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Oakland Police Department Conducts 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."

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The event is scheduled to take place as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, December 17, 2014

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

WHO: Oakland Police Department Traffic Officers

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

This is the 8th Annual toy give-away coordinated by the Traffic Division. Over 175 toys were purchased with money donated from members and employees of the Traffic Division and the Oakland Police Foundation. In addition, Toys R Us – Dublin (Adam Lewis, Store Manager) contributed to this effort.

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

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.

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 passcode to tipsters, we can initiate a two-way, anonymous communication to help gather more information.

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