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Oakland Police Department's 170th Basic Academy Graduation

Oakland, CA — On Friday, October 31, 2014, at 10:00 AM, 35 members of the 170th Oakland Police Recruit Academy graduated at the Scottish Rite Center.

Oakland Police Chief Sean Whent was joined by Mayor Jean Quan and City Administrator Henry Garner, his command and Training staff.

The Scottish Rite Center erupted with celebration from family and friends as Lieutenant Sekou Millington announced the names of our new officers and welcomed them to the ranks of the Oakland Police Department.

Chief Whent welcomed the graduates into the law enforcement family, “With your new profession comes immense authority, but most importantly, immense responsibility. Welcome to the profession of law enforcement. It is a truly honorable and rewarding profession.”

The 35 graduates are:

- Braulio Aramburo
- Kevin Au
- Joshua Barnard
- Ashley Blackwell
- Vernell Brothers
- Anthony Campbell
- Fabian Castillo
- Joseph Coleman
- Elliot Diazcontreras
- Anthony Dondero
- Arturo Esparza
- Paul Espinoza
- Isaiah Harris
- Andrew Jackson
- Nicole Rhodes
- Sean Keaney
- Josiah Ladd
- Travis Leon
- Jason Li
- Giovanni LoVerde
- Julian Lowe
- Alwin Luu
- Dominic McBride
- Steven Millan-Estrada
- Josue Mora
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- Luis Roman
- Maricruz Romero
- Talon Sutherland
- Samuel Tomlinson
- Bryant Weatheroy
- Scott Winegar

The diversity of Oakland is reflected in the class with many of the graduates speaking a second language, including Spanish, Cantonese, Hindi, Urdu, Japanese, Korean, and Russian. Fifteen class members are college graduates; four are women; and ten are Oakland residents. The 35 graduates will be a welcome addition to our Oakland family and represent another step forward in our efforts to grow the Police Department and increase public safety in the City of Oakland.

With distinct honor and pride, the new officers vowed to protect and serve the Oakland community.

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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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