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**Oakland Police Department to Conduct Tenth
Operation Motor Santa**

Oakland, CA — The Oakland Police Department Traffic Section will conduct its tenth annual Motor Santa Operation to provide toys to children (12 and under) throughout the City of Oakland.

In this Traffic Section tradition, a police 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. According to Traffic Section Commander Lieutenant Dave Elzey, “This is one way we give back to the community.” Assistant Chief David Downing 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: Wednesday, December 14, 2016

TIME: Starts at 6:45 a.m.; ends when the toys are all given away.

WHO: Oakland Police Department Traffic Officers

LOCATION: The start of the Motor Santa ride will begin at the Eastmont Police Substation (2651-73rd Avenue), ending in West Oakland.

This is the tenth annual toy giveaway coordinated by the Traffic Section. Over 300 toys were donated or purchased with money donated from the following charitable contributors: The Oakland Police Foundation, Toys R Us of Dublin (Riad Hossain, Casey Reno, and Alberto Gonzalez, Store Managers), and Quality Tech Automotive of Oakland.

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

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