



JOHN R. HEGE

March 23, 2009



On March 21, 2009, Officer John R. Hege was assigned to the Traffic Operations Section as a motorcycle officer. At approximately 1:13 P.M., Officer Hege responded to 74th Avenue and MacArthur Boulevard to assist Sergeant Mark Dunakin with a car stop. Shortly after his arrival, the driver of the stopped vehicle bolted from his car firing at the officers, mortally injuring Sergeant Dunakin and critically injuring Officer Hege. Officer Hege passed away on March 23, 2009 due to the injuries he sustained two days prior.

Officer Hege was forty-one years old, and had been a member of the Oakland Police Department for ten years.

Officer Hege is survived by his father John Sr., mother Tamara, and his sisters, Anne Hege and Laura Goodall.

Officer Hege is the fifty-first Oakland police officer to die in the line of duty while serving the citizens of Oakland.