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Stay Safe During New Years Celebrations

Oakland, CA – The Oakland Police Department and Fire Department are working together to plan for a safe holiday in the City of Oakland.

Oakland Police Chief Sean Whent and Fire Chief Teresa Deloach Reed want you to celebrate New Years safely and would like to remind everyone of the dangers and penalties associated with celebratory firearm discharges and the use of illegal fireworks. Setting off fireworks and shooting guns possess a great risk for injury and even death. As such, they have no place in our City.

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As a part of our commitment to public safety, quality of life and vitality in our communities, OPD is focused on stopping illegal gun use. During the holiday the Department will be increasing staffing and deploying patrol officers to specific areas of the City that have the highest amount of gunshot and firework activity as indicated by ShotSpotter activation and data collection from last year.

Officers will arrest anyone caught discharging a firearm. Officers will additionally be enforcing illegal fireworks and focus on prevention and education.

Report celebratory gunfire by calling (510) 238-2373. This hotline provides support in Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, and English.

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.

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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