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Oakland Police Department to Conduct Ninth *Operation Motor Santa*

Oakland, CA — Mark your calendars! On December 15, the Oakland Police Department Traffic Section will conduct its annual Motor Santa Operation to provide toys to children (12 and under) throughout the City of Oakland.

In this Traffic Section tradition, a traffic officer dresses up as Santa and rides his motorcycle throughout the City of Oakland, passing out toys to children he encounters along the way. Says Traffic Section Commander Lieutenant Dave Elzey, “This is one way we give back to the community.” Chief Sean Whent agrees. “This is community policing at its best. It’s something our officers look forward to each year.”

The event is scheduled to take place as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, December 15, 2015

TIME: Starts at 6:45 AM; ends when the toys are all given away

WHO: Oakland Police Department Traffic Officers

LOCATION: Beginning at 2651-73rd Avenue (Eastmont Substation), ending in West Oakland.

This is the ninth annual toy giveaway coordinated by the Traffic Section. Over 200 toys were purchased with money donated from the following charitable contributors: The Oakland Police Foundation, Toys R Us of Dublin (Adam Lewis and Casey Reno, Store Managers), Impact Transportation of Oakland, and Valley Christian School of Dublin (Reach Out Club).

For additional information contact **Lieutenant Elzey** at (510) 777-8637.

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