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#### Oakland Plans for Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday Weekend Multilingual Hotline Set Up to Report Illegal Fireworks

**Oakland, CA** – The City of Oakland is preparing for the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend. Although the long weekend is a great time to enjoy time off with family and friends, we remind the public that illegal fireworks, hot weather and increased fire danger also increase the risk of injuries and fatalities. The City is committed to facilitating a safe and fun holiday weekend.

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**Fireworks are illegal in Oakland.** People caught with fireworks can be fined up to \$1,000, and penalties for possession of large quantities of fireworks include fines ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and imprisonment.

**The Oakland Police Department has set up an anonymous, multilingual hotline for people to report illegal fireworks: (510) 777-8814.** The hotline will provide assistance in English, Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin and Vietnamese.

To help get illegal fireworks off the street, the Oakland Fire Department has set up fireworks collection barrels at the following fire stations:

Station 1: 1603 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Station 3: 1445 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Station 4: 1235 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Station 18: 1700 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Station 20: 1401 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Throughout the holiday weekend, the Oakland Police Department will deploy special teams of officers throughout the City to focus on crowd control, traffic control, reckless driving and illegal fireworks.

The Oakland Fire Department is coordinating with OPD and will deploy fire companies to patrol their districts.

A flyer about the illegal fireworks hotline and penalties associated with possessing fireworks is available on the City's web site in English, Spanish and Chinese. It is available at: <http://bit.ly/l3rbXo>.

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