



## News from: Oakland Police Department



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### Oakland Police Department and the City of Oakland Continue to Make Efforts to Increase Public Safety

*Oakland, CA* – Today, May 25, 2012 the Oakland Police Department held a press conference addressing recent arrests, gun recoveries and improved Shot Spotter technology being used by the Oakland Police Department.

Chief of Police Howard Jordan commended officers for their hard work and recent arrests of 31 criminals connected to downtown robberies, attempted robberies, multiple burglaries throughout the City, shootings, and sexual assaults. “As a result of dedication and focused actions by the men and women of the Oakland Police Department, in the last two weeks, downtown and West Oakland robberies have decreased by 36%, and since January of this year, over 340 illegally possessed or illegal firearms have been recovered,” said Chief Jordan.

Captain Ersie Joyner addressed the improvements in the Shot Spotter technology which has decreased police response time and increased accuracy for responding officers. The improved technology provides maps in patrol cars indicating location and addresses where gunshots are heard.

Shot Spotter technology delivers instant, accurate alerts of gunfire – within 45 seconds of occurrence – directly to the patrol officer. In addition to an exact time and number of rounds fired, a location is displayed, within 25 meters, including street address. Officers and dispatchers may even immediately play the audio recording of gunfire. “This technology is the most innovative and effective crime fighting tool for a police officer on the streets of Oakland,” said Captain Joyner.

The Oakland Police Department’s strategies, dedication and partnerships demonstrate steps the Department is taking to continue using new technology to better respond to incidents of violence, locate suspects and victims of crime, gather evidence, and make arrests.

#### **In the past two weeks:**

- 8 suspects arrested in connection to downtown robberies and attempted robberies.
- 9 suspects arrested in connection to burglaries throughout the City.
- 8 suspects arrested for felony shootings, sexual assaults, robbery and attempted robbery.
- 6 suspects arrested in connection to illegally possessed weapons
- 13 gun recoveries.
- Since January, 2012 – Over 340 illegally possessed or illegal firearms have been recovered.

You can view the press conference posted on our website:

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