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City of Oakland Officials Mourn the Death and Injury of Two Off-duty Oakland Firefighters

Oakland, CA – Last night at approximately 9:30, two off-duty Oakland firefighters were shot in San Jose. Tragically one succumbed to his injuries and the other remains hospitalized in stable condition. Both were recent graduates of the Firefighter Academy Class 02-16 and joined the Oakland Fire Department on April 22, 2017.

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and loved ones who are grieving from last night’s terrible tragedy which claimed the life of one of our Oakland Firefighters and seriously injured another,” said Mayor Libby Schaaf. “I want to acknowledge the other Oakland firefighters who were on-scene and immediately provided skilled and critical medical attention to their injured colleagues, as well as the San Jose Police and Fire Department and paramedics who responded quickly and worked efficiently to provide critical medical assistance, and promptly began their investigation of the incident. We grieve for our lost colleague and wish the injured firefighter a speedy recovery.”

“As a City family, a loss of any one of us is felt by all of us,” said City Administrator Sabrina Landreth. “Please join me in offering our heartfelt condolences to our colleagues in the Fire Department. We will continue to provide them with all the support they need during this difficult time.”

“The result of this tragedy has left a somber cloud over the Department, and within the hearts of many,” said Interim Fire Chief Darin White.

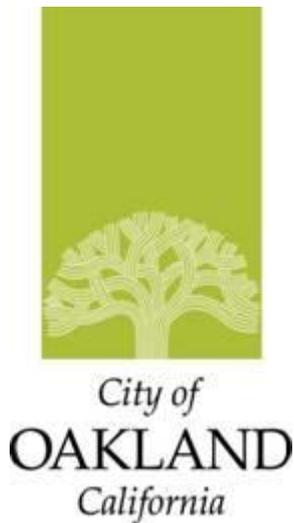
Media Availability

Interim Chief White and City officials will be available to speak to the news media today:

Time: 11:45 am

Location: Media Room, Fire Station 1, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

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