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## **Press Conference Held to Discuss Police Academy and Recent Crime Trends and Enforcement Results**

*Oakland, CA* — **Academy-** Fifty-four Oakland Police Department Academy Recruits Have Begun their Careers

On Wednesday, Oakland Police Chief Howard A. Jordan, City Administrator Deanna Santana, and Mayor Jean Quan toured the Department's police academy facilities where the newest class of 54 Police Officer Trainees was well underway through their first of 27 weeks of training. The class is comprised of two City of Vallejo recruits along with 27 police officers who speak a second language (11 different languages are represented in all), and an all-time high of 15 female police officer trainees. But no matter their unique characteristics, all trainees share the same quality – the desire to professionally serve the community of Oakland.

**Recent Crime Trends and Enforcement Results-** Oakland's new recruits are much needed given current staffing challenges and emergent crime trends. Street robberies, for instance, are on the rise despite enforcement efforts and results. On Wednesday, Chief Jordan, City Administrator Deanna Santana, and Mayor Jean Quan held a press conference to discuss recent arrests and safety tips.

From August 17 through September 17, Oakland police officers have arrested 34 suspects in connection with recent robberies. Since January 1st, arrests have been made for over 850 violent felony or firearm related offenses. A majority of these robbery related arrests involve firearms or replica firearms. So far this year, Oakland police officers have recovered more than 560 firearms. Cell phones and electronic devices are items most commonly taken in street robberies. In addition to following personal safety guidelines, we ask you to make note of serial numbers or install tracking software to assist us in the recovery of these items.

The best way to impact gun violence, and perhaps save the life of someone you know, may be to report gun crime before gun violence occurs. (510) 535-GUNS is established for anonymous tips in addition to normal course of reporting: 911 or (510)777-3211 for emergencies, or (510)777-3333 for non-emergencies.

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