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**DATE:** March 1st, 2025  
**TO:** David Aranda: General Manager  
**FROM:** M. Gancasz, Chief of Police  
**RE:** Police Chief’s Monthly Report, February 2025

**Patrol Operations**

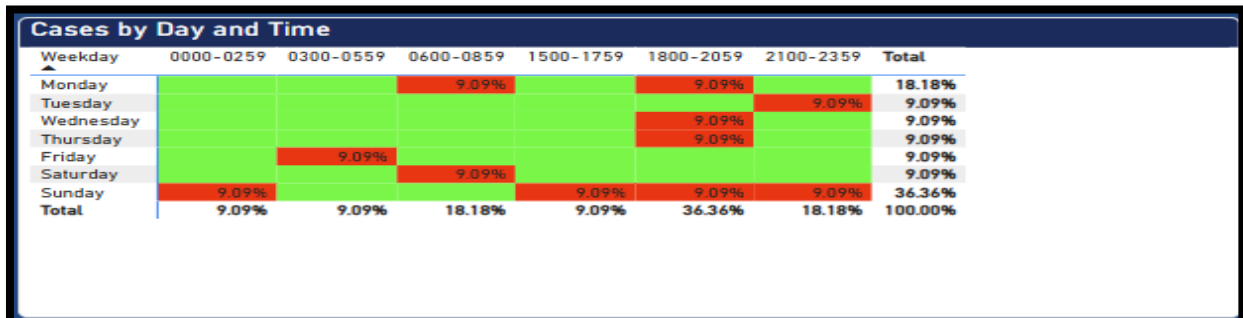
In February, the Kensington Police Department demonstrated its ongoing commitment to public safety by managing 1170 incidents, a decrease from the 1633 incidents reported in January. Our officers took 997 proactive actions, including 103 traffic stops, resulting in 63 citations to enhance roadway safety, down from 144 in January. Officers responded to 173 dispatched calls for service, a decrease from the 238 calls in January. The department produced 26 investigative reports, an increase from 20 the previous month. Officers investigated felony criminal threats/elder abuse, felony domestic violence, felony assault with a deadly weapon, a commercial burglary, and several misdemeanor crimes, including vandalism, auto burglary, and a hit-and-run collision. Officers made four felony arrests and two misdemeanor arrests. This month, Kensington PD officers also seized four illegally possessed firearms including a modified assault rifle with high-capacity magazines.

Analysis of crime patterns revealed 54% of NIBRS reportable crimes occurred between 3 p.m. and midnight on Sundays and Mondays, prompting us to enhance patrols during these peak times. Sunday afternoon through early morning were responsible for 36% of reportable crimes.

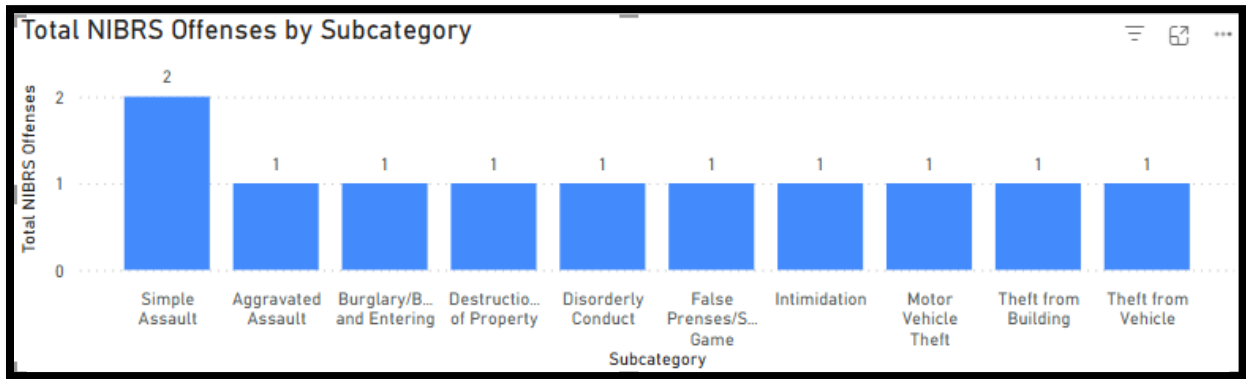
The majority of NIBRS reportable crimes occurred West of Arlington Ave in February.

The average response time rose to 6.37 minutes from 5.71 minutes in January. As always, we remain committed to improving our efficiency and customer service.

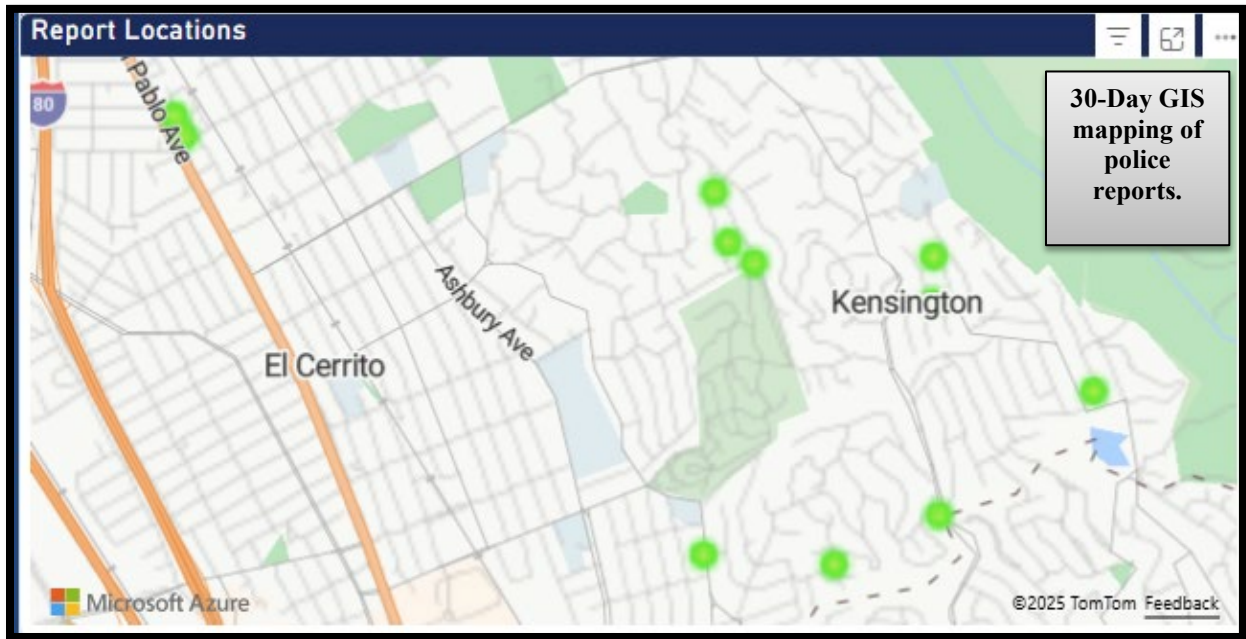
**Table 1. Date and Time Heatmap**



**Figure 1. NIBRS Offense Data**

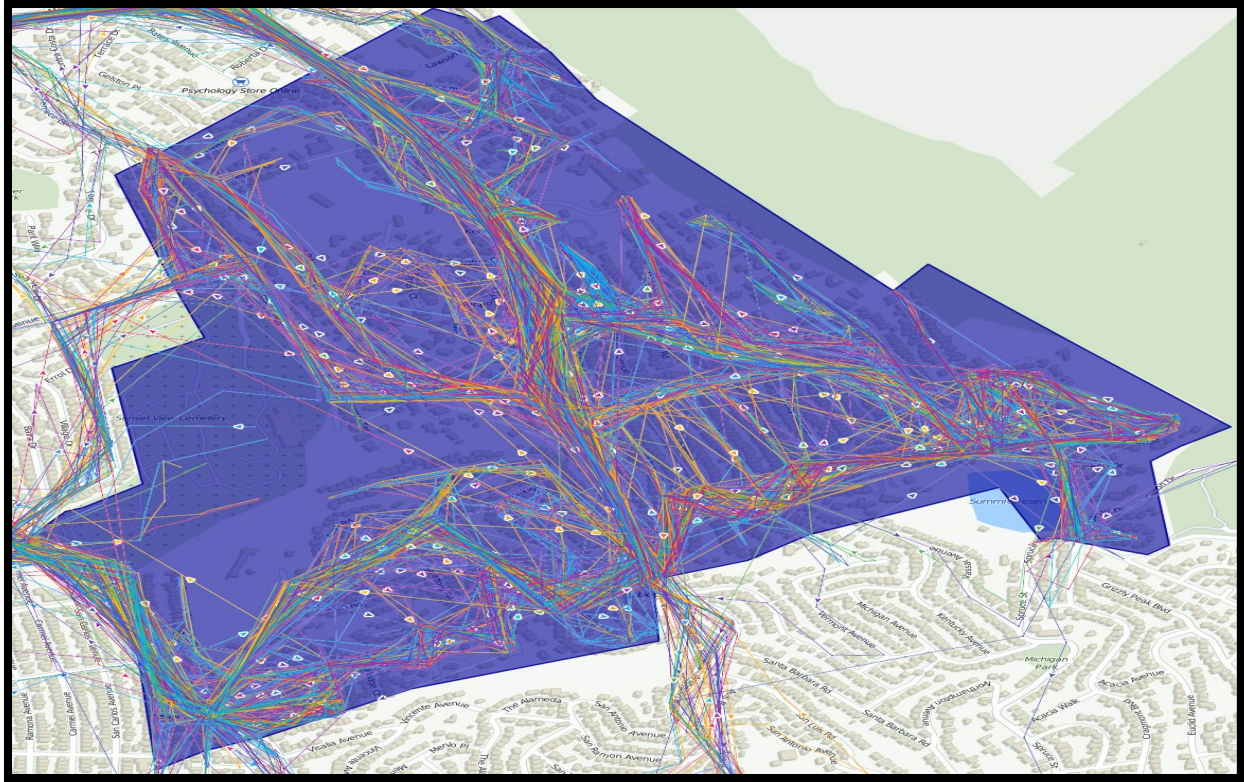


**Figure 2. Crime Trend Mapping**



**Figure 4. Patrol fleet mapping**

Kensington's patrol fleet is tracked with GPS technology, allowing real-time mapping. The map 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.



## **Patrol Activity Log**

**Feb 1:** Hit-and-run on Arlington Avenue; report filed.

**Feb 6:** Theft from fraud on Los Altos Drive; report filed.

**Feb 6:** Grand theft from building on Westminster Avenue; report filed.

**Feb 7:** Outside Assist for Albany PD; report filed.

**Feb 7:** Commercial burglary on Arlington Avenue; report filed.

**Feb 7:** Service to Citizen detail on Coventry Road; report filed.

**Feb 8:** Service to Citizen detail on Berkeley Park Blvd; report filed.

**Feb 9:** Suspicious circumstance at police station; report filed.

**Feb 10:** Service to Citizen at police station; report filed.

**Feb 14:** Non-injury vehicle accident on Arlington Avenue; report filed.

**Feb 15:** Verbal argument on Coventry Road; report taken.

**Feb 17:** Burglary on Eureka Avenue; report filed.

**Feb 17:** Stolen vehicle on Anson Way; report taken.

**Feb 18:** Deceased person in residence; no foul play suspected, report filed.

**Feb 18:** Traffic stop on Grizzly Peak Blvd; driver cited for suspended license.

**Feb 20:** Medical emergency on Colgate Avenue; report taken.

**Feb 21:** Vandalism on Arlington Avenue; report taken.

**Feb 23:** Traffic stop on Colusa Avenue for non-moving violation; driver arrested and cited.

**Feb 23:** Criminal threats on Franciscan Way; report taken; arrest made.

**Feb 24:** Non-injury vehicle accident on Amherst Avenue: report filed.

**Feb 25:** Vandalism on Kenyon Avenue: report filed.

**Feb 25:** Verbal argument on Coventry Road; report taken; arrest made.

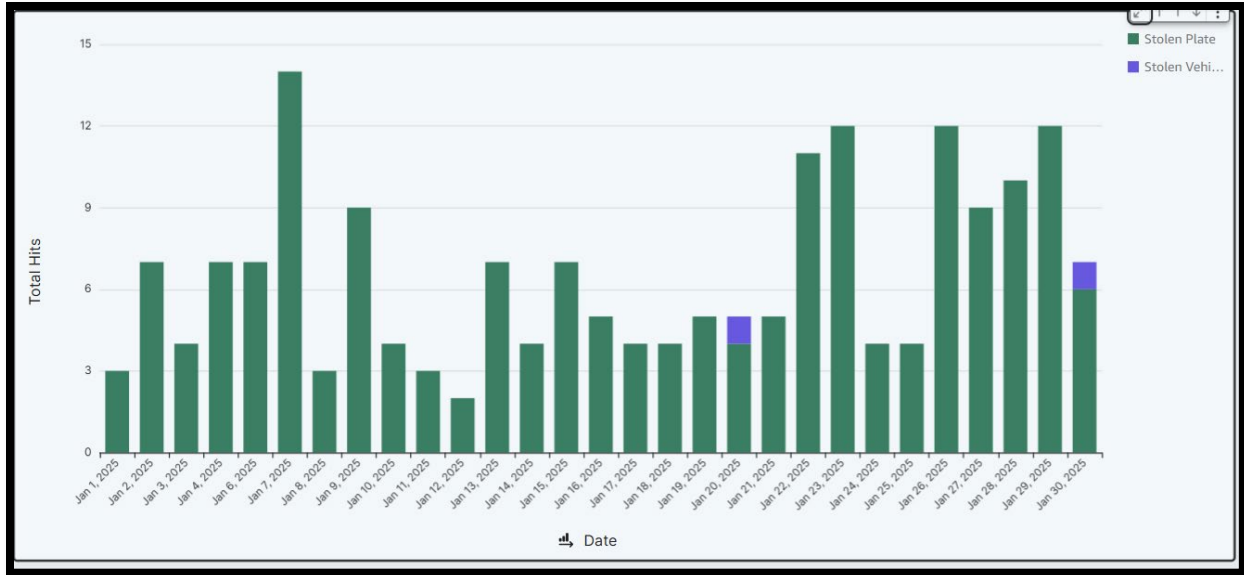
**Feb 26:** Verbal argument on Lake Drive; report taken

### **Community Safety Cameras**

The number of stolen vehicles detected in Kensington was two. Our Flock cameras provided investigative leads that resulted in two felony arrests. Our community safety cameras helped identify a suspect wanted in a commercial burglary and alerted officers that a wanted suspect had entered the district. This technology continues to exceed its value. It provides critical leads for our officers to act upon. Since implementing these cameras dozens of cases have been solved, many suspects have been identified and apprehended, and stolen vehicles have been recovered.



<b>February Data Captured – five (5) cameras</b>			
Type	Stolen Plates	Stolen Vehicle	Other Agency Hotlist
Count	121	2	23



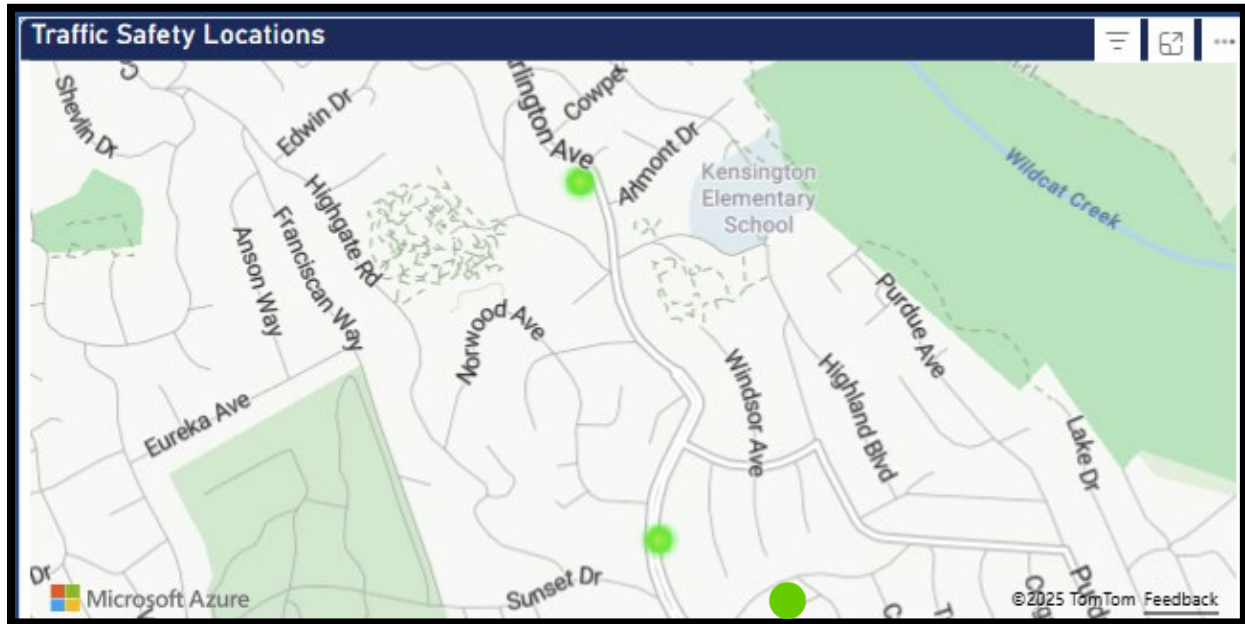
## Training

In February, the Kensington Police Department conducted several training sessions to enhance the skills and knowledge of its officers:

- **Field Training Program:** Officer Gallo successfully completed Phase 1 of the field training program and has now advanced to Phase 2, where they will be training under the supervision of Sergeant Lande.
- **Legal Update Training:** Sergeant Lande completed a comprehensive CA POST Legal Update training that covered important topics such as case law, changes to statutes, search and seizure, use-of-force, and interviews in custodial settings.
- **Advanced Officer Training on Foot Pursuits:** Officers Fajardo and De Santiago, along with Sergeant Lande, attended the ECPD's Advanced Officer Training on foot pursuits. This training included policy, legal considerations, tactical considerations, and team coordination. The officers applied their training in reality-based role play scenarios.
- **Advanced Interview and Interrogation Course:** Officer Fajardo participated in a three-day Advanced Interview and Interrogation course hosted by ECPD. This course provided evidence-based interview techniques designed to help officers gather more and higher-quality information from witnesses, victims, and suspects. The training aims to enhance the investigative capacity of KPD by providing more in-depth investigations training to patrol officers.

## Traffic Safety

There were three traffic collisions in February, the same as in January. The reported collisions were all non-injury. One collision was a misdemeanor hit-and-run, and the remaining two were non-injury collisions, one of which involved a vehicle impacting a tree.



## Chief of Police

We congratulate Officer David Payne on receiving his Intermediate Post Certificate. The Intermediate Certificate is awarded to full-time peace officers who possess a Basic Certificate and have acquired specific training, education, and the prescribed years of law enforcement experience. Congratulations Officer Payne!

Lt. Nath will volunteer as a California POST Auditor for the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute. Prospective auditors are selected from a pool of SBSLI graduates. Auditors demonstrate a strong knowledge of the concepts of the SBSLI program, model the behavior associated with those concepts, and demonstrate the desire for continued learning. Congratulations Lieutenant Nath!

## Community Safety Cameras.

On February 23, officers responded to criminal threats report on Franciscan Way. Officers identified vehicles and individuals involved and authored arrest warrants which were granted by Contra Costa County Judges. The Flock Community Safety Cameras played a vital role in locating and apprehending those involved within 24 hours.

The investigation highlights the effectiveness of the Flock camera system in improving our investigative capabilities and community safety.

## **Community**

There were no community events this month. We are preparing to hold monthly community engagement events starting in March. Please check our social media pages for additional information as we work to confirm dates and locations. We hope to see you there!