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### Complete Roster of Victims of the 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Fire

On the morning of Wednesday, December 7, search and recovery efforts at 1315 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue were concluded. A secondary search by recovery personnel and cadaver dogs was made and returned no additional victims.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office's Coroner's Bureau has notified all 36 families. Below is the complete list of the victims of the fire.

Cash Askew, 22, Oakland, Calif.  
Jonathan Bernbaum, 34, Berkeley, Calif.  
Matthew Bohlka, 33, Oakland, Calif., who lived her life as Em Bohlka  
Barrett Clark, 35, Oakland, Calif.  
David Cline, 24, Oakland, Calif.  
Micah Danemayer, 28, Oakland, Calif.  
Billy Dixon, 35, Oakland, Calif.  
Chelsea Dolan, 33, San Francisco, Calif.  
Justin Fritz, 29, Berkeley, Calif. who lived her life as Riley Fritz  
Alex Ghassan, 35, Oakland, Calif.  
Nicolas Gomez-Hall, 25, Berkeley, Calif.  
Michela Gregory, 20, South San Francisco, Calif.  
Sara Hoda, 30, Walnut Creek, Calif.  
Travis Hough, 35, Oakland, Calif.  
Johnny Igaz, 34, Oakland, Calif.  
Ara Jo, 29, Oakland, Calif.  
Donna Kellogg, 32, Oakland, Calif.  
Amanda Kershaw, 34, San Francisco, Calif.  
Edmond Lapine, 34, Oakland, Calif.  
Griffin Madden, 23, Berkeley, Calif.  
Joseph Matlock, 36, Oakland, Calif.  
Jason McCarty, 35, Oakland, Calif.  
Jennifer Mendiola, 35, Oakland, Calif.  
Jennifer Morris, 21, Foster City, Calif.  
Vanessa Plotkin, 21, Lakewood, Calif.  
Wolfgang Renner, 61, Oakland, Calif.  
Hanna Ruax, 32, Helsinki, Finland  
Benjamin Runnels, 32, Oakland, Calif.  
Nicole Siegrist, 29, Oakland, Calif.  
Michele Sylvan, 37, Oakland, Calif.  
Jennifer Kiyomi Tanouye, 31, Oakland, Calif.  
Alex Vega, 22, San Bruno, Calif.  
Peter Wadsworth, 38, Oakland, Calif.  
Nicholas Walrath, 31, Oakland, Calif.  
Brandon Chase Wittenauer, 32, Hayward, Calif.

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An additional victim is a 17-year-old minor whose name will not be released.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office's Coroner's Bureau is identifying the victims to the public by the names their families ask for, and will note the legal name, if different, on the official death certificate worksheet, according to law. They are consulting with an LGBT diversity consultant to assist in appropriate gender identification.

The City of Oakland extends condolences to the families who have received the dreadful news that one of their loved ones perished in the fire.

During this tremendous time of loss and grief for the families and friends of the victims, the City of Oakland encourages the media to respect their need for privacy.

Our city has experienced a tremendous tragedy. As a community, we can come together in recovery and spirit. A roster of community events honoring the victims and links to donation sites including the Oakland Fire Victims site established by the Oakland A's ([www.tinyurl.com/OakFireRelief](http://www.tinyurl.com/OakFireRelief)) can be found at [oaklandnet.com](http://oaklandnet.com).

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