

Oakland Police Department Reinstates Problem-Solving Officers

Measure BB, passed in November 2010, provided funding to enable the City and the Police Department to reestablish our problem-solving officer (PSO) positions. During the week of January 8, 76 officers were reassigned to this valuable program. The 76 officers are assigned as follows:

- 57 Problem-Solving officers
- 6 Crime Reduction Team officers
- 10 Supervisors
- 3 Special Resource Lieutenants

Each PSO is assigned to one of 35 community policing beats; each Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) has a PSO assigned.

Problem-solving officers are responsible for the coordination of problem-solving activities on their beats. This includes documenting and tracking progress on NCPC priorities, crime and blight problems identified by the Area command staff, and projects the PSO determines to be in the best interest of the community based upon many sources of community input and crime data.

PSOs guide and direct the problem-solving efforts of other OPD members and employees on their assigned beats. They coordinate with other city agencies and community groups to address specific community problems. Active participation of NCPC and other community members is imperative to the success of the PSO in addressing community issues. The PSO is assigned solely to serve the residents of his/her beat, to provide consistent contact and familiarity between residents and officers and continuity in problem solving, and to have basic availability of police response in each neighborhood.

Please visit our **Community Policing** link* on the OPD website to locate your community policing beat, NCPC boundaries and problem-solving officer.

* <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/OPD/s/CommunityPolicing/index.htm>