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Oakland Police Volunteers to Provide Holiday Safety Escorts at MacArthur BART Station Tonight

Oakland, CA — Holiday shoppers returning to the MacArthur BART Station will have the luxury of an escort from station to car from the hours of 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM tonight (December 19).

OPD and BART police officers will work side-by-side with the Oakland Police Department's Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) and OPD cadets to protect holiday shoppers and ensure a positive shopping experience for them. Chief Sean Whent thanked the CPAAA volunteers, who have been providing holiday safety escorts since 2008, for their excellent show of support to police services and the community.

If you would like an escort, please look for a uniformed officer, cadet, or volunteer escort. Volunteer escorts can be identified by their yellow safety 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 of the station).

Officers will also give out materials with safety travel tips to help empower passengers to better protect themselves while travelling the BART system and within their community.

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.

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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Make an ANONYMOUS TIP by phone:

- **Homicide** 510-238-3821
- **Illegal Drugs** 510-238-3784
- **Illegal Firearm or Firearm Offense** 510-535-4867
- **Sexual Assault Hotline** 510-637-0298

For more information, please contact the Media Relations Office at 510-238-7230 or opdmedia@oaklandnet.com.

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