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**MAYOR DELLUMS, OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOME CADETS AS
CITY CLOSES IN ON FULLY STAFFED POLICE FORCE**
Ninety-four Cadets Enrolled in Simultaneous Police Academies

OAKLAND – Mayor Ron Dellums today joined Oakland Police Chief Wayne G. Tucker, Oakland Assistant Police Chief Howard Jordan and other top police brass of the Oakland Police Department in welcoming 94 police cadets to academies starting this week. The large number of cadets nearly doubles the incoming rate of officers, compared to recent years, and represents another big step in reaching the city’s authorized maximum police force of 803 officers.

Following Mayor Dellums’ State of the City address, when he made a commitment to reach the city’s authorized police force strength of 803 officers, the mayor, Police Department and various other city agencies put forth a comprehensive police recruitment plan that will allow Oakland to reach its goal by the end of this year. The plan provides a more intensive recruitment strategy and more academies to get officers on the street faster.

“I’m proud to say that the hard work of this significant collaboration is paying off,” said Mayor Dellums. “Everything possible is being done to ensure that we get to our maximum authorized police force. This comprehensive strategy demonstrates what can be done when the City of Oakland comes together and makes a commitment towards a common goal.”

More than 90 police cadets began their training today by attending one of the two basic police academies that are being held. The Oakland Police Department has partnered with the Santa Clara Sheriff’s Department and will be sending 49 of the police trainees to the Justice Training Center in Santa Clara County to receive their basic police training. Each academy (Oakland and Santa Clara County) starts today and will run simultaneously throughout their courses until their scheduled graduation date of early November 2008.

“This is a major step towards achieving our goals of reducing crime and the fear of crime in Oakland,” states Oakland Assistant Police Chief Howard Jordan.

Currently, there are approximately 750 officers on the streets. This graduating class should put the city well above full capacity.

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