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DATE: June 30th, 2024

TO: David Aranda: General Manager

FROM: M. Gancasz, Chief of Police

RE: Police Chief’s Monthly Report, June 2024

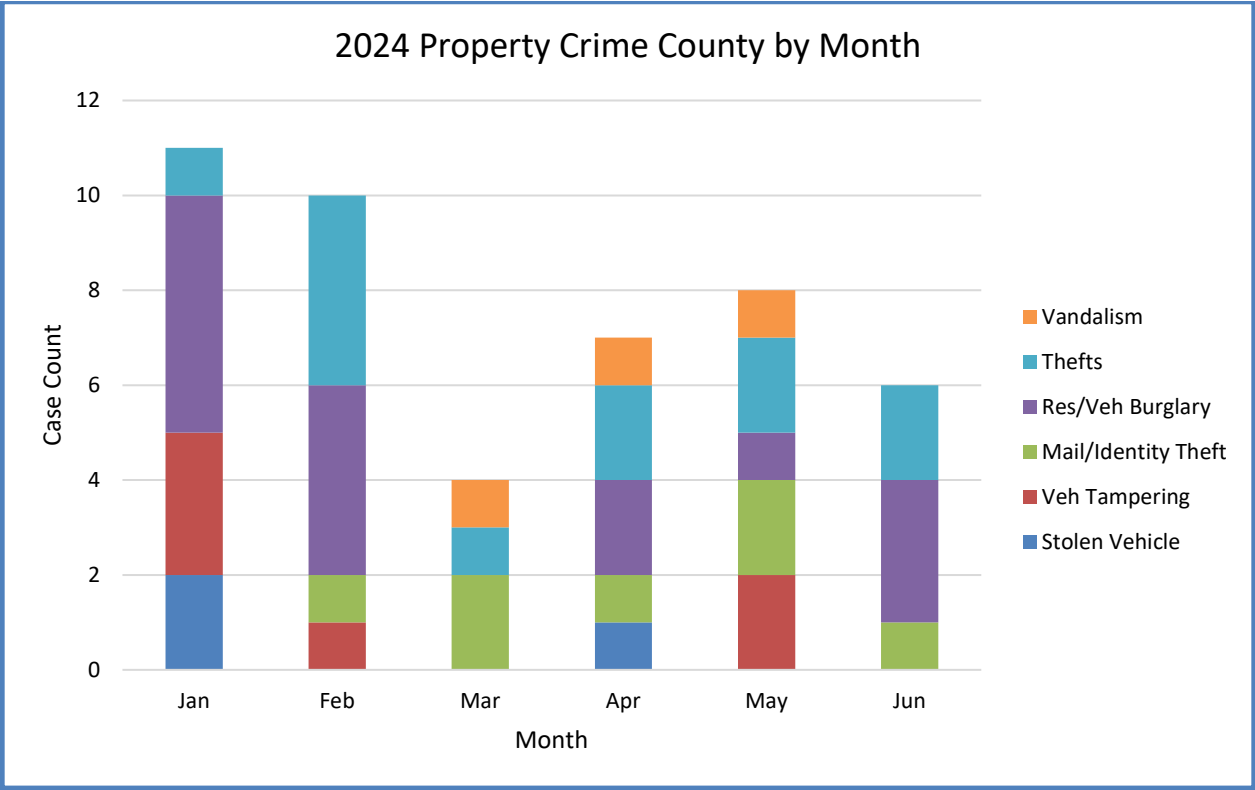
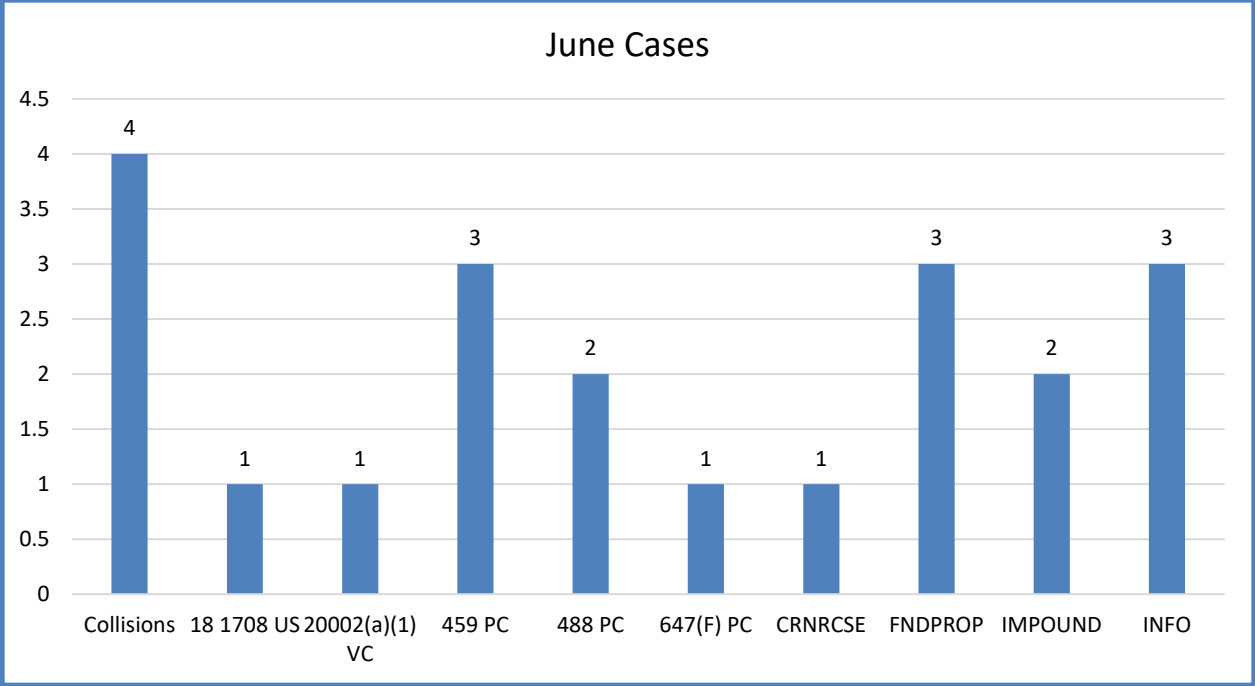
Patrol Operations

In June, the Kensington Police Department responded to 1,262 incidents, a slight increase from the previous month's 1,226 incidents. Of these, officers initiated 923 actions, including 125 traffic enforcement stops, which led to 72 citations. This reflects a rise in stops and a decrease in citations compared to the prior month. Additionally, officers responded to 339 dispatched calls for service, up from 320 in May, and completed 26 reports, compared to 25 previously. One misdemeanor arrest was made during this period.

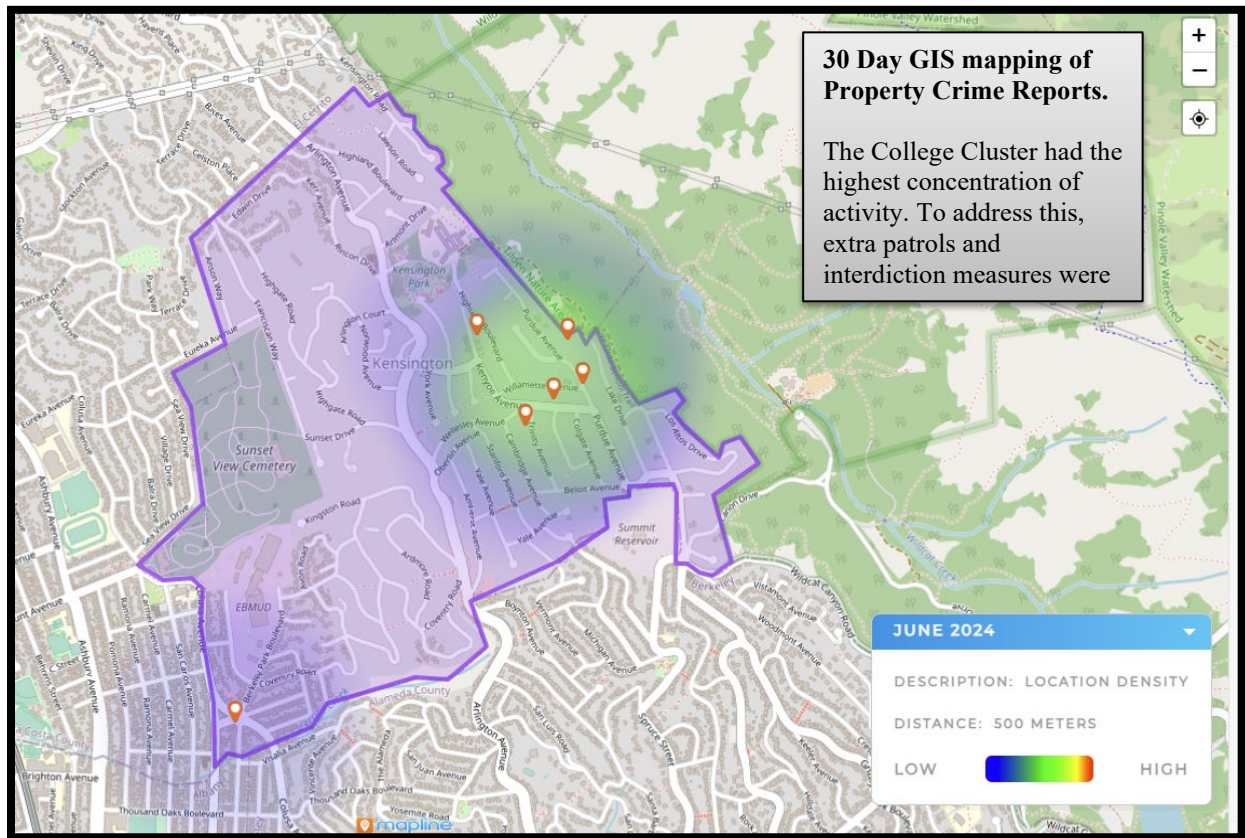
The department investigated a range of incidents, including two residential burglaries, an auto burglary, theft of auto parts, grand theft, a death investigation, public intoxication, and two incidents of mail theft. Furthermore, the average response time of officers improved from 5.1 minutes to 4.1 minutes.

Table 1. Date and Time Heatmap

Day of the Week	0000-0600	0600-1200	1200-1800	1800-2400	Grand Total
MO	1	3	2	0	6
TU	1	0	1	1	3
WE	1	0	0	1	2
TH	0	0	1	1	2
FR	0	0	2	0	2
SA	0	0	1	1	2
SU	0	1	3	0	4
Grand Total	3	4	10	4	21



Crime Trend Mapping June 1-30, 2024



Activity Log

June 1st: Officers conducted a traffic enforcement stop at Colusa Circle for a stop sign violation. The driver yielded at Colusa Avenue and Fairmount Avenue. Following an evaluation, the driver was cited for the infraction.

June 3rd: Officers responded to a request for outside assistance from Albany PD regarding a theft. The suspect, who became violent with Albany PD officers, was apprehended with the assistance of Kensington officers. There were no reported injuries.

June 6th: Officers responded to a report of license plate theft on Trinity Avenue. An investigation is currently underway.

June 8th: Officers responded to a rollover collision with injuries on Arlington Avenue. A report was taken.

June 10th: Officers received a report of a missing person near Colusa Circle. After gathering information and entering the individual into the missing persons' database, officers conducted a search and successfully located them several hours later.

June 12th: Officers responded to a hit-and-run collision on Arlington Avenue. A report was filed.

June 17th: Officers conducted directed traffic enforcement on Arlington Avenue from Amherst Avenue to Lam Court. Multiple citations were issued, and two vehicles were impounded due to expired registrations: one expired over a year ago, and the other over five years ago.

June 17th (same day): Officers responded to a non-injury traffic collision at Arlington Avenue and Westminster Avenue. A report was completed.

June 22nd: Officers responded to Arlington Avenue for an intoxicated person. The suspect was arrested and released with a citation. The case has been referred to the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office.

June 23rd: Officers investigated a mail theft report and collaborated with citizens who provided suspect information and vehicle details. Officers confirmed the vehicle's license plate using witness video and our **Flock community safety cameras**. The investigation, in conjunction with another agency in Contra Costa County, remains ongoing.

June 24th: Officers responded to a non-injury traffic collision involving an oversized vehicle while training with Kensington/El Cerrito Fire near Grizzly Peak Boulevard and Beloit Avenue. An investigation and traffic collision report were conducted.

June 24th (same day): Officers responded to a non-injury collision in the 200 block of Kenyon Avenue and authored a traffic collision report.

June 25th: Officers responded to a deceased person in a residence. A Coroner's report was filed, and the investigation concluded.

June 25th (same day): Officers responded to reports of multiple auto burglaries on Kenyon Avenue and Westminster Avenue. Using **Flock community safety cameras**, officers identified the suspect vehicle and its license plate. Information has been shared with allied agencies to address similar crimes in their jurisdictions. The investigation is ongoing.

June 27th: Officers responded to a burglary at an accessory dwelling unit on Purdue Avenue. The investigation is ongoing.

June 30th: Officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance. Following the investigation, one individual was arrested, a report was filed, and the case has been referred to the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office.



Community Safety Cameras In June, we installed two more community safety cameras, bringing our total to five. Our supervisors diligently review the captured data for functionality, frequency, and accuracy before integrating the program fully into patrols. This ensures we use the best tools to keep our community safe and secure.

May Data Captured – five (5) cameras		
Type	Stolen Plates	Stolen Vehicle
Count	160	1

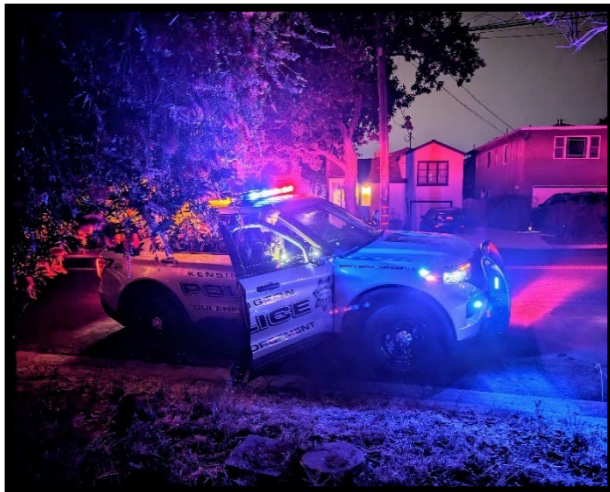
Training

The police department continued to prioritize de-escalation training and crisis intervention strategies. Sergeant Lande and Officer Payne attended training sessions conducted by CORE (Contra Costa County Homeless Services) and A3 (Contra Costa County Crisis Response Team) at ECPD. In addition, officers received training from Deputy Yen of the Contra Costa County Mental Health Evaluation Team at KPD. Sergeant Lande also completed Legal Updates Training for 2024 and participated in courses on Ethical Decision Making in Policing, Introduction to Non-Confrontational Investigative Interviewing, and CA POST's Training Officer Skills.

Furthermore, Officer De Santiago and Sergeant Nath participated in K9 building search training with ECPD. At the same time, Sergeant Lande provided additional training to Officers Payne and Thota in building entry and room-clearing techniques.

Traffic Safety

This month, our team investigated one misdemeanor hit-and-run, one injury collision, and three non-injury collisions. Three of these incidents occurred on Arlington Ave, a key area of concern for our community's safety. On June 7th, Kensington officers conducted a DUI operation supported by the Office of Traffic Safety to increase awareness and remove dangerous drivers from the roads.



Chief of Police

We're thrilled to welcome Sergeant Jose Riveria from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office, who accepted our offer on June 20. He will officially join our team on July 16 and begin our orientation program under the guidance of Sergeant B. Lande and Lieutenant A. Nath. Additionally, we're pleased to announce a three-year extension to our dispatch contract with the Albany Police Department. Chief John Geissberger and I are delighted with our agencies' ongoing collaboration. I'm particularly grateful for the outstanding dispatch services they consistently provide.

Community



On June 12th at 11:00 a.m., we had a wonderful time joining the community at Pizza with Police, generously hosted by Benchmark Pizzeria. Attendees enjoyed delicious, fresh, authentic pizza and engaged in lively conversations with officers and volunteers. This second community gathering sets the stage for our third event, Coffee with a Cop at Raxakoul Coffee & Cheese, in July. We eagerly anticipate another opportunity to connect with our community over great coffee and meaningful dialogue. For more information about our upcoming events, please visit KPPCSD.org or our Facebook page. We hope to see you there!

