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OAKLAND RESTRUCTURES POLICE DEPLOYMENT TO MAXIMIZE CRIME FIGHTING EFFORTS

Mayor Says Chief Tucker's Plan is a Smart and Credible Approach

OAKLAND, CA – Oakland took a major step forward today as the Oakland Police Department (OPD) announced its plan to deploy officers and staff by specific neighborhood, replacing the current citywide deployment model. Mayor Ron Dellums and OPD joined today by members of the City Council and community members to announce the significant change, which is in alignment with true community policing and best practices. The commitment assigns officers to specific neighborhoods and keeps those officers in that community to ensure that they get to know these areas and make a long-term difference in their patrol area.

“Traditionally, Oakland has been challenged by limited resources and deployment issues. Today, that all changes,” said Mayor Dellums. “Public safety is on the hearts and minds of our residents and by reorganizing our police department to a geographic policing model, we are empowering our communities with the resources they need to effectively bring peace to our streets.”

The purposes for the reorganization are to achieve: improved responsibility and accountability; enhanced department community policing efforts, while collaborating to identify problems and solutions; opportunities for officers to devote increased attention to problem resolution in a partnership with the community; and more efficient deployment of field personnel.

Deputy Chief David Kozicki said: “The geographic reorganization will allow the Police Department to focus the responsibility for crime reduction on top level commanders. At the same time, authority to solve problems will be given to officers who in the past focused only on reactive responses to 911 generated problems.”

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As opposed to the old “citywide deployment” strategy, the Oakland Police Department will now employ a new “geographic accountability” model of policing that assigns officers to specific neighborhoods and keeps those officers in that neighborhood. The current six Police Service Areas commanded by police lieutenants will be consolidated into three larger areas, each commanded by a captain with staff of five lieutenants. A Support Operations Division will also be created to deploy citywide resources at the request of Area Commanders. These resources include: Gang Unit; Police and Corrections Team; Traffic; Police Canines; Field Evidence Techs; The Reserve Program; Tactical Operations Team; and the Marine Unit.

Geographic accountability emphasizes delivering police service driven by the following configurations, including area commander:

- **AREA 1 (North-West):** Beats 1-13; Captain A. Toribio
- **AREA 2 (Central):** Beats 14-24; Cpt. R. Orozco
- **AREA 3 (East):** Beats 25-35; Cpt. A. Rachal
- **SUPPORT OPERATIONS DIVISION:** Cpt. E. Tracey

The larger areas will eliminate the artificial barriers created by the PSA system. It will allow some neighborhoods such as the Glenview and Dimond or the Elmhurst neighborhood (which are currently divided) to work more closely together with the Police Department on common issues.

Patrol functions will be joined with specialized resources that include: Problem Solving Officers, Crime Reduction Teams, Foot Patrol Units, and Neighborhood Enhancement Team officers.

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