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87th Annual OPD School Safety Patrols Celebration – Update

Oakland, CA —On Tuesday, June 2, 2015, from 4:00 to 6:30 PM, the 87th Annual OPD Safety Patrol Pass in Review will take place at the Scottish Rite Temple, 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA 94612.

Guest speakers will include Chief Sean Whent, Mayor Libby Schaaf, Councilmember Noel Gallo and Robert Brown, AAA Vice President of Communications and Public Outreach. Lieutenant Dave Elzey, Traffic Operations commander, will preside as master of ceremonies.

Approximately 400 student crossing guards from Oakland Unified School District elementary schools (3rd, 4th, and 5th graders) will be at the Pass in Review, celebrating their hard work and dedication.

Parents, teachers and supporters will be in attendance at the Pass in Review to celebrate and cheer the young people's dedication and hard work. Saluting the patrol squads as they pass in review will be Lieutenant Dave Elzey and PST Paul Cirolia, supervisor of the Traffic Safety Unit.

The School Safety Patrol program, found at public schools nationwide, is sponsored by AAA (formerly known as the American Automobile Association) in partnership with local law enforcement agencies and schools. In Oakland, OPD and AAA have been working together for over 90 years.

The program benefits students, schools and the community:

- Serving on the safety patrol gives youngsters an early sense of responsibility and an idea of what it means to do community service. Students gain safety awareness, leadership skills and teamwork experience.
- Schools benefit from the promotion of traffic safety awareness and the constructive outlet for student energy.
- The community benefits from safer environments for pedestrians and motorists and the positive collaboration between students, parents, schools and law enforcement.

Thank you to AAA and Oakland Public Schools for an outstanding job, but most of all, a BIG thank you to all of the students whose participation makes this program work.

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