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Oakland Police Department's 173rd Basic Academy Graduation

Oakland, CA — Today, January 8, 2016, at 10:00 AM, 33 members of the 173rd Oakland Police Basic Academy graduated at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center.

In attendance at the graduation were Oakland Police Chief Sean Whent, Mayor Libby Schaaf, City Administrator Sabrina Landreth, Assistant Chief Paul Figueroa, Deputy Chief David Downing, Deputy Chief Oliver Cunningham, Deputy Chief John Lois, Deputy Chief Danielle Outlaw, Oakland Police Officers Association representative Sergeant Bryan Hubbard, Personnel Resources & Training Division Commander Captain Drennon Lindsey and Training Section staff: Lieutenant Sekou Millington, Sergeant Mary Guttormson, Recruit Training Officers Rob Romero and Jeffhry Cid.

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

Chief Whent thanked the graduates' families and loved ones for supporting them during the arduous half year academy training. He encouraged the graduates to remember that "Every contact we have with people in the Oakland community is an opportunity to build or erode trust."

The 33 newly sworn Oakland Police Officers are:

1. Jonathan Adaya
2. Jesus Alvarez
3. Todd Alvarez
4. Telisha Anderson
5. Boshai Boutta
6. Timothy Cavins
7. Danny Chor
8. Joseph Courtney
9. Darrin Del Carlo
10. Joseph Duran
11. Stefan Edinburgh
12. Nathan Fong
13. Casey Fought
14. Rebecca Garcia
15. Jose Gonzalez
16. Adam Hall
17. Isaac Harris
18. Wesley Huynh
19. Amanda Jimenez

20. Rosalia Lopez
21. Christopher Mar
22. Christopher Meyer
23. Lai Nguyen
24. Nicholas Patane
25. Gustavo Plasencia
26. Bryan Reggi
27. Marco Rosas
28. Alexander Schmarzo
29. Zemen Tewolde
30. Ryan Paul Tioyao
31. Silvestre Triana
32. Richard Tupou
33. Alexander Vukasinovic

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

- Jesus Alvarez by his brother, OPD officer Javier Alvarez
- Boshai Boutta by his brother, California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation officer Jamasyea Williams
- Casey Fought by his father, retired OPD officer Tyler Fought
- Isaac Harris by his brother, OPD officer Isaiah Harris
- Christopher Meyer by his brother, OPD officer Sam Meyer

Adam Hall 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 33-member class. Several graduates are bilingual, additionally speaking Spanish, Cantonese, Portuguese, Tagalog, Tongan, and Vietnamese. The ethnic makeup of the class is fairly balanced between African-American, Asian, Caucasian, and Latino.

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