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**OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDUCT
OPERATION “MOTOR SANTA”**

Oakland, CA — The Oakland Police Department Traffic Division will conduct its annual “Motor Santa” Operation to provide toys to children (up to the age of 12) throughout the City of Oakland.

In this Traffic Division tradition, a traffic officer dresses up as Santa and rides his motorcycle throughout the City of Oakland, passing out toys to children he encounters along the way. Says Traffic Division Commander Lieutenant Peter Lau, “This is one way we give back to the community.” Chief Sean Whent agrees. “This is community policing at its best. It’s something our officers look forward to each year.”

The event is scheduled to take place as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, December 18, 2013

TIME: 6:45 AM (**6:45 AM-7:00 AM for media interviews ask for Officer Jim Gordon/Santa**)

WHO: Oakland Police Department Traffic Officers

LOCATION: Beginning at 2751-73rd Avenue (Eastmont Substation), ending in West Oakland.

This is the 7th Annual toy give-away coordinated by the Traffic Division. The toys were purchased with money donated from members and employees of the Traffic Division and the Oakland Police Motorcycle Drill Team.

For additional information contact **Lieutenant Lau** at (510) 773-1225.

Nixle Tip Watch allows tipsters to send OPD a tip three ways:

1. *Text* **TIP OAKLANDPD** to **888777** from your cell phone
2. *Call* our toll-free tip hotline at **855-TIPS-247** (855-847-7247)
3. *Respond* to OPD's Nixle messages

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