



## News from: **Oakland Police Department**



### **For Immediate Release**

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**Oakland, CA** –The City of Oakland has experienced significant protest events for the past two days. In preparation for ongoing actions, our outside agency partners have committed additional resources to assist us and we will work diligently to protect our city. The California Highway Patrol is assigning significantly more officers to maintain control of the freeways leaving additional Oakland Police officers to police the streets.

Over the past 48 hours, thousands of protestors have converged on our city. Many were nonviolent. Unfortunately, the events were taken over by groups of individuals who committed numerous acts of violence, assaults, vandalism, and looting. Over the last 48 hours, law enforcement has made 135 arrests. Individuals have been arrested for a range of crimes including obstructing a highway, looting, failure to disperse, obstruction, vandalism, and assault. These acts have impacted our small business community and affected our residents. The Oakland Police Department has been working in conjunction with outside law enforcement agencies to mitigate the destruction caused by these individuals. Throughout the events, we have been continuously tested and challenged by large crowds that often outnumbered officers. Officers have remained professional and practiced great restraint.

Our city has a long and proud history of community activism and engagement with issues of social justice. Our residents and politicians have been active in important movements focused on equity and change for decades. We understand the importance of the current dialogues Americans are having and remain committed to engaging those issues locally. We support the rights of the people to peacefully assemble and our police department is dedicated to facilitating lawful protests. We will continue to take enforcement actions against those committing acts of violence, theft, and vandalism. Additionally, we will utilize video and photo evidence to investigate and identify involved individuals.

We understand and share the frustration these events have caused for many Oakland residents and business owners and ask that you continue to support and collaborate with us as we work to keep the peace. We encourage anyone who witnesses criminal activity to immediately distance themselves from involved individuals and call the Oakland Police Department.

In an emergency call 911, from a cell phone the emergency number is 510-777-3211 and in a non-emergency situation please call 510-777-3333.

Anonymous Tipping allows residents to proactively connect with the Oakland Police Department by submitting anonymous tips via web form and text message. Additionally, with the issuance of a tipping pass code to tipsters, we can initiate a two-way, anonymous communication to help gather more information.

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

1. Text TIP OAKLANDPD to 888777 from your cell phone followed by your tip
2. Call our toll-free tip hotline at 855-TIPS-247 (855-847-7247)
3. Submit a tip by web form - see the option at the bottom of OPD's Nixle messages or visit <http://nixle.us/tip/oakland-police-department-ca/> to complete and send.

Visit Nixle.com to receive Oakland Police Department alerts, advisories and community messages, or follow OPD on Twitter, @oaklandpoliceca.

For more information, please contact the Media Relations Office at 510-238-7230 or [opdmedia@oaklandnet.com](mailto:opdmedia@oaklandnet.com).

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