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Media Advisory

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Update on Occupy Activities in Downtown Oakland

Media Tour Scheduled at 10:00 am

What: Media Tour with Mayor Jean Quan
When: This Morning, Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 10 am
Where: Oakland City Hall
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (14th Street entrance)

Please note: *Valid press credentials will be needed to gain entry into City Hall for the Media Tour.*

Oakland, CA – Given the unprecedented number of arrests made yesterday, the City is working with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office to provide accurate details on the total number arrested and their hometowns. A preliminary estimate indicates there were over 400 arrests.

At the tour, media representatives will have the opportunity to view and record the damage to historic City Hall.

The City of Oakland anticipates releasing updated information on arrests, injuries and damage in the late afternoon.

Background

Yesterday, protesters unsuccessfully attempted to break into the historic Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center, they charged a skirmish line at Oak Street and pelted officers with bottles, metal pipe, rocks, spray cans, improvised explosive devices and burning flares. Oakland Police Department deployed smoke, tear gas and beanbag projectiles.

By 4 pm, an Occupy crowd of approximately 300 had returned to Frank Ogawa Plaza. After a brief respite, the group returned to the streets and marched through downtown Oakland.

After ignoring a dispersal order, at approximately 6:30 pm, protesters invaded the YMCA and were arrested.

The City of Oakland is aware of Occupy Oakland activities that are scheduled today in Frank H Ogawa Plaza. The City of Oakland reminds demonstrators that, while peaceful forms of expression and free speech rights will be facilitated, acts of violence, property destruction and overnight lodging will not be tolerated.