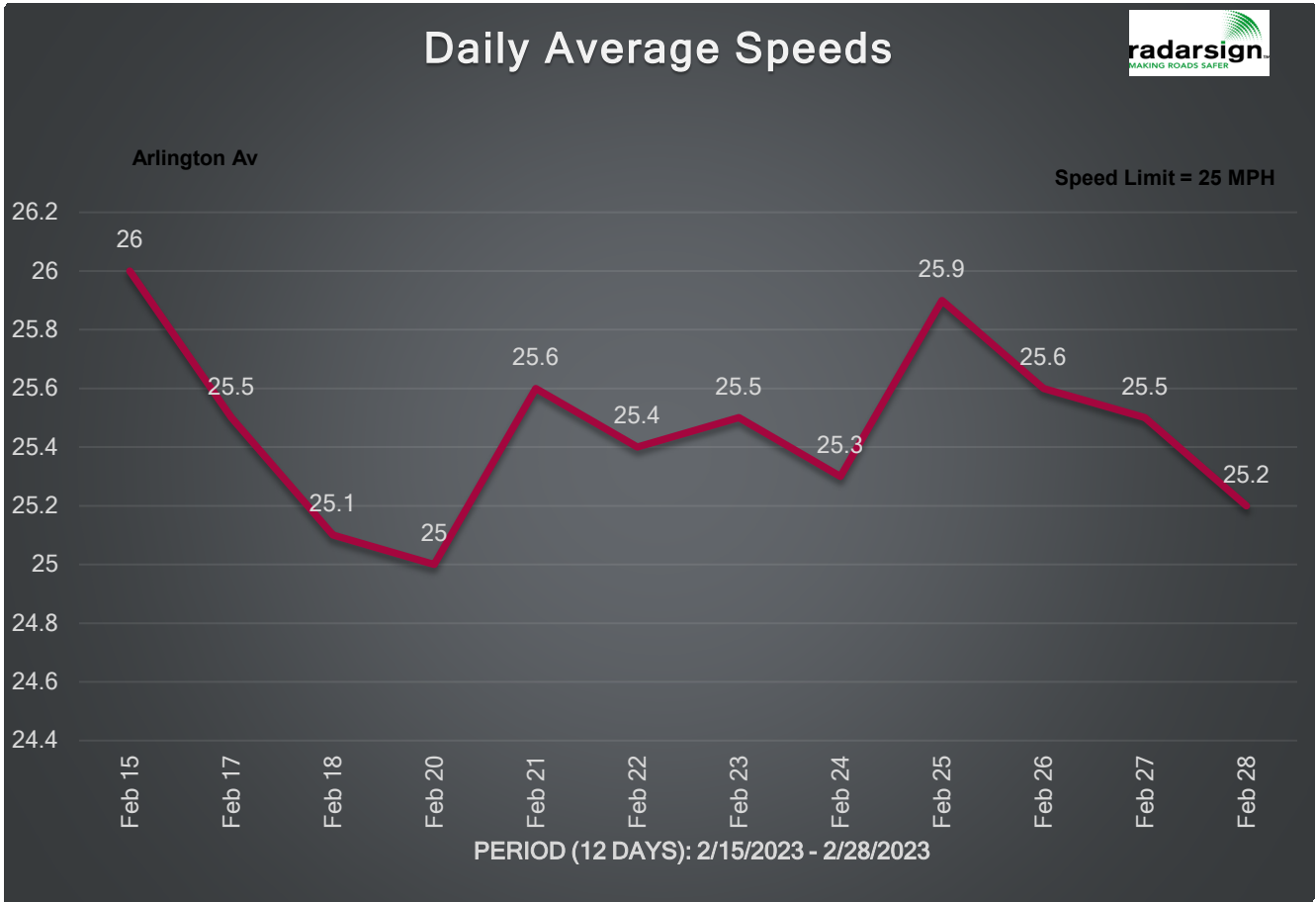
## Traffic Safety

During January, traffic collisions were down 100%, from 5 and there was one online supplemental traffic safety report in January. The online complaint resulted in one citation being issued.

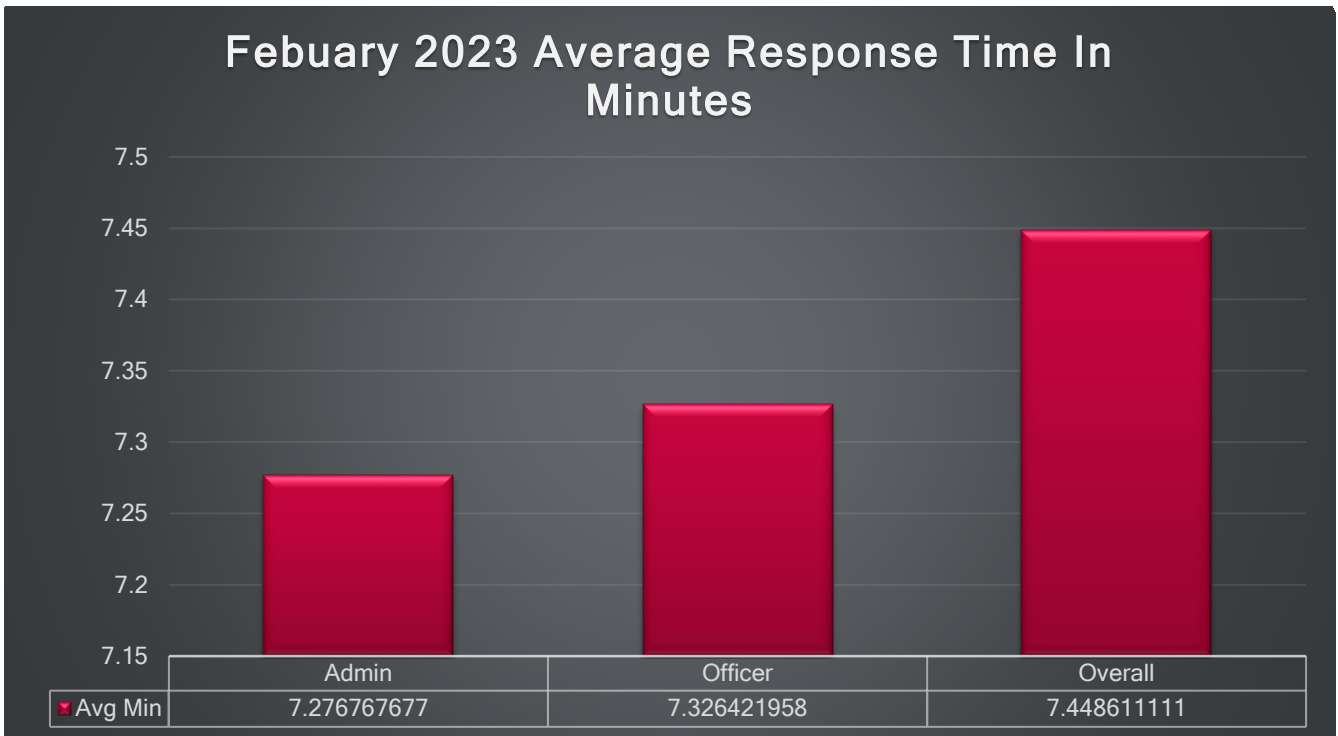
KPD Officers also responded to and coordinated several road closures due EBMUD construction at the Shakespeare Cluster. All closures were initiated by utility companies, including PG&E, Contra Costa County Public Works, EBMUD, and Stege Sanitation District.

Officers regularly monitor speeding on Arlington Av and observed average speeds remained consistent with January (24.35MPH). The average vehicle speed on Arlington Ave is consistent with the 25 MPH posted speed, showing a two-week average speed of 25.46. There is a minor fluctuation between average and peak speeds with most speed violations occurring between 1130 hours and 1530 hours. There are no obvious speeding trends associated with days of the week.

During the two-week review period 19,103 cars passed the radar sign, and 17 of those vehicles exceeded the speed limit by 15mph or more (down from 35 in January). For every 1000 cars passing the radar sign on Arlington Ave, 1.12 vehicles will exceed the speed limit by 15mph. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed averaged 31.92 MPH. That means that 85% of all vehicles passing the radar had a speed no more than 6.92 mph above the speed limit. Of all the vehicles passing the radar, 6.4% of all vehicles exceeded the speed limit by 5 mph (a decrease from January 2023) and 0.003% exceeded the limit by 10 mph or more.



## New Location



Our newest officer, David Payne, officially started on February 9, and is in the Field Training Program assigned to the patrol division.

\*A formal offer of employment was extended to a police officer from the city of Fremont after he successfully completed all phases of the background process. He accepted the offer, and his first official day will be on March 13, 2023. We look forward to swearing them in at a future board meeting. Staffing levels remained at 8 officers for most of the month however, we anticipate being fully staffed by March 13.

Response time for officers was reduced in February compared to January by 2 ½ minutes.

## Training

- Sergeant Nath attended and completed session #3 of the POST-approved Supervisory Leadership Institute. His anticipated graduation will be in July 2023.
- Sgt. Lande continues offering weekly briefing training using “The Briefing Room” service. Officers review weekly training videos on a wide range of topics from officer safety, de-escalation procedures, and constitutional issues in policing.
- Sergeant Nath and Jason Haynes attended SB2 De Certification Training from POST utilizing the MARK43 platform to enter and review data.
- The California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training completed its annual audit of our police officer files on March 1 which will be discussed in next month’s report.
- I attended an online presentation by Flock Safety to explore obtaining security cameras for the District.