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**FROM:** M. Gancasz, Chief of Police

**RE:** Police Chief's Monthly Report, October 2024

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### Patrol Operations

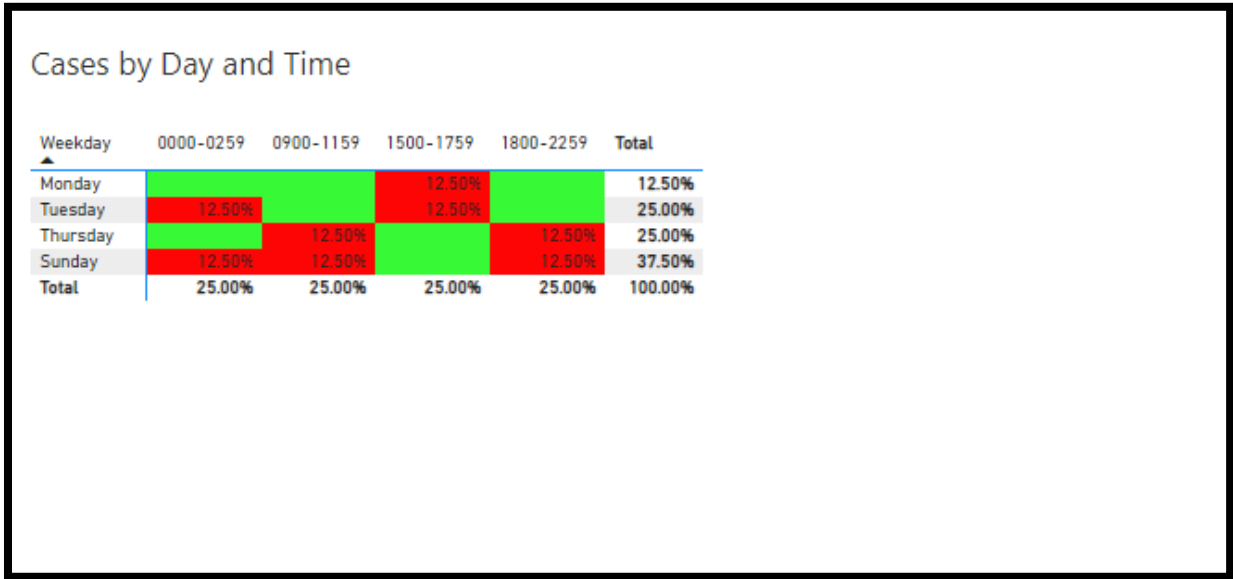
In October, the Kensington Police Department demonstrated its ongoing commitment to public safety by managing a total of 1296 incidents, an increase from the 1,018 incidents reported in September. Our officers engaged in 1025 proactive actions, including 130 traffic stops, which resulted in 85 citations aimed at enhancing roadway safety.

Throughout the month, officers responded to 271 dispatched calls for service, an increase from the 220 calls in September. The department produced 15 investigative reports, a decrease from 16 the previous month, reflecting our effective resolution of cases and the overall decline in reported crime. Significantly, reportable crimes fell by approximately **11%** compared to September.

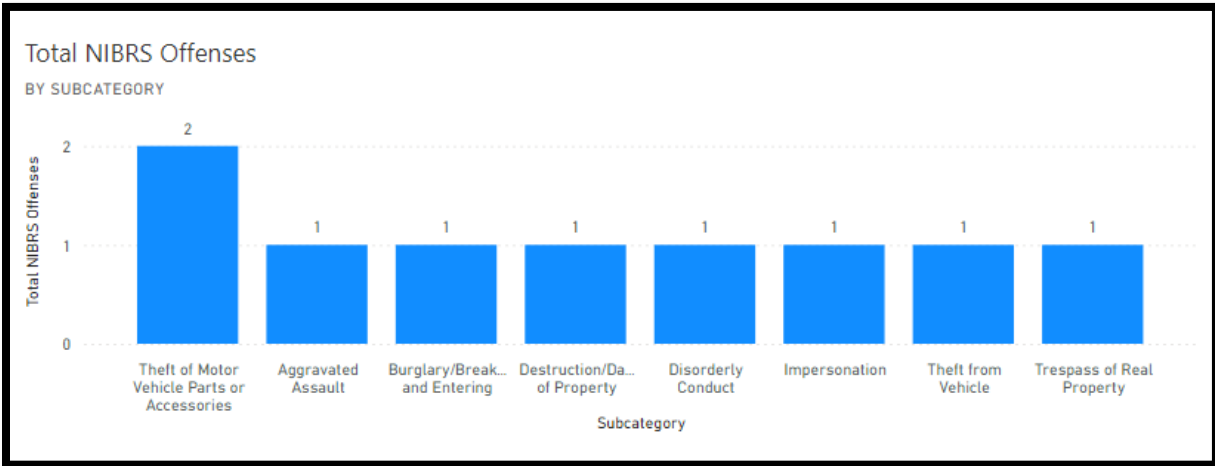
Our investigative efforts this month included handling several felony cases, such as a sexual assault, a vehicle theft, and vandalism. The department successfully made one felony one felony arrest for a stolen vehicle taken from a Kensington resident, and two misdemeanor arrests, one for hit and run and the other for public intoxication at the Kensington Community Park. Analysis of crime patterns revealed that the majority of NIBRS reportable crimes occurred evenly between mornings and afternoon/evening, with Sunday having a disproportionate amount of crime compared to the rest of the week and Monday having the least.

Average response times for officers dropped to **5.72** minutes in October from 6.6 minutes in September.

**Table 1. Date and Time Heatmap**



**Figure 1. NIBRS Offense Data**



**Figure 2. NIBRS Month over Month**

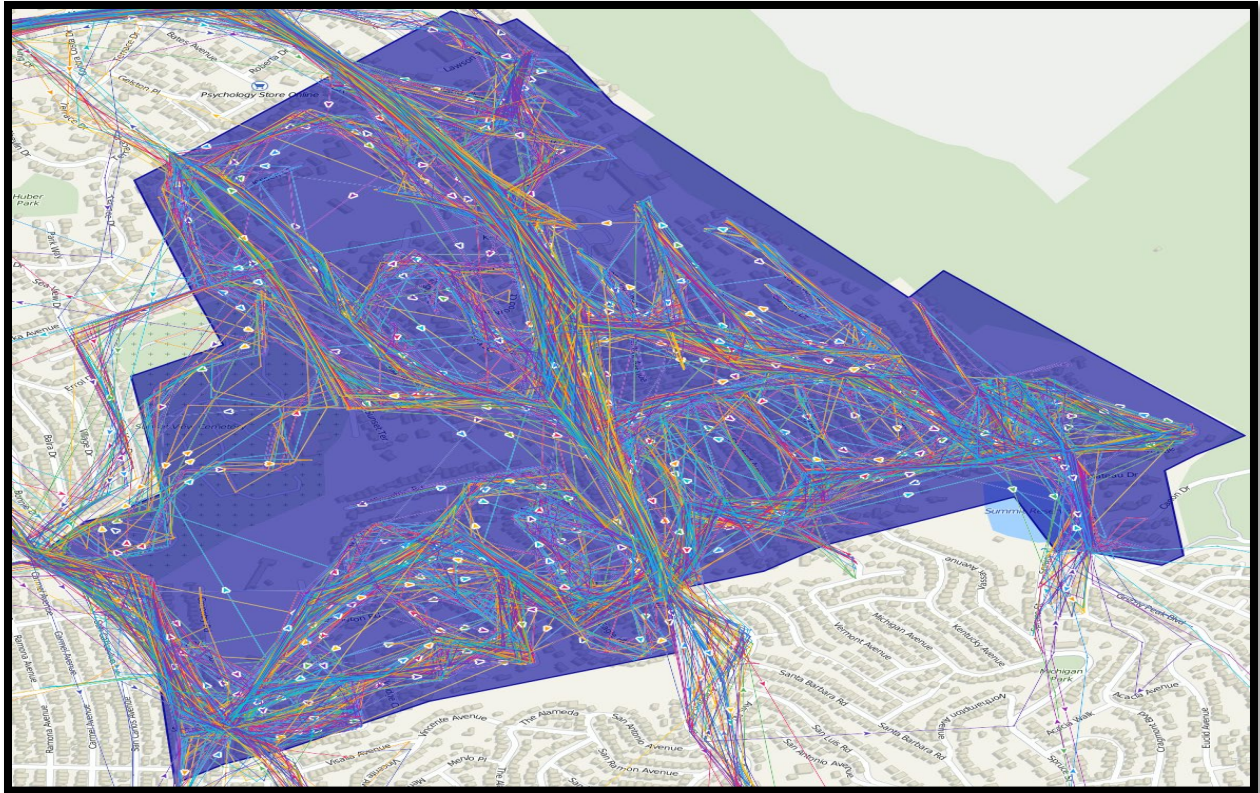
Category	Month Case Count	Case Count LM	MoM% - Cases
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	1		↑ 100.00%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	1		↑ 100.00%
Disorderly Conduct	1		↑ 100.00%
Trespass of Real Property	1		↑ 100.00%
All Other Offenses			→ 0.00%
Animal Cruelty			→ 0.00%
Arson			→ 0.00%
Assault Offenses	1	1	→ 0.00%
Bad Checks			→ 0.00%
Bribery			→ 0.00%
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations			→ 0.00%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses			→ 0.00%
Drunkenness			→ 0.00%
DUI			→ 0.00%
Embezzlement			→ 0.00%
Extortion/Blackmail			→ 0.00%
Family Offenses, Non-Violent			→ 0.00%
Gambling Offenses			→ 0.00%
Homicide Offenses			→ 0.00%
Human Trafficking Offenses			→ 0.00%
Kidnapping/Abduction			→ 0.00%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	3	3	→ 0.00%
Peeping Tom			→ 0.00%
Pornography/Obscene Material			→ 0.00%
Prostitution Offenses			→ 0.00%
Robbery			→ 0.00%
Runaway			→ 0.00%
Sex Offenses, Forcible			→ 0.00%
Sex Offenses, Nonforcible			→ 0.00%
Stolen Property Offenses			→ 0.00%
Weapon Violations			→ 0.00%
Fraud Offenses	1	2	↓ -50.00%
Counterfeit/Forgery		1	↓ -100.00%
Liquor Law Violations		2	↓ -100.00%
Motor Vehicle Theft		2	↓ -100.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-18.18%</b>

**Figure 3. Crime Pattern Mapping**



## Figure 4. Patrol fleet mapping

Kensington's patrol fleet is tracked with GPS technology, allowing real-time mapping. Figure 4 depicts the Special District of Kensington boundary (dark blue), and the six colored lines represent black-and-white patrol car locations inside the district throughout the month.



### Activity Log

**Oct 1:** Officers responded to Berkeley Park Blvd for a service to citizen detail. A report was taken.

**Oct 7:** Officers responded to Arlington Avenue for a report of an identity theft. A report was taken.

**Oct 10:** Officers responded to a report of a stolen delivery package on Lam Court. A report was taken.

**Oct 13:** Officers took a telephone report of a juvenile related detail. A report was taken.

**Oct 15:** Police were dispatched to Lake Drive for a stolen license plate. A report was taken, and the plate was entered into the Stolen Vehicle System.

**Oct 16:** Officers received a report of a missing person near Sunset Avenue. After gathering information and entering the individual into the missing persons' database, officers successfully located the individual.

**Oct 20:** Officers responded to Highgate Road for a vehicle theft report. A report was taken.

**Oct 21:** Officers responded to a non-injury collision near Colusa & Fairmount. A traffic collision report was authored.

**Oct 26:** Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Coventry Road. The driver had a citable misdemeanor warrant out of Los Angeles County. The driver given was given a court date, cited and released.

**Oct 27:** Police were dispatched to Berkeley Park Blvd for a vehicle vandalism detail. A report was taken.

**Oct 27:** Officers responded to Visalia Avenue for a non-breathing female. A dose of Narcan was administered, reviving the female until Fire Personnel arrived. Female transported to Emergency Department.

**Oct 29:** Officers contacted an individual at Kensington Community Park who was intoxicated. The suspect was arrested and transported to Kaiser Hospital in the City of Richmond for medical care.

**Oct 31:** Police were dispatched to Sunset Drive for a vandalism detail. A report was taken.

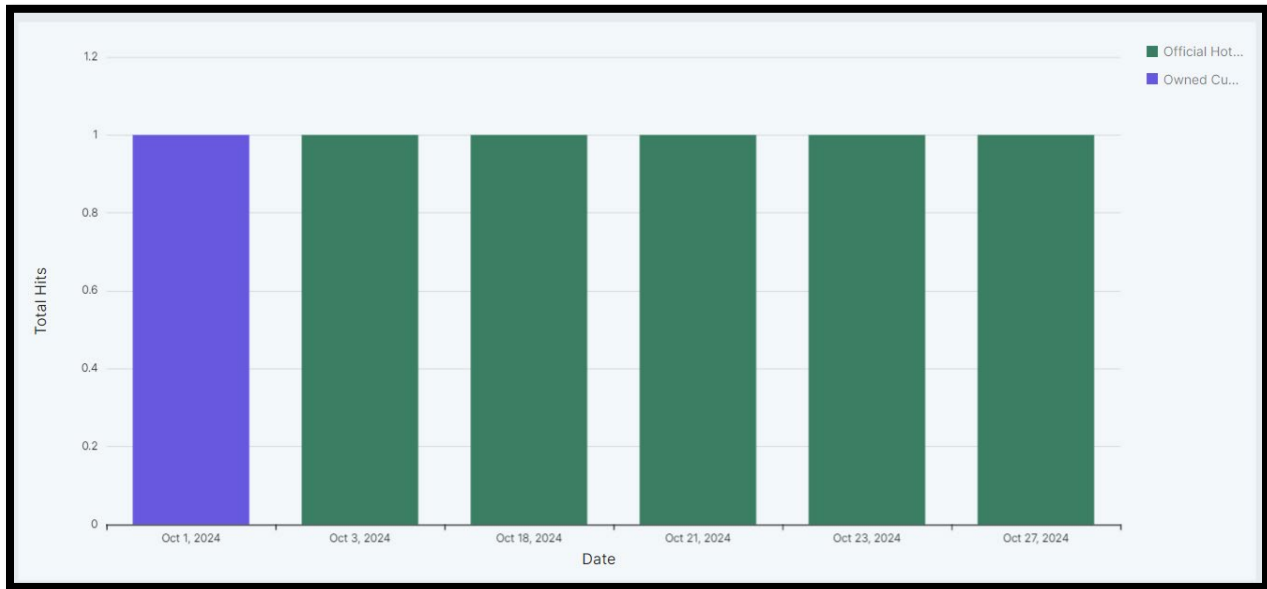
**Oct 31:** Officers responded to Norwood Avenue for a suspicious person. A report was taken.

### Community Safety Cameras

The number of stolen vehicles reported stolen in Kensington remained 1 for October. Flock was used to identify a stolen Kensington vehicle in El Cerrito and aided in the stop of the stolen vehicle and the arrest of the suspect.



August Data Captured – five (5) cameras			
Type	Stolen Plates	Stolen Vehicle	Felony Warrant
Count	185	5	0



## Training

During October, Sergeants Lande and Rivera, along with Ofc. Fajardo, completed the Taser 10 Instructors Course. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, Sergeant Lande and Sergeant Rivera taught the Taser 10 Operators Course. The course included a didactic presentation on how Tasers work, the physiology of their effectiveness, safety procedures, a review of the KPD policy for the use of Tasers, tactical decision exercises using open-source body-worn camera videos, and finally, immersive reality-based scenario training using training munitions.

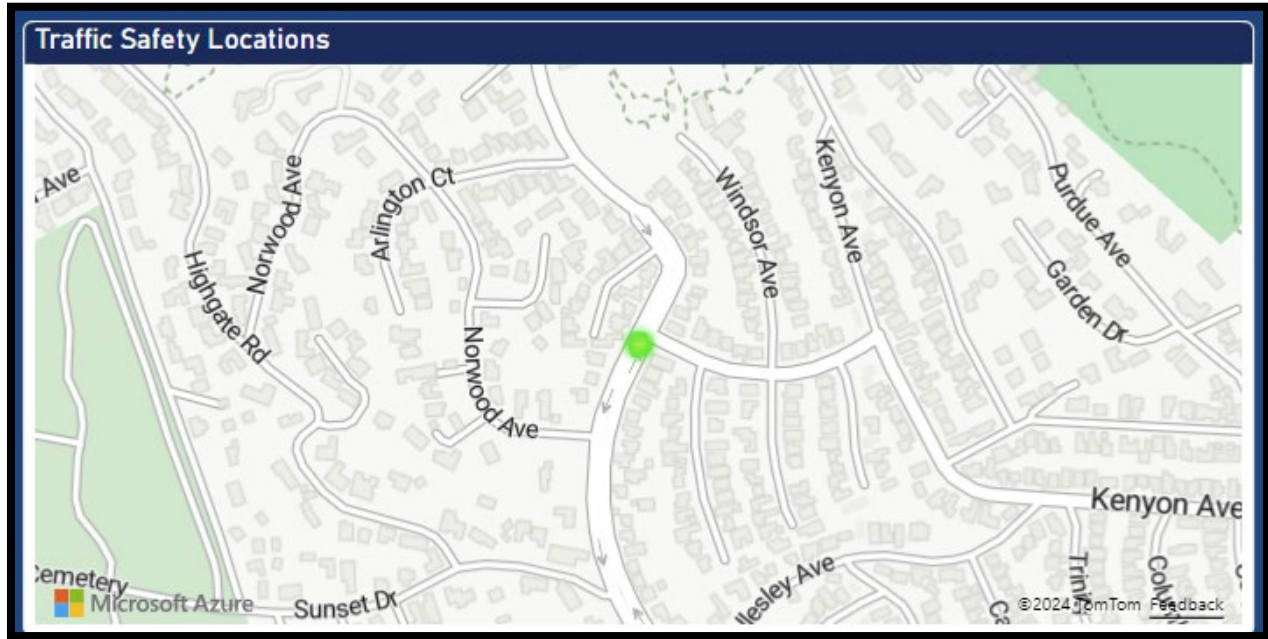
Sgt. Lande completed his Perishable Skills Program (PSP) training cycle for 2023-2024 by attending Use of Force training at the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office.

Sgt. Lande also represented the Kensington Police Department at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference in Boston, MA, from 10/19 to 10/22. IACP is globally the largest and most impactful law enforcement association. The conference provides a platform for attendees to learn and share new techniques, advance their knowledge, and equip their departments for ongoing success. Sgt. Lande attended panels and training such as "Creating a Team Response to Crisis Calls in a Small Jurisdiction," "Leveraging Body-worn Camera Video to Enhance Transparency and Engage the Community," and "Enhancing Law Enforcement Mobility: New and Expanded Capabilities Using Artificial Intelligence."

Ofc. Gill joined the Contra Costa County Mobile Field Force team and attended the 3-Day Basic Mobile Field Force Academy. The Mobile Field Force responds to critical incidents such as riots, major events, protests, or other situations where crowd control is required.

## Traffic Safety

Officers investigated a single, non-injury, traffic collision in October.



## Chief of Police

Officer Gill's actions responding to a report of an unconscious woman in the area of Oakview Avenue resulted in her life being saved.

Officer Gill was dispatched to the call and responded, summoning medical personnel in advance. The victim's actual location was undetermined however Officer Gill worked with dispatch and ultimately found the victim on the ground suffering from an apparent drug overdose. Officer Gill quickly administered a chemical compound all KPD officers carry with them called Narcan. This decision had an immediate and positive effect and revived her from an unconscious state. Medical professionals arrived shortly after and provided further treatment. Officer Gill's actions undoubtedly saved her life. All KPD officers receive annual training on how to handle situations like this. Officer Gill's performance was outstanding, and we are very proud of him!

We added extra staff for Halloween to ensure the safety of everyone. The night was filled with ghosts and goblins of all ages. Officers pass out stickers, candy, and toys to the kids. There were no reported injuries or significant calls for service.

Jason Haynes is completing the backgrounds of two police officer applicants. Depending on the outcome, we will offer employment to one of them sometime after the first of the year. Kensington PD will be fully staffed with 10 sworn officers.

## Community

October was a busy month for KPD. Our officers, Reserve Officer, and Volunteers were on hand for several community events.

The KCC hosted the annual Kensington Fall Picnic at Kensington Community Park. Officers were on hand to ensure safety and security and take part in the festivities.

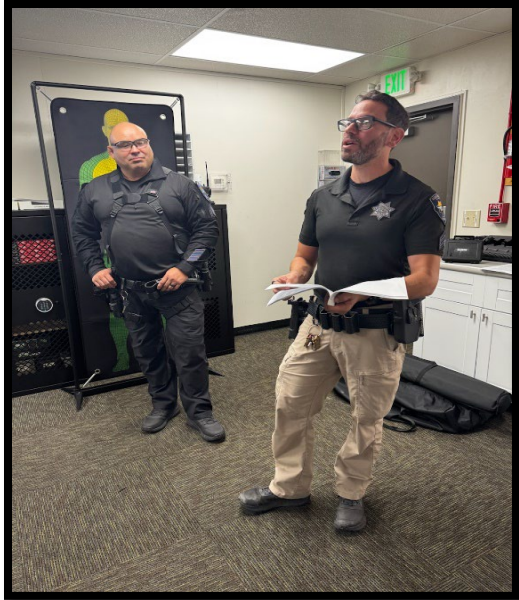


Kensington PD participated in the 26<sup>th</sup> National Drug Take Back Day. This is a well-attended annual event took in 198.45 pounds of prescription drugs. Overall, Northern California collected 11,926.37 pounds of prescription medication that would otherwise end up in a landfill or worse. The next drug take back event takes place in April 2025.





Officers received Taser 10 training from instructors Lande and Rivera. These valuable de-escalation options enhance officer and citizen safety and are now deployed in the field.



The Kensington Farmers' Market and the Colusa Circle Merchants Association host the annual Halloween Harvest Celebration that has a costume contest, parade, scavenger hunt, a photo booth, and animal show. Officer Gill and Reserve Officer Tranate attended the event, no issues were reported, and everyone had a great time.



Officer Gill and the Contra Costa County Mobile Field Force team.



Sgt. Lande attending the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference in Boston, MA.

