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Oakland Gang Crime Summit

On August 24, 2010 – The City of Oakland, the Oakland Police Department and the Department of Justice are holding a two-day Gang Summit in Oakland this week. The Summit will bring together essential organizations with the intent of fostering sustainable partnerships focused on the fight against violence in Oakland. The Oakland Police Department was inspired by the success of the Salinas Police Department’s work with state and federal law enforcement agencies in which violent street gangs were successfully targeted and dismantled.

Participants in this by-invitation-only summit include: the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Department of Justice (DOJ), street outreach workers, crisis response groups, and adult and juvenile reentry service providers. Commitment and unity between these key organizations is imperative to our mission to make Oakland a safe place to live, work, and thrive.

Intelligence-led policing is the directive of Police Chief Anthony Batts and includes identification of criminals and targeted enforcement. Chief Anthony Batts says, “Our strategy for reducing violent crime is to have a laser focus on the dangerous gangs who cause the most destruction in our community.”

“Too many of our young people are dying as a result of gang violence,” said Mayor Dellums. “Public safety is paramount to a healthy community. We understand that public safety is not only a matter of enforcement, but in conjunction with prevention and intervention, we can positively impact the lives of youth, the formerly incarcerated and those involved in gang activity.”

The Summit will begin at The Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road (Zimmer Auditorium) on Tuesday, August 24th. The proceedings are closed to the public due to the sensitive information that will be discussed. The press will be invited to watch and film from 8 am to 9 am. Mayor Ronald Dellums and Chief Anthony Batts will be speaking during the first hour. The Oakland Police Department Public Information Officers will be available after 9am for any additional questions.

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