



Oakland Police Department
Wayne Tucker, Police Chief

MAYOR DELLUMS AND OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT REACH GOAL OF 803 OFFICERS

Graduation for the 165th Academy Exceeds Goal of 803 and Provides Largest Police Force in Oakland's History

OAKLAND — Mayor Ron Dellums and the Oakland Police Department today announced that the goal of fully staffing the Police Department will be achieved on Friday, November 14, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., during a ceremony for 38 new officers who will join the ranks. The ceremony will take place at the Elihu M. Harris State Building, at 1515 Clay Street.

During Mayor Dellums' State of the City address, he made a commitment to reach the city's authorized police force strength of 803 officers by the end of the year. Following that promise, the mayor, Police Department and various other city agencies implemented a comprehensive plan through an intensive recruitment strategy and more academies to get officers on the street more efficiently.

"In 2004, the residents of Oakland voted to have 803 officers on the street. In January of this year, we made a commitment to get to that number by the end of this year – no matter what it takes. I am proud to say that on our watch that challenge has been upheld and the 165th Academy will provide the city with the largest police force we've had in Oakland's history. Our comprehensive strategy demonstrates what can be done when the City of Oakland comes together and makes a commitment towards a common goal," said Mayor Dellums.

The following trainees will become Oakland police officers:

Arsanis, Michael	Gougeon, Tim	Negrete, Francisco
Baddie, Melissa	Homayun, Arzo	O'Connor, Todd
Breden, John	Johnson, Qiana	O'mary, Joshua
Brown, Randall	Krump, Jennifer	Perea, Keith
Cordero, James	Kuhr, Christopher	Pertoso, Gerald
Cortez, Jennifer	Lawless, Jesse	Reeder, Brenton
Curtin, Ross	Lewis, Jeremy	Ricchiuto, Michael
DeMarco, Robert	Lopez, Thomas	Romero, John
Digiusto, Adam	McGovern, Brendan	Scheuring, John
Dillon, Kevin	Meyer, Samuel	Shokair, Mark
Douglas, Mark	Moore, Billy	Smoak, Jason
Eggers, Christopher	Morris, Michael	Supriano (Summerlin), Leah
Factora, Jay	Muratori, Brendan	

With the graduation of the 165th Academy, the Oakland Police Department now has 837 officers. The new officers began the 165th Basic Academy on May 19th, 2008. The Academy is a 26-week course that is designed to teach trainees about the policies and procedures of the Oakland Police Department. It includes instruction on community policing, tactical communication, report writing, ethics, defensive tactics, patrol procedures, firearms, vehicle pursuits, law, and the Negotiated Settlement Agreement.

Police Chief Wayne G. Tucker and Mayor Dellums will conduct an inspection of the graduating class and present them with their new badges. Chief Tucker states, "I can't tell you how delighted I am to witness this moment for the City of Oakland. The amount of hard work and dedication conducted by the trainees as well as the members of the Oakland Police Department demonstrates their commitment to the citizens of Oakland."

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