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**Celebrating Outstanding Service: OPD Awards & Promotion Ceremony**

*Oakland, CA* —On Friday, February 6, 2015, the Oakland Police Department held an Awards and Promotion Ceremony to acknowledge the outstanding work of the men and woman in the Department.

In addition to honoring police officers and civilian employees, Chief Sean Whent presented a Chief's Letter of Appreciation to the community members and partners involved in the Ceasefire crime reduction efforts :

Pastor Billy Dixon, Pastor Ben McBride, Reverend Dr. George Cummings, Reverend Damita Davis-Howard, Deputy Melvin Winn and USMS Mike McCloud

Chief Whent along with his executive team, Mayor Libby Schaaf, Interim Assistant City Administrator Donna Hom, Council Members Annie Campbell Washington, Dan Kalb and Abel Guillen, and members of our faith based organizations, family and friends were in attendance to honor the individuals and teams for their hard work, dedication, courage and distinguished service to the City and the people of Oakland.

Lieutenant Police Roland Holmgren was the master of ceremony. Ms. Angel Coogler, a Police Services Technician II, and her daughter sang a wonderful duo of the national anthem a Capella. Police Chaplain Rev. Rufus Watkins gave the invocation and benediction.

**PROMOTED PERSONNEL**

- Deputy Chief Oliver Cunningham
- Captain Donna Hoppenhauer
- Lieutenant Bobby Hookfin
- Lieutenant Jill Encinias
- Sergeant Bradley Baker
- Sergeant Richard Coglio
- Sergeant Anwawn Jones
- Sergeant Sammy Kim
- Sergeant Michael Land
- Sergeant Mega Lee
- Sergeant Robert Trevino
- Criminalist III Patrick Paton
- Criminalist III Laura Silva
- Criminalist II Helena Wong
- Latent Print Examiner II Jessica Almeida

**OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

- Officer Nancy Cerecedes

#### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

- Officer Anthony Martinelli

#### HONOREES

#### MEDAL OF MERIT (meritorious service):

- Officer Kathryn Jones
- Officer Nigel Lawson
- Officer John Shackford

#### UNIT CITATION (meritorious and exemplary performance while assigned to an organizational unit):

- Ceasefire: Lieutenant Trevelyon Jones, Sergeants Brad Baker, Frederick Shavies, Kevin Reed, Steve Valle, Officers Eric Barangan, Jose Barocio, George Buford, Primitivo Cruz, Jr., Roberto Garcia, Eric Karsseboom, Christophe Marie, Michael Murphy, James Rowbotham, Makisig Sevilla and Yun Zhou
- Crime Reduction Team 2: Sergeant Curtis Worchester, Officers George Buford, Michael Jaeger, Eric Kim, Dana Lee, Phearak Phan, Michael Ransom, II, Raymond Ward and Yun Zhou
- Neighborhood Services: Program Analyst III Jacqueline Long, Program Analyst III Felicia Verdin, NSCs Hoang Banh, Edith Guillen, Karen Harris, Brenda Ivey, Ana Martinez, Araina Richards, Patricia Rose, Annie Sloan, Renee Sykes and Sun-Kwong Sze, PSTII Eddie Simlin and Intern LeaNa Williams-Mischal
- Forensic Biology Unit: Criminalist III - Jennifer Mihalovich, Patrick Paton and Laura Silva. Criminalist II - Shannon Cavness, Bonnie Cheng, Stephanya Freckelton, Amanita LeMon and Helena Wong. Criminalist I – Chloe Bauer and Jennifer Sealy and Forensic Technician Alexandria Polakovic

#### CHIEF'S LEADERSHIP AWARD

- Captain Anthony Toribio
- Lieutenant Leronne Armstrong
- Lieutenant Roland Holmgren
- Criminalist III Jennifer Mihalovich

#### CHIEF'S CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

- Sergeant Bradley Baker

#### BUREAU EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

- Office of Chief of Police –Laurie Allanson
- Bureau of Field Operations – Karl Carstensen
- Bureau of Services – Christina Acia

#### CHALLENGER AWARD

- Regina Harris

#### TEAM SUPPORT AWARD

- Lourdes Guevarra

#### SPIRIT AWARD

- Renee Sykes

#### EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

- Karl Carstensen

Chief Whent thanked everyone for their outstanding work by saying “It is this continuous determination to answer that call, to persist, to sacrifice, that makes me truly honored to lead this organization. The members of this Police Department are the hardest working, most invested people who exist in this profession.”

Mayor Schaaf also addressed the crowd and shared how humbled and honored she was to be able to thank and congratulate the men and women of the Oakland Police Department.

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

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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