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### **88th Annual OPD School Safety Patrols Celebration**

*Oakland, CA* — Today, June 7, 2016, the 88th Annual Oakland Police Department Safety Patrol Pass in Review will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Church of Latter-day Saints Temple (“the Mormon Temple”), 4770 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602.

Dignitary speakers will include OPD Deputy Chief David Downing, OPD Chaplain Rufus Watkins, Mayor Libby Schaaf, Council Member Noel Gallo, Schools Police Chief Jeff Godown, and Marianne Campbell, AAA Vice President of Communications and Public Outreach. Lieutenant Dave Elzey, Traffic Operations commander, will preside as master of ceremonies. OPD Crossing Guards will be honored for their dedicated service providing traffic and pedestrian safety to the Oakland Unified School District.

Approximately 700 student crossing guards from the Oakland Unified School District elementary schools (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 youth leaders’ dedication and hard work. Saluting the patrol squads as they pass in review will be Lieutenant Dave Elzey and Police Service Technician 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. 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. And the community benefits from safer environments for pedestrians and motorists and the positive collaboration between students, parents, schools and law enforcement.

The City of Oakland’s Safety Patrol Program has garnered four prestigious awards this year: two patrol advisor (adults who manage a school’s squad on a daily basis) and two patroller (student crossing guards) awards.

John Miller, a Glenview Elementary teacher, has been selected from a nationwide pool of safety patrol advisors for the top award, the National Patrol Advisor award. Miller has been the Glenview Safety Patrol Advisor for more than 16 years. Ernest Alatorre, a Greenleaf Elementary School teacher, will receive the East Bay Regional Advisor of the Year award.



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(Lt.) Rim Al-Dobashi, Hoover Elementary will be awarded the Regional Patroller of the Year, and (Lt.) Milani Juarbe, Manzanita Seed, will be awarded Regional Patroller of Year Honorable Mention.

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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