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Oakland Police Department's 171st Basic Academy Graduation

Oakland, CA — On Friday, April 3, 2015, at 10:00 AM, 35 members of the 171st Oakland Police Recruit Academy graduated at the Scottish Rite Center.

Oakland Police Chief Sean Whent was joined by Mayor Libby Schaaf, Interim City Administrator John A. Flores, Assistant Chief Paul Figueroa, Deputy Chief David Downing, Deputy Chief Danielle Outlaw, Deputy Chief Oliver Cunningham, Oakland Police Officers Association representative Sergeant Bryan Hubbard, Personnel Resources & Training Division Commander Captain John Lois and Training Section staff: Lieutenant Sekou Millington, Sergeant Mary Guttormson, Sergeant Bryan Hubbard, Officer Luke Sincerny, Officer Mario Bonilla and dignitaries and representatives from the City.

The ceremony welcomed cheers and celebration from family and friends as Lieutenant Sekou Millington announced the names of our new officers and welcomed them to the ranks of the Oakland Police Department.

Chief Whent acknowledged the graduates' accomplishments saying "I applaud you for the dedication you have shown during your time in the Academy. You will need to bring that same dedication, commitment, and heart to your work every day as an Oakland Police Officer."

The 35 newly sworn Police Officers are:

Javier Alvarez Jr.
Giani Arone
Eduardo Arrizon
Amritpal Aujla
Jared Blue-Lowry
Brian Bunton
Nigel Butler
Trevor Dagenhart
Jorge Faucher
Richard Garcia Jr.
Gedam Gebremichael
Giovanny Guzman
Tyrone Howard
Allahno Hughes
Timothy Latibeaudiere
Samson Liu
Ruben Loya-Cabrera
David Mac
Brandon Mart

Kevin McAlindon
Jamal Meadors
Elvis Mora
Frank Wesley Newsome Jr.
Alejandro Padilla
Jason Peng
Matthew Rothlisberger
Anna Sanchez
Matthew Santos
Bradley Sides
Deante Spencer
Darryl Stingley Sr.
Trevor Stratton
Frank Strong
Vaneesa Tanner
Cuong Vo

Most new officers received their badges from Chief Sean Whent, although seven had the honor of being pinned by members of their own family who currently serve or have served in law enforcement:

- Giani Arone - uncle, Jason Arone, Alameda County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant
- Jamal Meadors - father, Bruce Meadors, San Francisco Police Officer retired
- Elvis Mora - brother, Josue Mora, Oakland Police Officer
- Anna Sanchez - father, Sam Sanchez, California State University Sacramento Police Officer
- Deante Spencer – brother, DaSean Spencer, Oakland Police Officer
- Darryl Stingley Sr.– cousin, Johnny Davis, Oakland Police Lieutenant retired
- Frank Strong – brother, Crawford Strong, Oregon Department of Corrections Corporal
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Officer Richard Garcia Jr. was honored as class valedictorian for having maintained the highest overall academic and performance standing in the class.

The diversity of Oakland is reflected in the class with many of the graduates speaking a second language, including Spanish, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Punjabi. Of the 35 graduates 2 are women and 33 are men. Many are college graduates and 10 are Oakland residents. The 35 graduates will be a welcome addition to our Oakland family and represent another step forward in our efforts to grow the police department and increase public safety in the city of Oakland.

Chief Whent also took the time to recognize 5 new Police Communications Dispatchers for their completion of extensive training and to welcome them to the Oakland Police Department family.

The 5 Communications Dispatchers are:

Sonia Gonzalez
Ashlee Harrison

Karlana Ingram
Aneu're Lethridge
Stephanie Shagovac

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