

Operation Sunrise a Success

On February 23, 2011, elements of the Oakland Police Department, the Oakland Housing Authority, the Oakland Unified School Police, CA Parole, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, all under the leadership of the Area 3 Commander Captain Ersie Joyner, conducted *Operation Sunrise* in the vicinity of Beat 26. The purpose of this operation was to reduce crime and the fear of crime on Beat 26 by dealing with violent crime, offering safe passage for school children, and providing outreach to local citizens.

The impetus for this operation was Council Member Desley Brooks' *Safe Passages* initiative. In support of this initiative, Captain Joyner developed *Operation Sunrise*. It was created to accomplish the following key tasks:

- Execute arrest warrants
- Conduct parole searches
- Conduct probation searches
- Execute welfare checks on chronic truants
- Provide safe passage to students
- Gather intelligence gathering
- Provide outreach to citizens

This multi-agency, joint operation involved approximately 100 law enforcement officers and Measure Y personnel. As part of the operation, over 70 arrest warrants and probation/parole searches were executed.

The ultimate goal of *Operation Sunrise* was to reduce Part 1 Crimes on Beat 26 as well as to build confidence in the community. Going forward, Captain Joyner plans to conduct similar operations in Area 3 on a quarterly basis.