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**OAKLAND POLICE VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE
HOLIDAY SAFETY ESCORTS AT WEST OAKLAND BART**

Oakland, CA — For the fourth year in a row, members of the Oakland Police Department's Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) will volunteer their time at the West Oakland BART station to provide safety escort service to holiday shoppers. Both Oakland and BART police officers will work side-by-side with CPAAA members in an effort to ensure holiday shoppers make it safely to their parked cars. "This is an excellent show of support to police services, and the community" stated Chief Howard Jordan, "every little bit helps."

Volunteer escorts can be identified by their red vests, and will be stationed inside the BART station at an identified table, where riders can request a pedestrian escort to their parked car within a two to three block radius.

The safety escort program will be offered on **Thursday, December 13, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

AS A SAFETY REMINDER:

- **Always be aware of your surroundings. Don't be distracted by cell phones and electronic devices;**
- **Stay in well lit and populated areas;**
- **Be especially alert when entering and exiting your vehicle;**
- **Remember to lock your car door after entering your vehicle; and**
- **If someone or something looks suspicious call the police.**

The CPAAA is coordinating the program for the West Oakland community at no cost to provide an added layer of safety during the holiday season. CPAAA is coordinated by the Oakland Police Department, Bureau of Field Operations.

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