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News from: Emergency Operations Center

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Update on Occupy Activities in Downtown Oakland

Media Briefing Scheduled at 3:00 pm

What: Media Briefing
When: Today, Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 3:00 pm
Where: Emergency Operations Center
1605 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way

Oakland, CA – The City of Oakland will hold a media briefing to release updated information on arrests, injuries and damage from yesterday's Occupy Oakland activities.

While cleanup and repair of City Hall may impede access to certain areas of the building, we anticipate that all City offices will be open for regular business hours tomorrow, Monday, January 30, 2012.

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.

Individuals who were arrested and had personal property held by the Oakland Police Department may reclaim their possessions by calling OPD Property Section at (510) 238-3874. Please note the Property Section is closed on Sundays.

Background

Yesterday, a crowd of 500 protesters unsuccessfully attempted to break into the historic Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center, members of the crowd charged skirmish lines 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 in response to this activity.

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.

Simultaneously, a different group of protesters burnt an American flag in front of Oakland City Hall before breaking into the historic building and

damaging property. Arrests were made.

The City of Oakland received mutual aid from the following law enforcement agencies: the California Highway Patrol; Sheriff's Departments of Alameda County, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, San Francisco County and Marin County; the cities of Fremont, Hayward, Berkeley, Pleasanton, San Francisco and Union City/Newark; and the University of California-Berkeley.

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