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## News from: Emergency Operations Center

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### Update on Occupy Activities in Downtown Oakland

*Oakland, CA* – At a 3pm media briefing today, Oakland City Administrator Deanna J. Santana and Oakland Police Chief Howard Jordan provided an update on arrests, injuries and damage from yesterday's Occupy Oakland activities.

Ms. Santana outlined the damage that protesters inflicted to Oakland's historic City Hall which included breaking an interior window to a Hearing Room, tipping over and seriously damaging the historic model of City Hall, destroying a case containing a model of Frank Ogawa Plaza, breaking into the fire sprinkler and elevator automation closet, stealing the flags from the grand staircase landing and burning one flag in front of City Hall.

“While City Hall sustained damage, we anticipate that all City offices will be open for regular business tomorrow,” said Ms. Santana. The City's Public Works staff has been working diligently throughout the day to remove offensive graffiti by power washing the hardscape in Frank Ogawa Plaza, removing debris from City Hall and Plaza area and fixing the damaged sprinkler system.

Chief Jordan provided an overview of the actions of protesters yesterday which are captured in the background section below. He also noted that, as of the briefing, three police officers were injured and two protesters reported injuries. Preliminary estimates of total arrests are approximately 400. Once available, an exact arrest number and residency data will be released.

“It became clear that the objective of this crowd was not to peacefully assemble and march, but to seek opportunity to further criminal acts, confront police, and repeatedly attempt to illegally occupy buildings,” said Chief Jordan.

Chief Jordan also noted that the response to Occupy activities was accomplished while the department received 1,776 calls for service – including 482 calls to 911 – and while maintaining the City's ongoing strategy of addressing violent crime in the 5% of Oakland neighborhoods where 90% of the crime occurs. “Personnel and resources dedicated to Occupy reduce our ability to focus on public safety priorities,” said Chief Jordan.

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, trespassing, 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. The 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.

Audio files of the 3:00 pm media briefing can be found at <http://bit.ly/AkKhdM> (part 1) and <http://bit.ly/wERGjm> (part 2).

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