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FACTS ABOUT OPD LAY-OFFS

On July 13, 2010, at 5:00 PM, 80 Oakland Police Officers were laid off. The following are answers to some of the frequently asked questions regarding the lay-offs:

- Previous Authorized Sworn Staffing - 803
- Current Authorized Sworn Staffing - 723
- Current Sworn Staffing - 694
- Attrition Rate - 3 to 4 Officers per month
- No Scheduled Future Academies

To fill the patrol beats, we have eliminated the following specialized units:

1. Problem Solving Officers
2. Walking Officers
3. Probation and Corrections Team
4. Targeted Enforcement Task Force

Reducing Calls for Service

In 2009 the Oakland Police Department responded to over 300,000 calls for service. Approximately, 80,000 of the calls were labeled Priority 3 and 4 (on a scale of 1 being the most serious and 4 being the least serious). With current levels of staffing, we are unable to respond to many lower priority calls. To assist the public with reporting these crimes, we are expanding "Coplogic" (computerized reporting) so individuals can fill out their own reports for certain crimes. People wanting to use Coplogic can go online at www.oaklandpolice.com, select Submit a Crime Report (under Our Services) and follow the prompts to fill out a report. Anyone without computer access can use a computer at the libraries or in the lobby at the police department.

The attached document is a list of Priority 3 and 4 calls for service. It details which reports can currently be reported using Coplogic and others that will be added in the near future. If a priority 3 or 4 call is in-progress or there is a suspect on-scene, officers will be sent to the location to investigate.

The call reduction strategy will be implemented in the following phases:

PHASE I:

Citizens are currently completing the following reports online via Coplogic:

- Lost Property
- Theft
- Vandalism
- Vehicle Burglary
- Vehicle Tampering

PHASE II:

The following reports may be added to Coplogic by August 2nd, 2010:

- Residential Burglary
 - To be completed when there is no investigation needed.
 - A waiver will be included advising they understand there will be no follow up investigation and the primary purpose for filing the report is for insurance purposes.
- Identity Theft
 - When the report is filed, a list of resources will be emailed to the person filing out the report.
- Annoying and Harassing Phone Calls
 - There will be information provided when it is more appropriate to call 911.
- Barking Dog
 - These calls will be accepted and detailed to the Animal Services Section.
- Violation of a Restraining Order
 - There must be a current restraining order on file and the restrained person must have been served.
- Reporting a Runaway
 - Not a risk
 - Communications will notify YFSD of the runaway so the information can be entered on the log.
 - YFSD would notify patrol for a log entry
- Violation of a Court Order
 - Violation of a child custody order where one parent failed to return the child at a specified time.

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